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NOTIFICATION

Call for Funding of the Special Fund for the Participation of Developing Countries in the Governing Body and its intersessional meetings

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the Report of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty (Rome, 5-9 October 2015) and the decisions contained therein. In particular, reference is made to Resolution 11/2015 by which the Work Programme and Budget for the 2016-17 biennium was adopted.

It is recalled that during the Budget Committee of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body, Members of the Committee were informed of the significant depletion of resources in the Special Fund for the Participation of Developing Countries during recent years.

The Sixth Session of the Governing Body, as well as intersessional meetings conducted during the past two biennia, have led to a major reduction in the level of the Fund to the extent that the resources are now virtually exhausted.

In the absence of further contributions, it is now evident that the Fund will not be capable of providing travel support to ensure the participation of developing countries in the subsidiary bodies of the Governing Body during the remainder of this biennium and, inevitably, in the Seventh Session of the Governing Body, which is foreseen in late 2017.

Contracting Parties are, accordingly, urgently invited to make contributions to the Special Fund for the participation of Developing Countries.

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In planning the continuing implementation of the approved Work Programme and Budget for 2016-17, it is essential that a clear picture be had of the availability of resources under the Treaty's Funds. In view of this, an early response to this Notification is requested and appreciated. Should you need any additional information, please contact the Secretariat at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org

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



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