



Our Ref.: NCP GB11-005 – MLS enhancement submissions

Rome, 30 April 2024

NOTIFICATION

Process to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System Invitation to submit inputs for drafting the Co-Chairs' negotiating text

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to refer to the report of the eleventh meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System (Working Group) and in particular to the next steps of the process outlined in paragraph 27.¹

The purpose of this notification is to invite Regions, all Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders to provide written submissions on elements of the “June 2019 draft package”² *other than* the three “hotspots” provided by the Governing Body in Resolution 3/2023 (digital sequence information/genetic sequence data, expansion of Annex I, and payment structure and rates).³ The submissions should focus on the provision of inputs and concrete proposals that may be considered to advance negotiations on these elements.

For an overview of possible elements that require further work in the process, the Co-Chairs would like to draw your attention to Appendix 3 of the document, IT/GB-9/22/9.2/Inf.2, *Enhancing the Functioning of the Multilateral System – Reports from Two Virtual Informal Consultations Organized by the Government of Switzerland*.⁴

The Co-Chairs will present a draft negotiating text with a package of measures to the twelfth meeting of the Working Group, scheduled for September 2024. To facilitate the timely preparation of the draft negotiating text, the Co-Chairs will consider all submissions received **by 29 May 2024** in reply to this Notification as an important source of information.

For any query or request for further information, please contact the Secretary of the International Treaty at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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Secretary

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¹ openknowledge.fao.org/server/api/core/bitstreams/8ffa72f6-126e-48cd-b576-51f0e7d4032a/content

² www.fao.org/3/ca5578en/ca5578en.pdf (pages 19-42)

³ <https://www.fao.org/3/no027en/no027en.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.fao.org/3/cc1711en/cc1711en.pdf>