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**Views, Experiences and Best Practices as an example of possible options for  
the national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty**

*Note by the Secretary*

*At its [second meeting](#) of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (AHTEG), the Expert Group agreed on a revised version of the [template](#) for collecting information on examples of national measures, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights*

*This document presents information on best practices and measures of implementing Article 9 of the International Treaty submitted by Jordan on 25 August 2020.*

*The submission is presented in the form and language in which it was received.*



### Basic information

- Title of measure/practice  
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### **Description of the examples**

#### **Mandatory information:<sup>1</sup>**

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (MITS) has a role in buying grain from farmers as wheat reserve and buy improved grains as seeds from farmers with preferential prices. The grain seeds sieving and sterilization project was launched in 1982 in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply.

The National Production Protection bylaw No. 55 of 2000 published on page 4526 of the Official Gazette No. 4465 dated 11/16/2000 issued in accordance with Article 14 of the National Production Protection Law No. 4 of 1998 - Article 37 states that:

A. The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (MITS) collects the following fees from applicants for protection:

1. Two hundred and fifty dinars for submitting the application.
2. Seven hundred and fifty dinars for the start of the investigation.

B. The provisions of Paragraph (a) of this article **do not apply** if the request and the investigation relate to an agricultural product.

<https://www.mit.gov.jo/En/List/Regulations>

In addition, Patent Law and its amendments No. 32 of 1999 published on page 4256 of the Official Gazette No. 4389 dated 01/11/1999 - Article 3 states that:

The invention is patentable if the following conditions are met:

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<sup>1</sup> This mandatory information is required in order for the measure/practice to be included in the Inventory.



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C. If it is industrially applicable so that it can be made or used in any type of agriculture, fishing, services or industry in the broadest sense, including handicrafts.

Moreover, Article 4 states that:

A patent is not granted in any of the following cases: Inventions whose commercial exploitation is necessary to protect human, animal, or plant life or health, or to avoid severe damage to the environment. In order to apply the provisions of Clauses (1) and (2) of this paragraph, the prohibition of protection is not decided merely to stipulate the prohibition of the exploitation of this invention under the other legislation in force.

As for the role of the Jordanian Cooperative Corporation, it was focused on:

1. Making contracts with farmers to plant foundation seeds and produce improved seeds
2. Sieving, sterilizing and transforming the seeds in order to secure it for farmers through its stations. In the period 2012-2016, about 8637 tons of sifted, sterilized, mixed and standardized seeds were provided.
3. Maintaining a strategic stock of sieving and sterilized grains to cover the shortage in drought years.

Ministry of Finance - Income and Sales Tax Department is supporting the farmers as well. /This is obvious by its Income Tax Law No. (34) of 2014 and its amendments. Law amending the Income Tax Law No. 38 of 2018 (periods 2019 and beyond) - Article 5 states that:

A - Exemption from tax is the first (1,000,000) million dinars from sales of a natural person resulting from agricultural activity inside the Kingdom.

B - Exemption from tax is the first (50,000) fifty thousand dinars of the net income of a legal person generated within the Kingdom from agricultural activity.

C- For the purposes of this article, agricultural activity means the following: -

- 1- Production of crops, grains, vegetables, fruits, plants, flowers and trees.
2. Breeding livestock, fish, birds and bees, including the production of eggs and honey.

Indeed, the role of the Ministry of Agriculture has been organizing and developing the agricultural sector for the sake of a developed, diversified, growing and integrated agricultural production. Actually, the Agricultural Risk Management Fund Act of 2009 - Article 4 states that: The fund aims to:

A- Managing risks to the agricultural sector in the Kingdom, and limiting their effects.

B - Compensation to the beneficiaries in the event of agricultural risks according to principles, mechanisms and ceilings determined according to a system issued for this purpose.

C- Building institutional capacities in the field of agricultural risk management.

D- Contributing to achieving sustainable agricultural development.



E - Encouraging the beneficiaries to adopt modern methods to reduce agricultural risks as much as possible and developing techniques to control them to reduce the losses resulting from them. (<http://pm.gov.jo/newspaperSubjects/4948/4948.html>)

In addition, Article 12 is supportive as well. It states that:

The public treasury contributes fifteen million dinars, from which eight million dinars are paid in the first year of the fund's establishment, four million dinars are paid from it in the second year of its incorporation, and three million dinars are paid from it in the third year of incorporation.

