



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 9/2019

### COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

**Recalling** Resolution 11/2017 and other previous Resolutions on the cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Commission);

1. **Welcomes** the ongoing close cooperation between the Commission and the Governing Body and the joint activities undertaken by the Secretariats of the Governing Body and the Commission during the past intersessional period;

2. **Agrees** to keep the matter of the functional division of tasks and activities between the Governing Body and the Commission under review and **requests** the Secretary to regularly report any relevant developments in the cooperation with the Commission;

3. **Recalling** Article 17.3 of the International Treaty, **invites** Parties to cooperate with the Commission in the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* in order to facilitate the updating of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;

4. **Requests** the Secretary to cooperate in the organization of the international symposium on *in situ* conservation and on-farm management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, subject to availability of resources, and **requests** that the outcomes of the symposium be made available to the Governing Body;

5. **Welcomes** the joint activities of the Secretariats of the Treaty and the Commission during the past intersessional period and **requests** the Secretary to continue strengthening collaboration and coordination with the Secretary of the Commission to promote coherence and synergies, while avoiding duplications, in the development and implementation of the respective programmes of work of the two bodies, and in particular with regard to:

(a) the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and of a draft Third Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, as appropriate;

(b) the implementation and monitoring of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;

(c) the implementation of the Genebank Standards for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, including through capacity building;

(d) support to countries with strengthening their crop improvement capacity;

(e) the preparation of in-depth case studies on the effects of seed policies, laws and regulations on: (i) on-farm diversity of PGRFA; (ii) smallholders' access to sufficient, affordable, diversified and locally adapted PGRFA, including farmers' varieties/landraces; and (iii) food security and nutrition under the different seed systems;

(f) access and benefit-sharing;

(g) “digital sequence information/genetic sequence data” (DSI/GSD);<sup>1</sup>

(h) the Global Information System (GLIS) and FAO World Information and Early Warning System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (WIEWS), targets and indicators, as well as the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;

(i) joint training events at the regional level and the provision of assistance for the elaboration of national reports on monitoring of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, subject to the availability of resources.

(j) conservation and sustainable use.

6. **Welcomes** the finalization of *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture* and **requests** the Secretary to collaborate with the Secretary of the Commission in promoting its wider dissemination and use;

7. **Encourages** Contracting Parties to participate in the open-ended meeting of the Commission's Group of National Focal Points for Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, which has been mandated to develop a response to the report on *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture*, for consideration by the Commission at its Eighteenth Regular Session, with a view to having it adopted as a Global Plan of Action by the FAO Conference.

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<sup>1</sup> The Governing Body has not decided yet on the official terminology for digital sequence information/genetic sequence data and therefore uses “DSI/GSD” until new terminology is agreed.