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NOTIFICATION

Application of Article 9, Farmers' Rights

Dear Madam/Sir

I have the honour to draw your attention to [Resolution 7/2023](#), Implementation of Article 9, Farmers' Rights, by which the Governing Body requested the Secretariat to carry out and finalize the assessment of the state of implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, and present the full report to the Governing Body, in accordance with paragraph 12 of [Resolution 7/2022](#).

By the same Resolution, the Governing Body also requested the Secretary to invite Contracting Parties and other interested stakeholders, especially farmers' organizations, to submit inputs and comments on the annotated outline contained in Annex 1 to the Resolution, including suggestions on how measures limiting the realization of Farmers' Rights could be included, and to compile and publish the submissions at least four weeks before the first meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (Expert Group or AHTEG-FR). The input can be sent using the attached template, preferably before 15 March 2024, for consolidation in the documents to be prepared for the AHTEG-FR meeting. The Expert Group meeting is tentatively scheduled from 24 to 26 June 2024.

For any query or request for further information, please contact the Secretary of the International Treaty at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Kent Nnadozie
Secretary

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture



Inputs/Comments/Suggestions Template

Draft Outline of the Assessment of the State of Implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty¹

Using the template below, Contracting Parties and other interested stakeholders, especially farmers' organizations, are invited to send inputs and comments on the annotated outline, including suggestions on how measures limiting the realization of Farmers' Rights could be included.

Once completed, please send the inputs/comments/suggestions to PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org

Name and Surname:	
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General Comments

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¹ The full text of Annex 1 is presented in page 4 to 6 of [Resolution 7/2023](https://www.fao.org/3/no031en/no031en.pdf), available at: www.fao.org/3/no031en/no031en.pdf.

Specific Comments/Inputs/Suggestions

Note: Column 2, Table 1 does not need to be filled out; the Secretariat will organize the timeline.

Table 1. Indicative methodology and timeframe for the preparation of the State of Assessment of the Implementation of Farmers’ Rights at the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body

INFORMATION GATHERING, COLLECTION AND DOCUMENT ANALYSIS	2024-2025
1: Organizing, gathering information resources and reviewing all the available information.	
2: Information and data analysis, drafting of the first assessment	
REGIONAL PRESENTATION	
3: Presentation and validation of the assessment reports, by region ²	
SYNTHESIS AND WRITING THE STATE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FARMERS’ RIGHTS	
4: Review the assessments by region, and update if necessary	

² Seven Regional Assessment Reports shall be part of the Assessment Report