On the other hand, regulation No. (74) for the year 2016 set out a compensation system for farmers affected by frost issued in accordance with Paragraph (c) of Article (4) of the Agricultural Risk Management Fund Law of 2009. Article 3 states that:

The application for compensation for the farmer affected by the frost is limited to damages that affect fruit trees, exposed and protected vegetables, medicinal and aromatic plants.

The Ministry of Agriculture has also instructions for distributing feed materials (barley and bran) to livestock breeders Issued based on the text of Article (12) of the Industry and Commerce Law No. (21) for the year 1991 According to the provisions of Article (12) of the Industry and Trade Law No. (21) of the year 1991 and pursuant to the provisions of Article No. (4 / B) Paragraph (3) of the law states the following:

Mechanism for distributing feed to livestock breeders

- 1- The fodder materials are disbursed to the real holders and registered with the Ministry's feedstock selling centers in the governorates According to the numbers specified according to the livestock vaccination card issued by the Ministry of Agriculture.
- 2- The feed materials are disbursed according to the records issued by this ministry, which include the national number and the owner's name possession, data related to livestock preparation, and each person's share of feed materials.
- 3- It is allowed to sell fodder materials to citizens who do not have vaccination cards and have holdings in quantities not exceeding 122 kg one time one per month, provided that they prove their livestock rearing by the Ministry of Agriculture.

- Brief history (including starting year), as appropriate
- Core components of the measure/practice (max 200 words)
- Description of the context and the history of the measure/practice is taking place (political, legal and economic framework conditions for the measure/practice) (max 200 words)



- To which provision(s) of Article 9 of the International Treaty does this measure relate

- Art. 9.1
- Art. 9.2a
- Art. 9.2b
- Art. 9.2c
- Art. 9.3

**Other information, if applicable**

- Please indicate which category of the Inventory is most relevant for the proposed measure, and which other categories are also relevant (if any):

No.	Category	Most relevant <sup>2</sup>	Also relevant <sup>3</sup>
1	Recognition of local and indigenous communities', farmers' contributions to conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, such as awards and recognition of custodian/guardian farmers		
2	Financial contributions to support farmers conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA such as contributions to benefit-sharing funds	√	
3	Approaches to encourage income-generating activities to support farmers' conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA		√
4	Catalogues, registries and other forms of documentation of PGRFA and protection of traditional knowledge		
5	In-situ/on-farm conservation and management of PGRFA, such as social and cultural measures, community biodiversity management and conservation sites		√
6	Facilitation of farmers' access to a diversity of PGRFA through community seed banks <sup>4</sup> , seed networks and other measures improving farmers' choices of a wider diversity of PGRFA.		
7	Participatory approaches to research on PGRFA, including characterization and evaluation, participatory plant breeding and variety selection		√

<sup>2</sup> Please select only one category that is most relevant, under which the measure will be listed.

<sup>3</sup> Please select one or several categories that may also be relevant (if applicable).

<sup>4</sup> Including seed houses.



8	Farmers' participation in decision-making at local, national and sub-regional, regional and international levels		
9	Training, capacity development and public awareness creation		
10	Legal measures for the implementation of Farmers' Rights, such as legislative measures related to PGRFA.		
11	Other measures / practices		

- In case you selected 'other measures', would you like to suggest a description of this measure, e.g. as a possible new category? \_\_\_\_\_
- Objective(s)
- Target group(s) and numbers of involved and affected farmers<sup>5</sup>
- Location(s) and geographical outreach
- Resources used for implementation of the measure/practice
- How has the measure/practice affected the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture?
- Please describe the achievements of the measure/ practice so far (including quantification) (max 200 words)
- Other national level instruments that are linked to the measure/practice
- Are you aware of any other international agreements or programs that are relevant for this measure/practice?
- Other issues you wish to address, that have not yet been covered, to describe the measure/practice

**Lessons learned**

- Describe lessons learned which may be relevant for others who wish to do the same or similar measures/practices (max 250 words).
- What challenges encountered along the way (if applicable) (max 200 words)
- What would you consider conditions for success, if others should seek to carry out such a measure or organize such an activity? (max 100 words)

**Further information**

- Link(s) to further information about the measure/practice

<https://www.mit.gov.jo/En>

<http://www.jcc.gov.jo/>

<https://www.narc.gov.jo>

<https://www.istd.gov.jo/indexEn.aspx>

<https://www.moa.gov.jo>

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<sup>5</sup> Any classification, e.g. of the types of farmer addressed, may be country-specific.