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Compilation of Submissions of Contracting Parties and Stakeholders

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its Seventh Session, the Governing Body, through Resolution 7/2017, *invite[d] Contracting Parties and all relevant stakeholders, especially farmers' organizations, to submit views, experiences and best practices as an example of possible options for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, as appropriate and subject to national legislation, in preparation for the inventory, and request[ed] the Secretary to compile and submit this input to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights.*

2. Based on this, the Secretary issued a Notification to Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders, to submit views, experiences and best practices as examples of possible options for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty.¹ All of the submissions and information received were reviewed and summarized in the document, IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-1/18/4 *Realization of Farmers' Rights: Experiences, Lessons Learned and Best Practices.*

3. Submissions were received from the following Contracting Parties: Bolivia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Eswatini, European Union Commission, France, Germany, India, Libya, Madagascar, Malta, Niger, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, and Zambia.

4. Submissions from other relevant stakeholders were received from: Centro Internazionale Crocevia, European Seed Association (ESA), Fridtjof Nansen Institute, La Via Campesina - France, Greenpeace-Asia, International Seed Federation (ISF), Oxfam-Novib The Netherlands, The Development Fund (DF) - Norway, the Joint submission of the Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of the Society (APREBES), Development Fund, Public Eye and Third World Network, and Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE).

¹NCP GB8-05 Farmers' Rights, available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/I9460EN/i9460en.pdf>

5. All the submissions have been made available in the form and languages in which they were provided to the Secretariat and posted on the Treaty's website.²

6. All other submissions received prior to 2018 have also been considered in the discussion in the document, IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-1/18/4.³

II. SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FROM THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN 2018

7. Bolivia: Normativa y Ejemplos de Iniciativas en el Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia Relevantes a los Derechos de los/as Agricultores/as. Received on 2 July 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Bolivia.pdf

8. Canada: Views, experiences, and best practices, with respect to national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA). Received on 28 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Canada.pdf

9. Central African Republic: Les ressources phytogenetiques pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture. Received on 31 May 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_CentralAfricanRepublic.pdf

10. Chile: Experiencias y mejores practicas en la aplicación del Artículo 9 del Tratado Internacional sobre los Recursos Fitogenéticos para la Alimentación y la Agricultura (TIRFAA) del Ministerio de Agricultura de Chile. Received on 27 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Chile.pdf

11. Costa Rica: National Seeds Policy 2017-2030. Received on 9 April 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_CostaRica.pdf; Link to Government site: http://ofinase.go.cr/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/politicas_politicanacionalsemillas.pdf

12. Ecuador: Aplicación del Artículo 9 (Derechos del Agricultor). Received on 10 May 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Ecuador.pdf

² Available at: <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/areas-of-work/farmers-rights/submissions-by-the-contracting-parties-and-stakeholders/en/>

³ Compilation of previous submissions were circulated as Information Document at the Sixth Session of the Governing Body Meeting in 2015 as IT/GB-6/15/Inf.05 (<http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb354e.pdf>) and IT/GB-6/15/Inf.05 Add.1 (<http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb355e.pdf>). Also, available at: <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/areas-of-work/farmers-rights/submissions-by-the-contracting-parties-and-stakeholders/en/>. IT/GB-6/15/Inf.05 and IT/GB-6/15/Inf.05 Add.1

13. Eswatini: Possible options for National Implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty. Received on 20 July 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_SWZ.pdf
14. EU Commission: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights, as set up in Article 9 of the International Treaty. Received on 4 July 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_EU.pdf
15. France: Contribution de la France à l'invitation à présenter des avis, des données d'expérience et des pratiques optimales comme exemples d'options possibles pour l'application nationale de l'article 9 du Traité international (TIRPAA), et des informations concernant les dispositions relatives au Groupe spécial d'experts techniques sur les droits des agriculteurs. Received on 26 July 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_France-gov.pdf
16. Germany: Report on views, experiences and best practices as examples of possible option for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Received on 5 July 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Germany.pdf
17. India: The Status of Farmers' Rights in India. Received on 22 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_India.pdf
18. Libya: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights, as set up in Article 9 of the International Treaty. Received on 5 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Libya.pdf
19. Madagascar: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights, as set up in Article 9 of the International Treaty. Received on 3 August 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Madagascar.pdf
20. Malta: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights, as set up in Article 9 of the International Treaty. Received on 23 May 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Malta.pdf
21. Niger: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights, as set up in Article 9 of the International Treaty. Received on 27 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Niger.pdf
22. Norway: Views and experiences regarding the promotion of Farmers' Rights at the international level as well as some national experiences on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received: 28 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Norway.pdf
23. Spain: Opiniones, experiencias y mejores prácticas como ejemplo de posibles opciones para la aplicación del artículo 9 del Tratado Internacional, e información sobre el Grupo Especial de

