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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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COOPERATION WITH THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling Article 1.2 and Article 19.3 (g) and (l) of the International Treaty, which provide for the Governing Body to establish and maintain cooperation with, as well as take note of the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), as well as Article 20.5, which requires the Secretary to cooperate with the Secretariat of the CBD;

Recalling Resolution 11/2019 regarding cooperation with the COP to the CBD, its subsidiary bodies and Secretariat;

Further recalling the results of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, 2019, which shows that biodiversity is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history;

Acknowledging the need for continued capacity building support to Parties, especially developing countries, for the mutually supportive implementation of the International Treaty, the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol;

1. **Takes note** of the recent developments and ongoing processes under the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol that are of relevance to the International Treaty;
2. **Requests** the Secretary to continue monitoring and participating in the relevant processes related to the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol, in order to promote practical, harmonious and appropriate interfaces among them, both nationally and internationally;
3. **Emphasizes** the importance of maintaining cooperation, complementarity and coherence as well as avoiding duplication between the International Treaty and the CBD, and with other biodiversity-related conventions, in the development and implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Post-2020 GBF);
4. **Recalling** the recommendations made by the Governing Body through Resolution 11/2019 that, inter alia:
 - Targets for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) should be maintained and strengthened, including by relying on monitoring systems available through the reporting processes of the International Treaty and FAO's Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and the experience gained in monitoring Target 2.5 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Such targets should deal not only with conservation of genetic diversity, but also with its sustainable use;
 - Targets on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from their utilisation should expressly take into account the International Treaty and its Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (Multilateral System) and their monitoring should rely, inter alia, on the monitoring systems available through the reporting systems of the International Treaty;

5. **Requests** the Secretary to, again, bring these considerations made by the Governing Body to the Executive Secretary of the CBD for transmission to the fifteenth meeting of the COP to the CBD;
6. **Invites** the Parties to the CBD to adopt a Post-2020 GBF which can contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA and to the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their use;
7. **Invites** the Parties to the CBD, to take into account the experience gained in the operations and implementation of the Multilateral System when finalizing discussions on the text of the Post-2020 GBF and a potential decision on digital sequence information to ensure that the framework fully recognizes the importance of the food and agriculture sector in implementing the framework when it is adopted;
8. **Invites** Contracting Parties to ensure that there is effective liaison between the respective national focal points of the CBD and the International Treaty, to ensure that considerations relevant for the Treaty are integrated in the Post-2020 GBF, and that the contributions of PGRFA are fully integrated and supported within National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans;
9. **Invites** Contracting Parties to consider the best practices and lesson learned from the implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action in the context of the CBD, relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, and **looks forward** to the future gender plan of action for the post-2020 period;
10. **Requests** the Secretary, in line with the guidance provided in this Resolution and in Resolution 11/2019, to continue engaging and providing inputs in the process towards the elaboration of the Post-2020 GBF, and its implementation once adopted;
11. **Requests** the Secretary to report back to the Governing Body at its Tenth Session, on the progress with the adoption of the Post-2020 GBF, with recommendations to support the Post-2020 GBF, once adopted, and suggested actions to be taken into account by the International Treaty, for consideration by the Governing Body;
12. **Decides** that at its Tenth Session, it will consider the Post-2020 GBF, when adopted, and also consider follow-up actions to support the implementation of the framework and integrate those into its Multi-Year Programme of Work, as appropriate;
13. **Welcomes** the relevant reports of the IPBES and **recognizes** their importance to the mandate and work of the International Treaty, and that the implementation of the International Treaty may also benefit from the findings of those assessments and, therefore, **requests** the Secretary to continue following the related processes and report any relevant developments to the Governing Body;
14. **Thanks** the COP to the CBD for its invitation to the governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions to develop strategic guidance, in accordance with CBD COP Decision XIII/21, for the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF-8) Trust Fund, which was recently concluded;
15. **Notes** that the GEF-8 gives significant consideration to biodiversity and, in particular, to the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity and that further advice would be provided to it by the COP to the CBD at its fifteenth meeting and, therefore, **reiterates** the elements of advice provided previously through Resolution 11/2019 and the following ones:
 - a) **Invites** the GEF to place a strong emphasis on the sustainable use of PGRFA in particular in its support to mainstreaming biodiversity within the agriculture sector, and in general in its work to improve conservation, sustainable use, and restoration of natural ecosystems;
 - b) **Thanks** the GEF for recognizing in the GEF-8 Biodiversity Strategy the importance of genetic resources for food and agriculture and in achieving food security worldwide, and in doing so, for considering projects for the mutually supportive implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the Treaty; and **invites** FAO, the United Nations Development Programme and

