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CONSIDERATION OF DIGITAL SEQUENCE INFORMATION / GENETIC SEQUENCE DATA ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling that Resolution 13/2019 on the Multi-Year Programme of Work for the Governing Body of the International Treaty requested the Secretary to inform the Governing Body at its Ninth Session of the state of discussions and outcomes of the related processes in the Convention on Biological Diversity and in the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture as they relate to the potential implications of the use of “digital sequence information” on genetic resources for the objectives of the International Treaty;

1. *Notes* that the Governing Body has not yet decided on the official terminology for digital sequence information / genetic sequence data and therefore uses “DSI/GSD” until new terminology is agreed;
2. *Thanks* those Contracting Parties and stakeholders that provided inputs on “DSI/GSD” as requested by the Governing Body, through Resolution 13/2019;
3. *Requests* the Secretary to continue following the discussions on Digital Sequence Information (DSI) in other fora and to continue coordinating with the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in any related activities, in order to ensure coherence and avoid duplication of work;
4. *Takes note* of the document IT/GB-9/22/17.2 Rev.1, *Consideration of Digital Sequence Information in Accordance with Resolution 13/2017 and the Multi-Year Programme of Work*, in particular paragraphs 13-15 regarding the latest deliberations on DSI on genetic resources of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;
5. *Encourages* Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in their consideration of potential decisions on a solution for fair and equitable benefit-sharing from the use of DSI on genetic resources, to bear in mind the need for implementation of the International Treaty and of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol to be mutually supportive;
6. *Requests* the Secretary to continue monitoring developments in all relevant international fora with regard to DSI/GSD and to report to the Governing Body at its Tenth Session for consideration of the implications of those developments for the objectives and the functioning of the International Treaty;
7. *Acknowledges* that, in deciding to resume the process for enhancing the functioning of the Multilateral System, the Governing Body has requested the Co-chairs accord early attention to the issue of “DSI/GSD” and *requests* that the Co-chairs’ checkpoint report include the progress made regarding “DSI/GSD”;
8. *Requests* the Secretary to invite Contracting Parties and stakeholders to provide information about their capacity building needs for accessing and using “DSI/GSD” and to share their experiences in this regard;

9. ***Requests*** the Secretary to compile the information provided, for consideration of the Governing Body at its Tenth Session;
10. ***Calls on*** Contracting Parties and other donors with the capacity to do so to promote the provision of financial resources and technical assistance to reduce the existing gap on capacity regarding “DSI/GSD” between developed and developing countries.