Expertos Técnicos sobre los Derechos del Agricultor. Received on 29 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Spain.pdf

24. Sweden: Views, experiences and best practices as examples of possible option for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Received on 4 July 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Sweden.pdf

25. Switzerland. Submission concerning the implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA). Received on 29 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Switzerland.pdf

26. United States of America: Examples of U.S. Measures to Realize Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Received on 29 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_USA.pdf

27. Zambia: Views, Experiences and Best Practices Regarding Options for the Realization or Implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 30 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Zambia.pdf

III. SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FROM RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS IN 2018

28. Centro Internazionale Crocevia: Regulatory provisions for the marketing of seeds, from the Italian regions to the European Union level. Received on 28 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Crocevia.pdf

29. European Seed Association: Position on Farmers' Rights. Received on 28 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_ESA.pdf

30. Fridtjof Nansen Institute: National implementation of Article 9 of the Plant Treaty. Received on 30 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_FNI.pdf

31. La Via Campesina – France: Où en est l'application en France des droits des agriculteurs définis à l'article 9 du TIRPAA? Received on 26 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_France.pdf

32. Greenpeace – Asia: Our views and experiences on farmer-to-farmer ecological seed response, and our call to review national policies and programs to support such initiatives, as possible options for Contracting Parties to realize the implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty. Received on 28 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Greenpeace-Philippines.pdf

33. International Seed Federation (ISF): Supporting Seed choices for the farmers. Received on 29 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_ISF.pdf
34. Oxfam Novib, The Netherlands: Sowing Diversity = Harvesting Security Programme. Received on 29 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Oxfam.pdf
35. The Development Fund - Norway: Inputs to the Ad-Hoc Technical Working Group on Farmers' Rights. Received on 27 June 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_DevelopmentFund.pdf
36. Joint Submission of the Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society (APBEBES), Development Fund, Public Eye, Third World Network. Received on 1 July 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_APBEBES.pdf
37. Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE): Views, Experiences and Best Practices Regarding Options for the Realization or Implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 26 July 2018. Available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_SEARICE.pdf

IV. OTHER SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FROM THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS PRIOR TO 2018

Contracting Parties

38. Benin: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 7 April 2013. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb918e.pdf>
39. Finland: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 15 March 2013. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb930e.pdf>
40. Italy: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 15 March 2013. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb916e.pdf>
41. Norway: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 22 August 2014. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb908e.pdf>; Received on 9 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb908e.pdf>
42. Madagascar: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 9 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb907e.pdf>

43. Mali: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 7 April 2017. Link: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/faoweb/plant-treaty/submissions/FRs_Mali_2017.pdf

44. Poland: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 3 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb902e.pdf>

Other Relevant Stakeholders

45. [Biowatch](#): Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 11 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb910e.pdf>

46. Cooperazione Rurale in Africa e America Latina (ACRA): Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 15 March 2013: Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb917e.pdf>

47. European Seed Association: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 5 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb903e.pdf>

48. [Fridtjof Nansen Institute](#): Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 9 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb909e.pdf>

49. GREEN Foundation: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 10 February 2013

50. La Via Campesina: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 9 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb912e.pdf>

51. [Let's Liberate Diversity- Coordination of the European Forum](#): Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 8 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb906e.pdf>

52. LI-BIRD: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 9 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb911e.pdf>

53. Practical Action: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 21 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb913e.pdf>

54. Programa Colaborativo de Fitomejoramiento Participativo en Mesoamérica (FMPA): Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 8 April 2013: Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb919e.pdf>

55. The Berne Declaration: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 8 October 2012. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb904e.pdf>

56. The Development Fund – Norway: Link: Views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights. Received on 8 October 2012. <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb905e.pdf>

57. A compilation of submissions received before August 2015 were circulated as Information Document at the Sixth Session of the Governing Body Meeting in 2015 as IT/GB-6/15/Inf.05. Link: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bb354e.pdf> and IT/GB-6/15/Inf.05.