- other agencies implementing or executing such projects to liaise with the Secretariat of the International Treaty to synthesize and disseminate lessons learned and knowledge gained arising from such projects to support the implementation of the International Treaty;
- c) **Invites** the GEF to take into account the specificities of PGRFA and the need for specific solutions in its support to promote policies and plans for scientific research and development on the use of genetic resources under national access and benefit-sharing frameworks; national investments and to capacity building to add value to genetic resources as well as regional collaborations;
16. **Invites** Contracting Parties, in line with Article 18.4 (a) of the International Treaty, to ensure due attention to plans and programmes that support the implementation of the International Treaty when implementing relevant programme directions that have been adopted within the context of GEF-8;
17. **Requests** the Secretary to continue following processes within the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol concerning “digital sequence information / genetic sequence data” (DSI/GSD) on genetic resources and providing information on relevant International Treaty activities and collaborate and, as appropriate, coordinate with the Secretariat of the CBD on issues related to DSI/GSD on genetic resources in order to promote coherence and mutual supportiveness between the respective conventions and implementing processes, and report to the Governing Body at its next Session;
18. **Thanks** the Secretariat for the activities undertaken to enhance cooperation, coordination and complementarity among the biodiversity-related conventions and **requests** the Secretary to continue this engagement during the next biennium;
19. **Invites** the United Nations Environment Programme to build on the Bern Process and continue to strengthen cooperation and coordination among biodiversity-related conventions contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the Post-2020 GBF, when adopted, by facilitating the process for cooperation among Parties to the relevant biodiversity-related conventions;
20. **Requests** the Secretary and encourages Contracting Parties to actively engage in this effort contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the Post-2020 GBF, when adopted;
21. **Commends** the Secretariat for its efforts to cooperate with the Secretariat of the CBD and **requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to continue exploring with the Secretariat of the CBD, practical means and activities to further enhance this cooperation in line with the Memorandum of Cooperation, and the Joint Initiative between the two Secretariats, and to report to the Governing Body;
22. **Requests** the Secretary to cooperate with the Executive Secretary of the CBD by providing information on developments and practical implementation experiences within the International Treaty, including to inform future discussions on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol;
23. **Welcomes** the on-going collaboration between the Secretariats of the International Treaty and the CBD in the monitoring process on the achievement of SDG Target 15.6 “Promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and promote appropriate access to such resources, as internationally agreed” and **requests** the Secretary to report back to the Governing Body at each Session on any relevant developments regarding such collaboration;
24. **Welcomes** the engagement of the Secretariat of the International Treaty in capacity development activities on harmonious and mutually supportive implementation and **requests** the Secretary to continue engaging in such activities, subject to the availability of financial resources;
25. **Welcomes** the efforts of the Secretariats of the International Treaty and the CBD in collaborating with the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, the ABS Capacity Development Initiative and other partners to bring together stakeholders and experts involved in the implementation of the International Treaty, the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol, and **requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to continue facilitating such interaction on the mutual

supportiveness and harmonious implementation of the instruments, and to report the outcomes of such activities to the Governing Body;

26. ***Requests*** the Secretary to continue reporting on cooperation with the CBD at each Session of the Governing Body.