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

**SIXTH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

**Rome, Italy, 19–20 March 2025**

**Annotated Provisional Agenda and Timetable**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Compliance Committee was established by Resolution 3/2006, pursuant to Articles 19.3e and 21 of the International Treaty.
2. The *Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address Issues of Non-Compliance*<sup>1</sup> (*Compliance Procedures*) were adopted at the Fourth Session and revised at the Tenth Session of the Governing Body. The *Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee*<sup>2</sup> (*Rules of Procedure*), as well as the (voluntary) *Standard Reporting Format*,<sup>3</sup> for reports pursuant to Section V.1 of the *Compliance Procedures*, were adopted at the Fifth Session and revised at the Eighth and Tenth Sessions of the Governing Body, respectively.
3. The present meeting of the Compliance Committee is organized in accordance with Section III.5 of the *Compliance Procedures* and Rule VI of the *Rules of Procedure*.
4. Pursuant to Section IV of the *Compliance Procedures*, the Committee shall, with a view to promoting compliance and addressing issues of non-compliance, and under the overall guidance of the Governing Body, have the following functions:
  - a) Consider information submitted to it regarding matters relating to compliance and issues of non-compliance;
  - b) Offer advice and/or facilitate assistance, as appropriate, to any Contracting Party, on matters relating to compliance with a view to assisting it to comply with its obligations under the International Treaty;
  - c) Assist the Governing Body in its monitoring of the implementation by Contracting Parties of their obligations under the International Treaty on the basis of reports of the Contracting Parties in accordance with Section V of the *Compliance Procedures*;
  - d) Address issues of non-compliance and identify the specific circumstances of the issue referred to it, in accordance with Sections VI to VIII of the *Compliance Procedures*;
  - e) Promote compliance by addressing statements and questions concerning the implementation of obligations under the International Treaty, in accordance with Section IX of the *Compliance Procedures*;

<sup>1</sup> [Compliance Procedures](#).

<sup>2</sup> [Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee](#).

<sup>3</sup> [Standard Reporting Format](#).

- f) Carry out any other functions as may be assigned to it by the Governing Body pursuant to Article 21 of the International Treaty;
- g) Submit a report to each regular session of the Governing Body reflecting:
  - i) the work that the Committee has undertaken;
  - ii) the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee; and
  - iii) the future programme of work of the Committee.

5. Pursuant to the same provision, the Committee shall not consider any questions concerning the interpretation of, implementation of, or compliance with the Standard Material Transfer Agreement by parties or potential parties to it.

6. At its Tenth Session, the Governing Body adopted Resolution 8/2023, *Compliance*,<sup>4</sup> containing several requests to the Compliance Committee, which were considered in preparing the documentation for this meeting.

## ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### Opening

7. The sixth meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, from 19 to 20 March 2025. The meeting will open at 10.00 on Wednesday, 19 March 2025.

8. The working language of the Compliance Committee is English, based on Rule 17.1 of the *Rules of Procedure*.

9. The current membership of the Compliance Committee is contained in the Annex to Resolution 8/2023.<sup>5</sup>

10. According to Section III.5 of the *Compliance Procedures*, the presence of members representing a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Committee.

11. It is recalled that, according to Rule III of the *Rules of Procedure*, each member of the Committee shall perform his or her duties and exercise his or her authority as a member of the Compliance Committee honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously, and will seek to avoid any conflict of interest. They shall serve objectively and in their individual capacity.

### Organizational matters

12. Pursuant to Section III.7 of the *Compliance Procedures*, the Compliance Committee shall elect its Co-Chairs, who will rotate among the FAO regions. The Co-Chairs serve for up to two years, renewable once (Rule 4.2 of the *Rules of Procedure*). The members nominated by one FAO Region shall not serve as Co-Chair for more than two consecutive terms.

13. According to Rule 4.2 of the *Rules of Procedure*, if a Co-Chair resigns or is unable to complete his or her term of office, the Committee may designate another member to act as Co-Chair *ad interim* or elect another member as the replacement.

14. At its fifth meeting in 2023, the Compliance Committee elected Ms Priya L. BHANU and Mr Mahendra PERSAUD, to server their first two-year terms as Co-Chairs.

15. The Secretary was informed that probably neither of the two Co-Chairs will be in a position to participate in this sixth meeting of the Compliance Committee in presence. Therefore, while the Committee may decide to re-elect both Co-Chairs to serve for another term of two years, the Committee may want to consider designating two other members to act as Co-Chairs *ad interim* at this meeting.

16. Under this agenda item, the Compliance Committee is therefore invited to elect its Co-Chairs.

17. As is the usual practice, the Bureau of the Committee is expected to be composed of one member from a developed and one member from a developing country.

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<sup>4</sup> [Resolution 8/2023](#).

<sup>5</sup> [Resolution 8/2023](#).

## ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

18. The present document annotates the *Provisional Agenda* for the consideration of the Compliance Committee, so that it could adopt its Agenda and organize its work.
19. The list of documents for this meeting is contained in document IT/GB-11/CC-6/25/2/Inf.1, *List of Documents*. The documents are available on the website of the International Treaty at <https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/meetings-detail/en/c/1730553/>.
20. The main focus of this meeting will be the synthesis and analysis of reports received under Section V of the *Compliance Procedures*, including a comparison of the results from the first and the second reporting cycle to identify progress in and constraints to the implementation of the International Treaty.
21. The Committee is invited to consider the draft provisional timetable contained in the *Appendix* and organize its work for this meeting.

