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**Item 7 of the Draft Provisional Agenda**

**INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**FIRST SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**Madrid, Spain, 12-16 June 2006**

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**REQUEST FROM THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE RULES OF  
PROCEDURE AND THE FINANCIAL RULES OF THE GOVERNING BODY,  
COMPLIANCE AND THE FUNDING STRATEGY,  
AND ACTION TAKEN**

1. At its meeting in Rome on 14 to 17 December 2005, the *Open-ended Working Group on the Rules of Procedure and the Financial Rules of the Governing Body, Compliance and the Funding Strategy* requested the Interim Secretariat to “*establish contact with relevant organizations in order to promote the Funding Strategy, and to invite such organizations to participate in the first session of the Governing Body.*”<sup>1</sup>
2. As requested by the Open-ended Working Group, the Secretariat of the Interim Committee established contact with relevant organisations to promote the Funding Strategy on 15 May 2006, and those organisations that are in consultative status with FAO were invited to participate in the first session of the Governing Body.
3. The information note issued to the relevant organisations is attached as *Appendix 1* to this document.
4. *Appendix 2* lists the organizations to which the information note was addressed. The Organisations to which this note was sent are as listed below.
5. The information provided in this note is for the Governing Body to take into account, as it sees fit, in the context of draft agenda item 7, *Adoption of the Funding Strategy for the Implementation of the Treaty*.

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 22 of the *Report of the Open-ended Working Group*, document CGRFA/IC/OWG -1/05/REP, which can be found at <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/ico1.htm>.



**COMMUNICATION TO ORGANIZATIONS RELEVANT TO THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNDING STRATEGY OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

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**INFORMATION NOTE**

Rome, 15 May 2006

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (<http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/itpgr.htm>) was adopted by the FAO Conference on 3 November 2001 and entered into force on 29 June 2004. The First Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty will take place in Madrid, Spain on 12 to 16 June 2006.

The objectives of the International Treaty are “*the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of their use, in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity, for sustainable agriculture and food security*”.<sup>2</sup> In order to achieve those objectives, the International Treaty contains provisions on:

- The conservation, exploration, collection, characterization, evaluation and documentation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (Article 5);
- Sustainable use of plant genetic resources (Article 6);
- National commitments and international cooperation (Article 7);
- Technical assistance (Article 8);
- Farmers’ Rights (Article 9);
- A Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (Articles 10 to 13);
- A number of supporting components, including on the Global Plan of Action, *ex situ* collections of the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture held by the International Agricultural Research Centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, international plant genetic resources networks and the global information system on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (Articles 14 to 17); and
- A Funding Strategy (Article 18).

A copy of the International Treaty can be found at <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/itpgr.htm#text>.

At its first meeting, held in Rome on 14 to 17 December 2005, the Open-ended Working Group on the Rules of Procedure and the Financial Rules of the Governing Body, Compliance and the Funding Strategy requested the Interim Secretariat to “*establish contact with relevant organizations in order to promote the Funding Strategy, and to invite such organizations to participate in the first session of the Governing Body*”.<sup>3</sup>

The objectives of the Funding Strategy are “*to enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement activities under this Treaty*”.<sup>4</sup> Article 18 of the International Treaty identifies a number of potential sources of financial resources for the Funding Strategy, including:

- a. Financial resources provided by developed country Contracting Parties, which Contracting Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition avail themselves of.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Article 1.1.

<sup>3</sup> Paragraph 22 of the Report of the Open-ended Working Group, document CGRFA/IC/OWG -1/05/REP, which can be found at <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/icol.htm>.

<sup>4</sup> Article 18.2.

<sup>5</sup> Article 18.4c.

- b. Financial resources for priority activities, plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Treaty provided by relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies<sup>6</sup> and through bilateral and multilateral channels.<sup>7</sup>
- c. Financial resources for national activities for the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.<sup>8</sup>
- d. Financial resources resulting from the sharing of monetary benefits from the commercialization of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture under Article 13.2d(ii) of the Treaty.<sup>9</sup>
- e. Voluntary contributions from Contracting Parties; the private sector, including the food processing industries; non-governmental organizations; and other sources.<sup>10</sup>

The Funding Strategy is further analyzed in document “*Development of the Funding Strategy for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*”, which was prepared for the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, a copy of which is attached for your information.

In line with the request from the Open-ended Working Group, organizations may wish to participate, as observers, in the First Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty. In this case they are requested to inform the Secretary at the address given below.

Organizations are also invited to make written representations regarding the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty and any role that they might play in its realization, which might be made available to the First Session of the Governing Body. Any written representations should be sent to the Secretary no later than 31 May 2006.<sup>11</sup>

Should further information regarding the Treaty or its Funding Strategy be required, please contact the Secretary of the Interim Committee for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture at the following address:

The Secretary  
Interim Committee for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources  
for Food and Agriculture  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla  
00100 Rome  
Italy  
Tel: +39 06 5705 4986  
Fax: +39 06 5705 3057  
E-mail: [cgrfa@fao.org](mailto:cgrfa@fao.org)

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<sup>6</sup> Article 18.4a.

