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The Secretary
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
Mr. Shakeel Bhatti
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Dear Mr. Bhatti

Notification regarding the contribution of Namibia to the Multilateral System

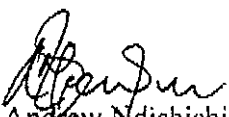
The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture has established a Multilateral System of Access and Benefit Sharing.

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 1* 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 1* to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, as a Contracting Party, Namibia wishes to notify to you that plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex 1* and maintained in Namibia at the **National Plant Genetic Resources Centre (NPGRC)**, located in Windhoek, have been included in the Multilateral System. Through the website of the NPGRC (<http://www.nbri.org.na/npgrc.html>), user procedures to order samples are readily available. An information system is currently under development that will provide easily accessible, detailed data on the composition of the collection.

Germplasm held in this collection 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.

Yours sincerely


Mr. Andrew Ndishishi
Permanent Secretary