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**International Treaty
on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture**

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Appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body

Executive Summary

This document provides an update regarding the extension of the appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty.

Guidance Sought

The Governing Body is invited to note the extension of the appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body and provide any further guidance it considers necessary.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Under Article 20.1 of the Treaty, the Secretary of the International Treaty is appointed by the Director-General with the approval of the Governing Body of the Treaty.
2. Following consultations among the regions in 2022, the Bureau expressed the continued satisfaction with performance of the Secretary, Mr Kent Nnadozie, during the biennium.
3. Through a letter by the Chair of the Tenth Session of the Governing Body, Ms Yasmina El Bahloul, the Bureau invited FAO Management to extend his term for the next biennium until the end December 2025, and to undertake the related contractual arrangements.

II. GUIDANCE SOUGHT

4. The Governing Body is invited to note the extension of the appointment of Mr Kent Nnadozie as Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty and provide any further guidance it considers necessary.