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## NOTIFICATION

### **Major outcomes and relevant follow-up actions arising from the Tenth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to the Notification [NCP GB11-01 – Report and Resolutions of Tenth Session of the Governing Body](#), and considering that the Governing Body took a number of decisions at its Tenth Session that require action by Contracting Parties, I have the honour to draw your attention to those decisions that are addressed to Contracting Parties or that have direct implications for you.

Attached is a Table summarizing the actions requested from Contracting Parties by the Tenth Session of the Governing Body and decisions from previous Sessions that require regular update. Separate notifications, focusing on specific issues or processes or new developments, may also be issued subsequently to solicit response or initiate actions.

The calendar of intersessional meetings and processes will be published at [www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/en/](http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/en/), where it will be regularly updated in response to evolving circumstances.

For any query or request for further information regarding this communication, please contact the Secretary of the International Treaty 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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**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES BY  
THE TENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES	DEADLINE FOR ACTIONS
<p><b><u>Resolution 01/2023</u> – The Role of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture within the Global Biodiversity Framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To encourage effective liaison between the respective national focal points of the CBD and the International Treaty in national processes related to the GBF implementation;</li> <li>• To mainstream the implementation of the International Treaty within National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and other relevant policies, plans and programmes to support the GBF implementation;</li> <li>• To share lessons learned regarding the integration of PGRFA in NBSAPs and other relevant policies, plans and programmes with other Contracting Parties and requests the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to bring together Parties and Treaty enabling partners to share success stories, knowledge gained and lessons learned in this area and to liaise with the Ad Hoc Expert Team on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, as appropriate;</li> <li>• To work together with all stakeholders to jointly implement the GBF in a spirit of cooperation and mutual support, at global, regional, subregional, national and subnational levels, across areas and sectors, through bilateral joint work programmes where appropriate, and through existing global, regional, subregional, national and subnational instruments, mechanisms and processes</li> </ul>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuous</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 02/2023</u> - Implementation and Operation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make their plant genetic resources for food and agriculture available in the Multilateral System, together with the relevant non-confidential characterization and evaluation data;</li> <li>• To use, on a voluntary basis, the Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) of the Global Information System for the identification of material available in the Multilateral System;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and continuous</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 03/2023</u> - Enhancement of the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To fully commit to continuing the negotiations on the “June 2019 draft package” package of measures to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System and to ensure that participants to the process, especially spokespersons in the Working Group, receive the necessary support and have the necessary technical knowledge, skills and experience to represent them;</li> <li>• To provide support and financial resources, as necessary, for the Working Group to be able to fulfil its mandate effectively and on schedule;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>

