



Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations



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

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## RESOLUTION 8/2019

### CONTRIBUTION OF FAO TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY

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#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

1. **Thanks** FAO for the financial and administrative support it provides to the Secretariat of the International Treaty and for the implementation of the International Treaty;
2. **Invites** FAO to continue supporting the efforts to increase the membership of the International Treaty by undertaking concrete measures to promote ratification by FAO Member Countries that have not yet done so, with a view to making it a universal agreement;
3. **Further invites** FAO to continue its support to the International Treaty to increase its financial sustainability, and its ability to address complex issues such as food security in the digital era;
4. **Recalling** that the FAO Conference, at its 41<sup>st</sup> Session, decided to prioritize work on mainstreaming biodiversity, during the next biennium, **calls upon** FAO to consider supporting International Treaty activities as part of this stream of work, including through the allocation or provision of financial resources;
5. **Invites** FAO to continue to actively support the International Treaty as a key international instrument required for the fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 15, and to build awareness of the importance of the implementation of, and compliance with, the International Treaty at the highest national levels;
6. **Recommends** that the *FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors* place adequate emphasis on genetic diversity, and **invites** FAO to continue including the Secretary of the International Treaty in activities to implement the Strategy;
7. **Emphasizes** the importance of FAO's continuous assistance with the implementation of the International Treaty at the national level, including through the provision of technical, capacity-building and operational support to the International Treaty and its mechanisms, such as the Benefit-sharing Fund;
8. **Requests** the Secretary and the Bureau to consider collaboration with other units and instruments within FAO to benefit from experiences such as the use of online information sharing platforms and activities for outreach and resource mobilization, including those related to the International Year of Plant Health in 2020;
9. **Invites** FAO to provide a comprehensive report at each Session on its contributions to the implementation of the International Treaty, and the Secretariat to provide updates on the status of implementation of invitations made to FAO.