<sup>7</sup> Article 18.4c.

<sup>8</sup> Article 18.4d.

<sup>9</sup> Article 18.4e.

<sup>10</sup> Article 18.4f.

<sup>11</sup> This and the preceding paragraph are in the note sent to organisations that are in consultative status with FAO. In the case of other organisations they were substituted with the following paragraph:

*In line with the request from the Open-ended Working Group, donors and foundations may wish to make written representations regarding the Funding Strategy and on how they might contribute to its realization. Written representations should be sent to the address below no later than 15 May 2006, and will be made available to the First Session of the Governing Body.*

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**LIST OF ORGANISATIONS CONTACTED**

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**A. ORGANISATIONS THAT ARE IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH FAO****UN AGENCIES**

Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)  
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)  
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)  
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)  
United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development UNCTAD  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
United Nations Development Programme - Global Environment (UNDP-GEF)  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)  
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)  
United Nations University (UNU)  
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

**OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

Commonwealth Secretariat  
Organisation de Coopération et de Développement Economiques (OCDE)  
Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)  
Southern African Development Community (SADC)  
World Bank  
World Trade Organization (WTO)

**DEVELOPMENT BANKS**

African Development Bank  
Asian Development Bank  
Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM)  
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)  
Inter-American Development Bank

**DONOR AGENCIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional (AECI), Spain  
Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), Australia  
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)  
Austrian Development Agency (ADA)  
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)  
Centre Technique de Coopération Agricole et Rurale (CTA)  
Cooperazione Italiana allo Sviluppo, Italy  
Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA)  
Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom  
Department for International Development Cooperation, Finland  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH  
Development Cooperation Ireland (Irish Aid)  
Direction de la Coopération au Développement, Luxembourg

Direction Générale de la Coopération Internationale et du Développement, France  
 Directoraat Generaal voor Internationale Samenwerking, The Netherlands  
 EuropeAid Co-operation Office, European Union  
 Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany  
 Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Belgium – (DGCD)  
 Instituto Português de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento, Portugal  
 Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)  
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan  
 New Zealand's International Aid & Development Agency (NZAID), New Zealand  
 Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), Norway  
 Swedish Board for Investment and Technical Support (BITS)  
 Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Sweden  
 Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)  
 U.S. Agency for International Development, (USAID), USA

## **NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Asian NGO Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, (ANGOC)  
 Caritas Internationalis, (CI)  
 Carribbean Agricultural Association, (CACRA)  
 Confédération des industries agro-alimentaires de l'Union européenne (CIAA)  
 CropLife International (CLI)  
 European Catering Association, (ECA)  
 European Association for Research on Plant Breeding (EUCARPIA)  
 Grain and Food Trade Association (GAFTA)  
 Greenpeace International  
 Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG)  
 International Association of Horticultural Producers (IAHP)  
 International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity (CIDSE)  
 International Council for Science (ICSU)  
 International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP)  
 International Federation of Fruit Juice Producers (IFJU)  
 International Federation of Margarine Associations (IFMA)  
 International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)  
 International Pulse Trade and Industry Confederation (IPTIC)  
 International Seed Trade Federation (ISF/FIS)  
 International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS)  
 International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST)  
 Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE)  
 Latin American Association of Development Organizations (ALOP)  
 Rotary International (RI)  
 Society for International Development (SID)  
 World Conservation Union (IUCN)

## **B. OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

### **BANKS**

Banco Centroamericano de Integración Económica (BCIE)  
 Banque Arabe pour le Développement Economique en Afrique (BADEA) / Arab Bank  
 for Economic Development in Africa  
 Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD)  
 Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)



East African Development Bank (EADB)  
Fonds de Coopération, de Compensation et de Développement de la Communauté  
Economique des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (ECOWAS/CEDEAO)

### **COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Alliance des pays producteurs de cacao (APPC) / Cocoa Producers' Alliance (CPA)  
Association Africaine pour le Développement du Palmier à Huile (ADPH) / African Oil  
Palm Development Association (AFOPDA)  
Commission séricicole internationale (CSI) / International Sericultural Commission  
Conseil oléicole international (COI) / International Olive Oil Council (IOOC)  
International Cocoa Organization (ICCO)  
International Coffee Organization (ICO)  
International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)  
International Grains Council (IGC)  
International Jute Study Group (IJSG)  
International Pepper Community (IPC) / Communauté internationale du poivre  
International Sugar Organization (ISO)  
Office International de la Vigne et du Vin (OIV)

### **FOUNDATIONS / CHARITIES**

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation  
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
Body Shop Foundation  
Carnegie Corporation of New York  
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation  
Chemonics Foundation  
Compton Foundation, Inc.  
Conservation, Food, and Health Foundation  
David & Lucille Packard Foundation:  
Ford Foundation  
Hitachi Foundation  
McKnight Foundation  
Nestlé Foundation  
Open Society Institute  
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation  
The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation  
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  
W.K. Kellogg Foundation  
Rockefeller Foundation  
Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship  
Shell Foundation  
Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture  
Total Foundation  
Turner Foundation, Inc.  
Volkswagen Foundation