



**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**



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

RESOLUTION 8/2023

COMPLIANCE

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling its previous decisions on compliance, particularly regarding capacity development and the support available to Contracting Parties from the Compliance Committee;

Monitoring and reporting

- a) **Thanks** the Compliance Committee for the synthesis and analysis provided in the document, IT/GB-10/23/14, *Report of the Compliance Committee*;
- b) **Thanks** those Contracting Parties that have submitted their reports pursuant to Section V of the *Compliance Procedures* on time, as well as those that submitted or updated their reports subsequently;
- c) **Decides** to extend the deadline for the second reporting cycle to 1 October 2024;
- d) **Urges** those Contracting Parties that have not yet submitted their reports to submit them by 1 October 2024;
- e) **Invites** the Compliance Committee to use its report to the Eighth Session as the baseline for identifying progress in and constraints to implementation of the International Treaty when comparing results from the first and the second reporting cycles;
- f) **Invites** all Contracting Parties, including Contracting Party Organizations, to continue submitting or updating their reports, pursuant to Section V of the *Compliance Procedures*, regardless of the deadline of the reporting cycles;
- g) **Notes** that the national reports are an important self-assessment tool to measure progress in implementation of the International Treaty and **emphasizes** the value of the information provided so far to make informed decisions.
- h) **Appreciates** the efforts and **thanks** the Secretary for the support and assistance provided to Contracting Parties during the reporting process, and **requests** the Secretary to continue doing so;

Support and Capacity Development

- i) **Welcomes** the capacity development activities undertaken by the Secretary and **requests** the Secretary to continue supporting Contracting Parties to actively participate in the compliance mechanism;
- j) **Requests** the Secretary to support Contracting Parties in the use of the Online Reporting System and to continue the collaboration with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme to further adapt and upgrade it;
- k) **Encourages** Contracting Parties to avail themselves of the opportunities that the functions of the Compliance Committee provide, including by submitting to the Committee, through the Secretary, statements and questions concerning their implementation of the International Treaty;
- l) **Encourages** Contracting Parties and other donors to consider providing support and financial resources for capacity development activities as important and effective means to enhance compliance with and implementation of the International Treaty;

Reviews under the Mandate of the Compliance Committee and Future Work

- m) **Thanks** the Compliance Committee for its assessment and recommendations provided in document IT/GB-10/23/14, *Report of the Compliance Committee*, and **notes** that the Compliance Committee will continue the assessment to make recommendations to the Governing Body on the effectiveness of the *Compliance Procedures* in the future, based on the draft framework provided in document, IT/GB-10/CC-5/23/4;
- n) **Approves** the recommendation of the Compliance Committee to replace, in the *Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee* and in the *Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address Issues of Non-Compliance*, the words ‘Chair’ and ‘Vice-Chair’ with the words ‘Co-Chair’ or ‘Co-chairs’, and to make the related editorial changes;

Other Matters

- o) **Invites** Contracting Parties to avail themselves of the information contained in the national reports submitted to the International Treaty to update their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), as may be most appropriate, in the context of the Global Biodiversity Framework;
- p) **Recognizes** that the GPA is a supporting component of the International Treaty and invites Contracting Parties to use such information, as appropriate, for the purpose of compliance reporting under the International Treaty;
- q) **Invites** Contracting Parties to provide or update the contact details of their national focal points and, possibly, to nominate an alternate reporting officer;
- r) **Elects** the members of the Compliance Committee in accordance with Section III.4 of the *Compliance Procedures*, as contained in the Annex to this Resolution.

MEMBERS OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE*

AFRICA	Mariam BOUHADIDA (2024)	Ndawana NOREST (2023)
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*The year in parenthesis indicates the beginning of the first term of the candidate. According to the Rules of Procedures of the Compliance Committee, members shall be elected by the Governing Body for a period of four years, this being a full term, commencing on 1 January of the first year of the financial period of the International Treaty following their election. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms (Rule III.4).