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To
Mr. Shakeel Bhatti
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on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
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Subject: notification regarding the contribution of the Brazilian Agriculture Research Corporation (Embrapa) – Brazil to the Multilateral System

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Treaty) has established a Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.

Regarding the coverage of the Multilateral System, Article 11 specifies that the Multilateral System shall include all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* that are under the management and control of the Contracting Parties and in the public domain, and that Contracting Parties invite other holders of the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, Embrapa wishes to notify to you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (Appendix 1) and maintained by Embrapa have been included in the Multilateral System.

The accessions listed and selected from several collections, are held by Embrapa, in Brazil, in gene banks located in different Research Centers, namely:

Zea mays – Embrapa Maize and Sorghum , Sete Lagoas, Minas Gerais

Oryza sativa – Embrapa Rice and Beans , Goiania, Goias

Phaseolus vulgaris – Embrapa Rice and Beans , Goiania, Goias

Manihot esculenta – Embrapa Cassava and Tropical Fruits, Cruz das Almas, Bahia


Through a website to be indicated as soon as on going arrangements with FAO make it possible, passport data on the accessions and user procedures to order samples will be readily available.

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Germplasm mentioned in Appendix 1 held in the collections listed above will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

Kind regards,



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Appendix 1

Number of accessions in Embrapa Gene Banks included in the ITPGR/Multilateral System as from May 7, 2009

Genus/species	Number of Accessions
<i>Zea mays</i>	233
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	539
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	398
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	900
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	307