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## NOTIFICATION

### **Call for Funds to Support the Participation of Representatives of Developing Country Contracting Parties and of Contracting Parties with Economies in Transition in the Governing Body Session**

Dear Madam/Sir

I have the honour to draw your attention to the Report of the Ninth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty (New Delhi, India, 19 – 24 September 2022) and the decisions contained therein. In particular, reference is made to [Resolution 17/2022](#) by which the Work Programme and Budget for the 2022-2023 biennium was adopted.

In paragraph 20 of Resolution 17/2022, the Governing Body encourages Contracting Parties and other donors to replenish the Special Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries in the amount of USD 700,000 for the 2022-2023 biennium, and it requests the Secretary to issue a call for funds to this effect.

After the organization of the Ninth Session in September 2022, this Special Fund is now almost entirely depleted. Shortage of funds in the Fund could negatively affect decision making by the Governing Body at its Tenth Session scheduled for November 2023, without the participation of developing country Contracting Parties.

Since 2022, one country has offered funds to support the participation of developing country Contracting Parties to the Governing Body sessions. While this generous contribution might moderately ease the grave situation of the Special Fund, they are neither sufficient to cover the anticipated cost of supporting the relevant delegates to the Tenth Session, nor have the funds reached to the amount of USD 700,000 as requested in Resolution 17/2022.

Accordingly, this notification is issued to invite Contracting Parties to make contributions to this Special Fund to support the participation of developing country Contracting Parties. Should you need any additional information, please contact the Secretariat at [PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org](mailto:PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org).

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

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Secretary

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