<p><b><u>Resolution 04/2023</u> - Implementation of the Funding Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To mobilize resources from various sources to meet the targets of the Funding Strategy and for those Contracting Parties in a position to do so to support the work of the Committee, in particular for the participation of developing countries.</li> <li>• To make financial contributions to the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes to further support the implementation of the International Treaty;</li> <li>• To provide information to the Secretary to assist the Funding Committee in undertaking regular reviews of the Funding Strategy;</li> <li>• To share information about the results of the further integration of PGRFA in national budgets and priorities with the Secretariat for the development of strategic tools that National Focal Points and others can use to leverage new resources;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and continuous</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 05/2023</u> - Implementation of the Global Information System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider the development of national databases of Crop Wild Relatives conserved in situ with a view to facilitating further research and use;</li> <li>• To provide the necessary resources to implement the Programme of Work on GLIS, in particular for the further development of the GLIS Portal, the development of national inventories of CWR;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 06/2023</u> - Implementation of Articles 5 and 6, Conservation and Sustainable use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</b></p> <p>To continue to share information resources through the Toolbox for Sustainable Use of PGRFA;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share information on the difficulties and challenges encountered in the implementation of Articles 5 and 6 of the International Treaty, as well as possible new initiatives, activities, and approaches that could be undertaken to address them;</li> <li>• To support the activities outlined in this Resolution, including through the provision of financial resources in line with the provisions of Articles 7 and 8 of the International Treaty;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 07/2023</u> - Implementation of Article 9, Farmers' Rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider using the <i>Options</i> in encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights, in accordance with their needs and priorities, as appropriate, and subject to national legislation;</li> <li>• To continue submitting to the Secretary, for inclusion in the Inventory, experiences and best practices for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, or to update previous submissions, as appropriate, and subject to national legislation;</li> <li>• To consider hosting future Symposiums as a platform for sharing experiences and learning from each other in the realisation of Farmers' Rights;</li> <li>• To submit inputs and comments on the annotated outline contained in Annex 1 to the Resolution, including suggestions on how measures limiting the realization of Farmers' Rights could be included;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuous</p> <p>Inform the Secretariat as soon as possible</p> <p>By 15 March 2024</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To take initiatives to convene regional workshops and other consultations including among different regions within the framework of South-South and triangular cooperation, with the participation of a broad range of stakeholders, including with farmers' organizations;</li> <li>• To consider reviewing, and, if necessary, adjusting national measures that affect the realization of Farmers' Rights, in particular legislation concerning variety release and seed distribution, to protect, promote and realize Farmers' Rights;</li> <li>• To engage farmers' organizations and relevant stakeholders in matters related to the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and to promote awareness-raising and capacity-building towards this aim;</li> <li>• To promote sustainable biodiverse production systems and facilitate participatory approaches such as community seed banks, community biodiversity registries, participatory plant breeding and seed fair;</li> <li>• To continue providing financial resources to support the work on Farmers' Rights under the International Treaty;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and inform the Secretariat</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuous</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 08/2023</u> - Compliance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To submit or update their reports pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures;</li> <li>• To avail themselves of the opportunities that the functions of the Compliance Committee provide, including by submitting to the Committee, through the Secretary, statements and questions concerning their implementation of the International Treaty;</li> <li>• To provide or update the contact details of their national focal points and, possibly, to nominate an alternate reporting officer;</li> <li>• To consider providing support and financial resources for capacity development activities as important and effective means to enhance the implementation of the International Treaty;</li> <li>• To avail themselves of the information contained in the national reports submitted to the International Treaty to update their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), as may be most appropriate, in the context of the Global Biodiversity Framework;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and no later than 1 October 2024</p> <p>As appropriate</p> <p>As appropriate</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 11/2023</u> - Cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide additional comments and inputs through the process of the Commission preparation of The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Third Report)</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 12/2023</u> - Policy Guidance to the Global Crop Diversity Trust</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To raise awareness of existing Global Crop Conservation Strategies (GCCS) and to make use of them;</li> <li>• To establish new crop networks, and revive historical ones;</li> <li>• To contribute to the Emergency Reserve for Germplasm Collections at Risk;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and continuous</p>

<p><b><u>Resolution 14/2023</u> - Cooperation with other International Bodies and Organizations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To take initiatives to strengthen the harmonious and mutually supportive implementation of the International Treaty and other relevant international instruments and their various goals and commitments in a coherent and mutually supportive manner;</li> <li>• To consider making use of the Svalbard Global Seed Vault as part of their strategy for securing their important seed collections and for long-term storage of PGRFA;</li> <li>• To provide the necessary financial and material support to facilitate efforts to secure the international collections whose orderly maintenance is at risk or threatened;</li> </ul>	<p>As appropriate</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As soon as possible and continuing</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 16/2023</u> - Consideration of Digital Sequence Information / Genetic Sequence Data on Genetic Resources for the Objectives of the International Treaty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Contracting Parties with the capacity to do so, to promote the provision of financial resources and technical assistance as well as to promote technology transfer on mutually agreed terms, training and capacity development, scientific cooperation, to reduce the existing gap on capacity regarding DSI/GSD between developed and developing countries and facilitate collaborations;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution 17/2023</u> - Work Programme and Budget 2024–2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide contributions to the Core Administrative Budget, the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes, and the Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries;</li> <li>• For Contracting Parties that are also members of relevant Governing Bodies of FAO to consider possibilities for enhancing sustainable regular programme funding for the International Treaty, as appropriate;</li> </ul>	<p>As soon as possible and continuing</p> <p>As appropriate</p>