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NOTIFICATION

Contributions to the Core Administrative Budget for the 2020-2021 Biennium

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the Report of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty (Rome, 11 – 16 November 2019) and the decisions contained therein. In particular, reference is made to Resolution 14/2019, by which the Work Programme and the Core Administrative Budget (CAB) for the Biennium 2020-2021 were adopted. The CAB amounts to USD 7,809,274, of which USD 5,809,274 is to be funded through contributions of Contracting Parties in accordance with Financial Rule of the Governing Body 5.1 b).

In Resolution 14/2019, the Governing Body recognizes that “the execution of the Work Programme is subject to adequate resources being available, in a timely manner, within the Core Administrative Budget” and “this will be essential to the future functioning, integrity and effectiveness of the International Treaty.”

The Governing Body therefore urges all Contracting Parties, particularly those who made no or only limited contributions in previous biennia, to provide the resources required in the CAB, recognizing that the budget as adopted reflects the consensus of Contracting Parties, including in regard to voluntary payments in accordance with Annex 3 to the Resolution. The expected voluntary contributions of all Contracting Parties that are calculated according to the indicative scale adopted and contained in the Annex 3 are found on the Treaty website under “Membership/Status of Contributions” <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/countries/status-of-contributions/en/>.

Financial Rule 5.2 a) and b) also provide that “Contributions for each calendar year are expected as soon as possible following receipt of a letter from the Secretary requesting payment of the voluntary contributions” and that “Each Contracting Party shall, as far in advance as possible of the date due for the contribution, inform the Secretary of the contribution it intends to make and of the projected timing of that contribution”.

As of 1 November 2020, USD 2,364,218 has been provided by 39 Contracting Parties to the Core Administrative Budget of the current biennium. This is equal to approximately 41 percent of the voluntary contributions expected for the adopted budget whereas the number of contributing Parties represents less than 30 percent of the total Treaty membership.

Accordingly, this notification is issued to encourage Contracting Parties to make payments to the Core Administrative Budget in accordance with Resolution 14/2019 and the Financial Rules. Relevant information regarding the Core Administrative Budget can be found on the Treaty website, under “Membership/Status of Contributions” <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/countries/status-of-contributions/en/>. 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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Secretary

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