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NOTIFICATION

Information on recent developments and informal consultations relating to the enhancement of the functioning of the Multilateral System

Dear Sir/Dear Madam,

I have the pleasure to refer to [Resolution 2/2017](#), by which the Governing Body extended the mandate of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System (Working Group) for the 2018-2019 biennium. While recognizing that further work is needed to develop the package of measures agreed in [Resolution 2/2013](#), it requested the Working Group, inter alia, to take any further initiatives needed within the next intersessional period to conclude its work.

It would also be recalled that the Working Group had, at its last meeting, advised the Co-Chairs to conduct informal consultations among Regions and stakeholder groups, in order to further prepare for the negotiation of the package of measures to enhance the functioning of Multilateral System.

Accordingly, the Co-Chairs of the Working Group have been engaged in informal consultations, including with representatives of stakeholders, that would assist them in the preparations for the upcoming meetings of the Working Group. This included an informal meeting held with experts from Contracting Parties and stakeholder groups, including civil society and the seed industry, as well as an informal briefing of Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives to FAO at headquarters, both held in Rome in July 2018.

In this context, a further informal meeting will be held on 30 – 31 August 2018 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with the participation of experts from all regions and stakeholder groups.

The Co-chairs will provide a detailed report on the outcomes of these informal consultations to the [Working Group at its eighth meeting](#), which will be held from 10 to 12 October 2018 in Rome, Italy.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kent Nnadozie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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