## ITEM 3. MONITORING AND REPORTING

22. One of the functions of the Committee is to assist the Governing Body in its monitoring of the implementation by Contracting Parties of their obligations under the International Treaty, on the basis of reports received in accordance with Section V of the *Compliance Procedures*.
23. Section V of the *Compliance Procedures* provides that the Committee shall consider the reports received up to 12 months before the next session of the Governing Body and submit to the Governing Body, for its consideration, a synthesis on the basis of the reports that it has considered, in order to assist the Governing Body in its monitoring of the implementation by Contracting Parties of their obligations under the Treaty.
24. At its Tenth Session, the Governing Body “urge[d] those Contracting Parties that ha[d] not yet submitted their reports to submit them by 1 October 2024” and “invite[d] all Contracting Parties, including Contracting Party Organizations, to continue submitting or updating their reports, pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures, regardless of the deadline of the reporting cycles.” It also “Note[d] that the national reports are an important self-assessment tool to measure progress in implementation of the International Treaty and emphasizes the value of the information provided so far to make informed decisions.”<sup>6</sup>
25. The Committee is invited to consider the analysis of reports provided in the document, IT/GB-11/CC-6/25/3, *Monitoring and reporting*, which contains an updated version of the synthesis and analysis provided by the Committee to the Tenth Session of the Governing Body, including comparisons between the first and second reporting cycles. The document also provides an update on the support provided to Contracting Parties by the Secretary and includes elements for possible updates to the Standard Reporting Format, based on the reports received.
26. The document is intended to assist the Committee in identifying progress in and constraints to the implementation of the International Treaty at the national level and prepare a synthesis report for the consideration of the Governing Body at its Eleventh Session, scheduled for 24 to 29 November 2025. In addition, the Committee may wish to use the document to guide the Secretary on the future preparation of the draft synthesis and analysis.

## ITEM 4. UPDATE ON RELEVANT INTERSESSIONAL PROCESSES

27. The document, IT/GB-11/CC-6/25/4, *Update on Relevant Intersessional Processes*, provides an update on inter-sessional processes under the International Treaty, which may be of relevance to the discussions of the Compliance Committee.
28. This includes the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers’ Rights, the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization, the Ad Hoc Technical Committee on Conservation and Sustainable Use, and the Scientific Advisory Committee on the Global Information System.

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<sup>6</sup> [Resolution 8/2023](#), paras. 4, 7.

29. The Committee is invited to consider the information provided in this document and to discuss the possible collaboration it wishes to undertake with other inter-sessional processes during the next biennium. The Committee may also wish to provide guidance to its Co-Chairs on continuing to liaise with the Co-Chairs of other relevant subsidiary bodies.

#### **ITEM 5. OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE AND FUTURE WORK**

30. The Governing Body, at its Tenth Session, encouraged Contracting Parties to avail themselves of the opportunities that the functions of the Compliance Committee provides.<sup>7</sup>
31. The document, IT/GB-11/CC-6/25/5, *Other functions of the Compliance Committee and Future Work*, provides a brief overview of relevant activities regarding these functions of the Compliance Committee and contains elements that the Committee may wish to consider when discussing its future work.
32. The document also contains possible elements for a draft Resolution, for the consideration of the Committee.
33. The Compliance Committee is invited to note the developments described in the document. Moreover, the Committee may wish to prepare its conclusions and suggestions for future work on compliance with the International Treaty.

#### **ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS**

34. Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to discuss any other relevant matters that may be raised by its members.
35. The Committee may want to discuss the finalization of its report to the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body, should additional work need to be undertaken during the biennium.

#### **ITEM 7. RECORDS OF THE MEETING AND CLOSURE**

36. According to rule XVI of the *Rules of Procedure*, following each meeting, the Bureau of the Committee shall record the main outcomes and submit such records, through the Secretariat, to the members of the Committee for approval. The Committee shall take those records into account when preparing its report to the Governing Body.
37. Under this agenda item, the Committee is invited to consider and approve the records of its meeting, and to finalize its report to the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body, which shall reflect
- (i) the work the Committee has undertaken,
  - (ii) the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, and
  - (iii) the future programme of work of the Committee.<sup>8</sup>
38. The meeting is expected to end at 5 p.m. on 20 March 2025.

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<sup>7</sup> [Resolution 8/2023](#).

<sup>8</sup> Section IV.1g of the *Compliance Procedures*.

*Appendix***PROVISIONAL INDICATIVE TIMETABLE**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Documents</b>
<b>Wednesday, 19 March 2025</b>			
<b>Morning</b>			
<b>10.00-13.00</b>	1	Opening of the meeting and organizational matters	<a href="#">Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee</a>
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work	IT/GB-11/CC-6/25/2.1 IT/GB-11/CC-6/25/2.2 <a href="#">Resolution 8/2023</a> <a href="#">Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee</a> Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address Issues of Non-Compliance ( <a href="#">Compliance Procedures</a> )
	3	Monitoring and reporting	IT/GB-11/CC-6/25/3
<b>Wednesday, 19 March 2025</b>			
<b>Afternoon</b>			
<b>14.30-17.30</b>	3	<i>Monitoring and reporting (continued)</i>	IT/GB-11/CC-6/25/3
	4	Update on relevant intersessional processes	IT/GB-11/CC-6/25/4
<b>Thursday, 20 March 2025</b>			
<b>Morning</b>			
<b>10.00-13.00</b>	5	Other functions of the Compliance Committee and future work	Other functions of the Compliance Committee and Future Work
	6	Other matters	-

<b>Thursday, 20 March 2025</b>			
<b>Afternoon</b>			
<b>15.00-17.00</b>	7	Records of the meeting and closure	