



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



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

RESOLUTION 11/2023

COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling Resolution 11/2022 and other previous Resolutions on cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Commission);

1. **Welcomes** the ongoing cooperation between the Commission and the Governing Body and the joint activities undertaken by the Secretariats of the International Treaty and the Commission in the period between the Ninth and Tenth Sessions of the Governing Body;
2. **Agrees** to keep the matter of the functional division of tasks and activities between the Governing Body and the Commission under review and **requests** the Secretary to regularly report any relevant developments in the cooperation with the Commission;
3. **Recalling** Article 17.3 of the International Treaty, **invites** Contracting Parties that have still not done so, to cooperate with the Commission in the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Third Report) in order to facilitate the updating of the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Second GPA);
4. **Thanks** the Commission for sharing the draft Third Report with the Governing Body for inputs and comments, and **invites** the Contracting Parties to provide additional comments and inputs through the process of the Commission;
5. **Welcomes** the joint activities of the Secretariats of the International Treaty and the Commission during the past intersessional period and **requests** the Secretary to continue strengthening collaboration and coordination with the Secretary of the Commission to promote coherence in the development and implementation of the respective programmes of work of the two bodies, and in particular with regard to:
 - i. the finalization of the Third Report;
 - ii. the updating of Second GPA, including through regional consultations for identifying gaps, needs and priorities, and the revision of the reporting system of the World Information and Early Warning System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (WIEWS) and the Global Information System (GLIS);
 - iii. the organization of symposia addressing *in situ*, *ex situ* and on-farm conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) using virtual conferencing tools;
 - iv. the effects of seed policies, laws and regulations, including a scoping study, based on the availability of additional financial resources, by external partners on the impact of such policies, laws and regulations;
 - v. the implementation and monitoring of the Second GPA, including technical instruments that facilitate its implementation, such as the Genebank Standards for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and work on sustainable use of PGRFA, including to strengthen crop breeding systems and crop improvement capacity;

- vi. assembling relevant information for measuring and monitoring monetary and non-monetary benefit-sharing, within their respective mandates and existing frameworks;
 - vii. access and benefit-sharing and digital sequence information/genetic sequence data (DSI/GSD) on PGRFA, including virtual and/or in-person open-ended workshops, as appropriate, with a view to sharing information about gaps in knowledge and technical capacity-building needs and activities related to DSI/GSD;
 - viii. joint efforts to advocate for the consideration of the objectives and relevant work and policies of the Commission and the Governing Body of the International Treaty in global strategies and frameworks, such as the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), as well as to update FAO Members on progress in the implementation of their respective mandates and work programmes, for example through briefings for Permanent Representations;
 - ix. the Global Information System and WIEWS, and relevant targets and indicators; and
 - x. the development and implementation of national strategies for PGRFA, in close collaboration with the International Treaty and its Funding Strategy.
6. **Invites** Contracting Parties and other donors, with the capacity to do so, to provide financial resources for collaboration with the Commission in the areas listed in paragraph 5 above.