



Food and Agriculture  
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United Nations



**The International Treaty**  
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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## RESOLUTION 7/2019

### COMPLIANCE

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#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

*Recalling* its previous decisions on compliance,

1. *Thanks* those Contracting Parties that have submitted their reports pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures on time as well as those that submitted or updated their reports subsequently;
2. *Thanks* the Government of Germany for the generous financial support provided for the capacity building activities for the preparation and submission of the national reports and invites other donors to provide similar support and resources;
3. *Thanks* other organizations and institutions that are providing technical and financial support for the implementation of the International Treaty, including the conservation and use of PGRFA;
4. *Takes* note of the recommendations made by various Contracting Parties in relation to capacity building and the support needed, including through:
  - a. the provision of advice, technical options, and experiences for the review of mechanisms and policies for the implementation of the International Treaty;
  - b. establishing or strengthening national coordination mechanisms and supporting national focal points;
  - c. the development of implementation plans for the International Treaty at the national level;
  - d. capacity building in national institutions in various technical areas, including the use of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA), Easy-SMTA, the notification of material that is available in the Multilateral System, and the Global Information System; and
  - e. taking advantage of existing, and creating new, opportunities for collaboration at the regional level.
5. *Encourages* the integration of the following options for capacity building regarding monitoring and reporting on implementation of the International Treaty in the future activities and programmes, subject to the availability of financial resources:
  - a. The organization of capacity building workshop at regional and sub-regional levels for national focal points and other relevant stakeholders;
  - b. The development of training resources on various topics, including through appropriate multimedia;
  - c. The inclusion of a section on the International Treaty's website with frequently asked questions and answers;
  - d. Leveraging the activities and operations of existing regional and sub-regional plant genetic resources centres and networks;
  - e. Exploring opportunities in the regions for the organization of training meetings and other events back-to-back in collaboration with FAO and other relevant organizations; and

- f. The publication of information notes on the reporting options for national focal points and reporting officers.
6. **Invites** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial and human resources, to consider the organization of capacity-building workshops for the monitoring and reporting of the implementation of the International Treaty and, to the extent feasible, in collaboration with the FAO units tasked with the monitoring of the Global Plan of Action on PGRFA;
7. **Encourages** Contracting Parties to submit, pursuant to section IX of the Compliance Procedures, additional technical questions related to the implementation of the International Treaty to the Committee for their consideration and response;
8. **Invites** Contracting Parties to continue submitting and updating their reports, pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures, urging those Contracting Parties which have not yet done so, and **emphasizes**, in this context, that the second reports be submitted by 1 October 2023 and **requests** the Secretary to send regular reminders to Contracting Parties;
9. **Thanks** the Compliance Committee for the analysis provided in the document IT/GB-8/19/13, Report of the Compliance Committee;
10. **Requests** the Compliance Committee, in consultation with Contracting Parties and with the support of the Secretariat, to review compliance with the International Treaty and in particular the Articles that specify binding obligations on Contracting Parties, and to present its conclusions and suggestions for action to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body;
11. **Requests** the Compliance Committee to work in collaboration with the Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization to integrate information related to the implementation, monitoring and review of the Funding Strategy into the existing reporting format;
12. **Approves** the reviewed Standard Reporting Format, as given in Appendix 3 of document IT/GB-8/19/13, Report of the Compliance Committee,<sup>1</sup> and **requests** the Secretary to update the Online Reporting System accordingly, and to continue assisting Contracting Parties during the next reporting cycle;
13. **Requests** the Secretary to maintain and keep updated the Online Reporting System and to continue providing assistance to Contracting Parties during the reporting process;
14. **Invites** Contracting Parties to provide or update the contact details of their National Focal Points and, possibly, nominate an alternate reporting officer;
15. **Requests** the Compliance Committee to review the Compliance Procedures at its subsequent meetings for consideration by the Governing Body at the Ninth Session; and
16. **Elects** the members of the Compliance Committee in accordance with Section III.4 of the Compliance Procedures, as contained in the Annex to this Resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fao.org/3/na412en/na412en.pdf>

**MEMBERS OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE\***

<b>AFRICA</b>	Ms Angeline MUNZARA (2014)	Mr Koffi KOMBATE (2016)
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\*The year in parenthesis indicates the beginning of the first term of the candidate. According to the Rules of Procedures of the Compliance Committee, members shall be elected by the Governing Body for a period of four years, this being a full term, commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the first year of the financial period of the International Treaty following their election. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms (Rule III.4).