



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

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## RESOLUTION 1/2022

### CELEBRATING THE GUARDIANS OF CROP DIVERSITY: TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

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#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

**Recalling** that plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) are an important foundation for sustainable agricultural production;

**Recognizing** that management of PGRFA is supported by a variety of actors, such as farmers, local and indigenous communities, gene bank managers, researchers and plant breeders, including farmer-breeders, working in collaboration;

**Noting** that sustainable agricultural production contributes to PGRFA conservation and improved PGRFA management by mainstreaming this component of biodiversity;

**Noting** that an inclusive approach is being considered in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework negotiations;

1. **Acknowledges and celebrates** the contributions of all guardians, curators and users of crop diversity to ensure that crop diversity is conserved and sustainably used for the global food security of today and the future;
2. **Acknowledges** the important contribution that women make as guardians of crop diversity and its associated knowledge;
3. **Recognizes** the past, present and future contributions of farmers in all regions of the world, particularly those in centres of origin and diversity, in conserving, improving and making available crop diversity and, in this regard, **invites** Contracting Parties to fully engage farmers in matters related to the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA;
4. **Thanks** Contracting Parties, including the Host Government of India, that have developed initiatives to celebrate the contributions of guardians and curators of crop diversity, and **invites** others to do so, taking into account, as appropriate, the valuable experiences and lessons learned included in the *Inventory of National Measures, Best Practices and Lessons Learned for the Realization of Farmers' Rights, as Set Out in Article 9 of the International Treaty*;
5. **Notes** that a number of international organisations, such as The Alliance of CIAT and Bioersity International and the Global Crop Diversity Trust, have in the past taken initiatives to celebrate the contributions of guardians and curators of crop diversity, and **requests** the Secretary to liaise with such organizations, as appropriate, to explore opportunities to celebrate such contributions on a regular basis and in a collaborative manner;
6. **Encourages** the adoption of an inclusive approach to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, involving all relevant stakeholders and recognizing their contributions, including the International Treaty community of actors, in particular farmers and other guardians of crop diversity;

7. ***Further emphasizes*** the importance of an inclusive approach to the implementation of the International Treaty, and ***recognizes*** the valuable opportunities that lie ahead if new stakeholders with an interest in food, agriculture or biodiversity are actively engaged in the implementation of the International Treaty.