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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 Tenth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty (Rome, Italy, 20–24 November 2023) and the decisions contained therein. In particular, reference is made to [Resolution 17/2023](#) by which the Work Programme and Budget for the 2024-2025 biennium was adopted.

In paragraph 23 of Resolution 17/2023, 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 2024-2025 biennium, and it requests the Secretary to issue a call for funds to this effect.

After the organization of the Tenth Session in November 2023, this Special Fund was almost depleted. Since the beginning of 2024, only one country has offered funds to support the participation of developing country Contracting Parties in the Governing Body session and related preparatory processes. While this generous contribution might ease the grave situation of the Special Fund, the funds have not yet reached the amount of USD 700,000, as requested in Resolution 17/2023, to cover the anticipated cost for the Eleventh Session.

The Eleventh Session, scheduled for November 2025, will be pivotal for the future development of the Treaty, with a number of very significant issues to be considered and critical decisions to be taken by the Governing Body, including especially the package of measures for the enhancement of the Multilateral System of the Treaty.

Consequently, shortage of resources in the Fund could negatively affect decision making by the Governing Body at its Eleventh Session without the adequate participation of developing country Contracting Parties.

Given the heavy agenda and the important matters for consideration at the Eleventh Session, this notification invites 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 assurance of my highest consideration.

**Kent Nnadozie**

Secretary

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