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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

RESOLUTION 7/2015

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling Article 1.2 of the Treaty as well as Article 19.3 (g) and (l), which provides for the Governing Body to establish and maintain cooperation with, as well as take note of the relevant decisions of, the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the provisions of Article 20.5 that requires the Secretary to cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

Recalling Resolution 5/2013 regarding cooperation with the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, its subsidiary bodies and Secretariat;

Welcoming the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization (the Nagoya Protocol)

Acknowledging the need for continued capacity-building support to Parties, especially developing countries, for the mutually supportive implementation of the Treaty, the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol;

1. **Notes** the decisions of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the first meeting of the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, that are of relevance to the Treaty;
2. **Requests** the Secretariat to continue monitoring and participating in the relevant processes related to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol and in order to promote practical, harmonious and appropriate interfaces among them, both nationally and internationally;
3. **Calls on** Contracting Parties, in the review and updating of their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, and the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, to ensure that their commitments under the Treaty are fully reflected, especially through enhanced involvement of all relevant stakeholders;
4. **Recalling** Resolution 5/2013, **welcomes** the decision of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on the Financial Mechanism (decision XII/30) to enhance programmatic synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions and, in this context, requests the Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat, to develop elements of advice for the Global Environment Facility concerning the funding of the objectives and priorities the Treaty, consistent with the mandates of the Global Environment Facility, and **requests** the Secretary to transmit the elements of advice, as developed, to the thirteenth meeting of Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, consistent with COP decision XII/30, so that they may be referred to the Global Environment Facility, and **further requests** the Secretary to include the elaboration of elements of advice to the Financial Mechanism of the Convention in the Agenda of future Sessions of the Governing Body, as appropriate;

5. **Welcomes** the decision of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to hold a workshop to explore ways for Parties of the various biodiversity-related conventions to enhance synergies and improve efficiency among them, without prejudice to the specific objectives and recognizing the respective mandates and subject to the availability of resources of these conventions, with a view to enhancing their implementation at all levels, and **requests** the Secretary and the Bureau to facilitate the selection of the representatives to participate in this workshop and report on the outcomes to the Seventh Session of the Governing Body;

6. **Commends** the Secretariat for its efforts to cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and, taking note of the Roadmap developed in the context of the Joint Initiative and the Memorandum of Cooperation entered into between the Secretary and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, **requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to continue exploring with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, practical means and activities to further enhance to this cooperation along the lines established in the Memorandum of Cooperation, the Joint Initiative, and Roadmap between the two Secretariats, and to report to the Governing Body;

7. **Welcomes** the efforts of the Secretariats of the Treaty and the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with the African Union Commission, Bioversity International and ABS Capacity Development Initiative and other partners to bring together stakeholders and experts involved in the implementation of the Treaty, the Convention, and the Nagoya Protocol, and **requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to continue facilitating such interaction on the mutual supportiveness, harmonious and appropriate implementation of the instruments, and report to the Governing Body the outcomes of such activities;

8. **Draws the attention** of Contracting Parties to the ongoing work regarding Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and **urges** the Secretariat to consider engaging in it;

9. **Requests** the Secretary to continue reporting on the cooperation with the Convention at each Session of the Governing Body.