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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

RESOLUTION 9/2015

COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling that the Governing Body has encouraged a close cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission);

1. **Takes note** of the additional information provided by the Secretary and the Secretary of the Commission at this Session related to financial and administrative implications on the transfer of tasks and activities between the Commission and the Governing Body of the International Treaty;
2. **Agrees** to keep the matter of the functional division of tasks and activities between the Governing Body and the Commission under review and **requests** the Secretary to regularly report any relevant developments in the cooperation with the Commission;
3. **Notes** that the Conference welcomed, at its Thirty-ninth Session, *Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (ABS Elements) and that the Commission will continue elaborating subsector-specific ABS Elements, bearing in mind the on-going activities or processes under the Treaty, including the current process to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing and the on-going cooperation to support the harmonious implementation of the Treaty and the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol, at various levels;
4. **Welcomes** the proposal of a global workshop jointly organized by the two Secretariats on *Access and Benefit-sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, to be held during the next biennium, subject to the availability of the necessary extra-budgetary funds;
5. **Welcomes** the proposed study to be prepared jointly by the two Secretariats analysing the relevance of the Treaty's information systems to support the monitoring of the implementation of the Second GPA and the preparation of the Third Report, and the relevance of WIEWS to support the Parties of the Governing Body in reporting on the implementation of the Treaty;
6. **Requests** the Secretary to continue strengthening collaboration with the Secretary of the Commission to promote coherence in the development and implementation of the respective

programmes of work of the two bodies, and in particular with regard to:

- access and benefit-sharing;
- the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, and the consideration of the Third Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; and
- the monitoring and implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, including further work on the development of Draft Technical Guidelines on National Level Conservation and Use of Landraces and on National Level Conservation of Crop Wild Relatives which the Commission's Working Group and the Commission will consider at their next sessions, and on the Global network(s) on *in situ* conservation and on-farm management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.