

RESOLUTION 7/2009

COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

THE GOVERNING BODY,

1. **Requests** the Secretary to continue to foster close cooperation with the Secretary of the Commission in the implementation of the Treaty, especially the Supporting Components and related activities;
2. **Requests** its Secretariat to continue cooperating with the Secretariat of the Commission *ad interim* on the basis of the Joint Statement pending its adoption by the Commission;
3. **Encourages** a close cooperation between the Commission and the Governing Body that may gradually lead to an agreed functional division of tasks and activities between the Commission and the Governing Body within the terms of the Treaty;
4. **Recalls** Article 19.9 of the Treaty and the decision of the Commission at its Eleventh Regular Session requesting its Secretariat to organise sessions of the Commission, as far as practical, back-to-back with those of the Governing Body of the International Treaty; and **requests** the Secretary to explore with the Secretary of the Commission, the feasibility and modalities of holding the Fourth Session of the Governing Body back-to-back with the 13th Regular Session of the Commission, and any other future sessions of both bodies, and invite the Commission to direct its Secretariat accordingly;
5. **Encourages** the Bureaus of the Governing Body and the Commission, whenever possible, to hold joint meetings to coordinate the agendas of both bodies, as appropriate.

The State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

6. **Welcomes** the preparation of the draft updated *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and looks forward to its finalization;
7. **Invites** Contracting Parties to continue to actively participate in the process for the finalization of the updated *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, including, in particular, by providing any necessary additional information to FAO and comments on the draft prepared by FAO;
8. **Notes** that the Fourth Session of the Commission's Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture will review the first draft of the updated *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*;
9. **Invites** the Commission to include in future revisions or updates of *The State of the World's on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* information on the implementation of the provisions of the Treaty, in particular, Articles 5, 6 and 9 of the Treaty, and coordinate, as appropriate with the Governing Body;

Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources

for Food and Agriculture

10. **Notes** the need to ensure close collaboration between the Commission and the Governing Body with regard to the *Global Plan of Action*, **recognises** that the Governing Body has used the *Global Plan of Action* as a basis for priority-setting for the Benefit-sharing Fund and **invites** the Commission, in the revision of the *Global Plan of Action*, to take into account specific issues of relevance to the Treaty and to adequately reflect the provisions of the Treaty in the *Global Plan of Action*;
11. **Invites** the Bureaus of the two Bodies to hold a joint meeting to review the first draft updated *Global Plan of Action*;
12. **Invites** Contracting Parties to participate actively in the process for the updating of the *Global Plan of Action*, in particular, by providing any necessary information to FAO and comments on any draft prepared by FAO;
13. **Requests** Contracting Parties that are also Members of the Commission, in their discussions of the revision of the *Global Plan of Action* under the Commission, to ensure that issues of relevance to the Treaty and its implementation are adequately taken into account;
14. **Requests** the Secretary to continue coordinating with the Secretary of the Commission and FAO in the processes related to the updating of the *Global Plan of Action*.

International Plant Genetic Resources Networks

15. **Recognizes** the important role that International Plant Genetic Resources Networks can play in the implementation of the Treaty and decisions of the Governing Body;
16. **Requests** Contracting Parties to continue supporting the functioning of effective networks, and strengthening of collaboration among networks;
17. **Invites** relevant International Plant Genetic Resources Networks to continue to be involved in the implementation of the Treaty and all relevant processes;
18. **Requests** the Secretary to coordinate with the Secretary of the Commission to ensure that their respective activities in collaboration with the relevant networks maintain coherence and efficiency, and do not duplicate each other;
19. **Further requests** the Secretary to cooperate with the Secretary of the Commission in facilitating the involvement of International Plant Genetic Resources Networks, when necessary or relevant in the implementation of the Treaty, including through joint activities and programmes, technical support and capacity building.

Genebank Standards

20. **Invites** the Commission to commence and coordinate the process for the revision of the Genebank Standards, in collaboration with competent institutes, including the International Agricultural Research Centres of the CGIAR, the Global Crop Diversity Trust and other relevant organizations, taking into account relevant ongoing work and initiatives;
21. **Requests** its Bureau to coordinate with the Bureau of the Commission the agendas of the respective bodies for the purpose of discussing modalities for such revision and the ways and means for input of the Governing Body in the process.

The Global Information System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

22. **Requests** the Secretary to continue to collaborate with FAO and other relevant stakeholders on information technologies to facilitate their contribution to the continuous development of the global information system in the context of Article 17 of the Treaty, in order to promote greater access to relevant information and information systems by Contracting Parties and other relevant stakeholders, and **requests** the Secretariat to develop a vision paper to be presented to the Fourth Session of the Governing Body to take stock of existing information systems and to outline a process for the development of this global information system.

Other policy issues related to the specificity of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture or their uses

23. **Notes** the major outputs and milestones that the Commission has adopted in the context of its Multi-year Programme of Work, including its decision to consider access and benefit-sharing issues at its Twelfth Regular Session;

24. **Invites** the Commission, in the context of its Multi-year Programme of Work, to collaborate with the Governing Body so that issues related to the access and benefit-sharing in plant genetic resources for food and agriculture may be dealt with in an integrated and harmonious manner, in order to ensure policy coherence, promote synergies and avoid duplication of efforts;

25. **Re-affirms** its willingness to continue cooperating with the Commission in matters of common interest, especially in the context of its Multi-year Programme of Work, in order to ensure that the distinctive features and problems of the plant genetic resources sector in general are duly addressed;

26. **Requests** its Bureau to coordinate the agendas of the Commission and the Governing Body for the purpose, *inter alia*, of initiating, as appropriate, processes for consultations on the relevant issues related to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

Funding Strategy

27. **Invites** the Commission to continue monitoring progress made to develop the Facilitating Mechanism as necessary, and **encourages** Contracting Parties to take full advantage of the information made available through the Facilitating Mechanism;

28. **Requests** the Secretary to coordinate with the Secretary of the Commission to ensure that their respective activities of relevance to the Funding Strategy maintain coherence and efficiency, and avoid duplication of efforts;

29. **Notes** the development of the Funding Strategy for the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* by the Commission, and **requests** the Secretary to coordinate with the Secretary of the Commission, as appropriate, in order to maximize any synergies that may be available in the relevant practical aspects of the implementation of both Funding Strategies.

FAO Reform

30. **Invites** coordination of the Secretariats of the Commission and the Governing Body as well as between the Commission and the Governing Body to ensure that adequate attention is given to genetic resources issues, and that genetic resources issues are appropriately integrated into the FAO Regular

Programme, Mid-Term Plan and Strategic Framework.