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Major outcomes and follow-ups of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

The Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the “International Treaty”) has the honour to draw attention to the Report of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty, held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 30 October to 3 November 2017. The Report (IT/GB-7/17/Report) and the Resolutions are available online at <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/meetings-detail/en/c/888771/>

[...] The Governing Body took a number of decisions that require action by Contracting Parties. This circular communication draws to the attention of Contracting Parties those decisions that are addressed to them or that have direct implications for them. Attached is a *Table* summarizing the actions requested from Contracting Parties by the Seventh Session of the Governing Body and decisions from previous Sessions that require regular update. Details and background information are contained in the *Annex* to this communication.

It would be appreciated if replies to this communication could be sent electronically to:

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The calendar of meetings and intersessional processes for 2018-19 is attached as *Addendum 3* to the *Annex*. They can be consulted online at: <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/en/>

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**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES
BY THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Resolution	ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
1/2017	<p>CONTRIBUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE TO THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>To mainstream plant genetic diversity into national development strategies, action plans, programmes and projects;</p> <p>To submit national reports under the Compliance Procedures to inform on their progress towards the achievement of SDG Target 15.6;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>1 October 2018</p>
2/2017	<p>MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM OF ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING</p> <p>Commitment from all Contracting Parties to fulfil the mandate given to the Working Group</p> <p>To provide support and financial resources for the Working Group to be able to fulfil its task on schedule;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>
3/2017	<p>IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNDING STRATEGY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY</p> <p>To provide information to the Secretary on bilateral programmes and funding for national and regional PGRFA activities, and to continue making and expanding contributions to the funding tools under the Funding Strategy, in particular those under the direct control of the Governing Body;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p>
4/2017	<p>OPERATIONS OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM OF ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING</p> <p>To identify at accession level the material that forms part of the Multilateral System and include the respective passport data into the Global Information System;</p> <p>To make resources available and collaborate with the Secretary on organizing training programmes and workshops on the Multilateral System;</p> <p>To contribute to the Third Party Beneficiary Operational Reserve, if not yet done so;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>

5/2017	<p>IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL INFORMATION SYSTEM</p> <p>To provide the necessary resources for the implementation of the Programme of Work on GLIS, in particular for capacity strengthening activities;</p>	As soon as possible
6/2017	<p>IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 6, SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE</p> <p>To continue reporting on the implementation of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Supporting Initiatives (PoW);</p>	As soon as possible
7/2017	<p>IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 9, FARMERS' RIGHTS</p> <p>To submit views, experiences and best practices as an example of possible options for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, in preparation for the inventory to be produced by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights</p> <p>To engage farmers' organizations and relevant stakeholders in matters related to the realization of Farmers' Rights and to promote awareness-raising and capacity-building towards this aim;</p> <p>To promote sustainable biodiverse production systems and facilitate participatory approaches such as community seed banks, community biodiversity registries, participatory plant breeding and seed fairs;</p> <p>To convene further regional workshops and other consultations for the exchange of knowledge, views and experiences on the realization of Farmers' Rights;</p> <p>To support the activities outlined in the Resolution 7/2017, including through the provision of financial resources;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>
8/2017	<p>COMPLIANCE</p> <p>To submit the reports pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures;</p>	As soon as possible, and no later than 1 October 2018
9/2017	<p>COOPERATION WITH THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY</p> <p>To ensure due attention is given to plans and programmes that support the implementation of the International Treaty within the governing bodies of the Global Environment Facility;</p> <p>To support the implementation of <i>Options for Enhancing Synergies Among the Biodiversity-related Conventions at the National Level</i>, and the <i>Road Map for Enhancing Synergies Among the Biodiversity-related Conventions at the International Level 2017-2020</i>, contained in Annexes I and II of Decision XIII/24 of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>

<p>11/2017</p>	<p>COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE</p> <p>To implement, as appropriate, the <i>Voluntary Guidelines for national level conservation of crop wild relatives and wild food plants</i>;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p>
<p>12/2017</p>	<p>COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND ORGANIZATION</p> <p>To take initiatives to strengthen the harmonious and mutually supportive implementation of the International Treaty and other relevant international instruments and processes;</p> <p>To provide support for the continuation and expansion of the Joint Capacity Building Programme with Bioversity International;</p> <p>To take measures to enhance synergies in their implementation of or participation in biodiversity-related conventions to promote policy coherence, improve efficiency and enhance coordination and cooperation at all levels;</p> <p>To provide necessary financial and material support to secure the international collections whose orderly maintenance is at risk or threaten;</p> <p>To consider making use of the Seed Vault in the strategies for securing important seed collections and for the purpose of long-term storage of PGRFA;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>
<p>13/2017</p>	<p>MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY</p> <p>To provide inputs, through the Bureau, for the development of the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW);</p> <p>To provide information to the Governing Body on, <i>inter alia</i>, terminology used in the area of “digital sequence information” on PGRFA, on actors involved, the types and relevance of “digital sequence information” on PGRFA to food security and nutrition;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p> <p>As soon as possible</p>
<p>14/2017</p>	<p>WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2018–19</p> <p>Contribute to the Core Administrative Budget 2018-2019; Contribute to Special Fund for Agreed Purposes; Contribute to Developing Countries’ Participation Fund; Contribute to the Benefit-sharing Fund;</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p>

ANNEX
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

**ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES BY
THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

The following paragraphs of the Resolutions contained in the Report of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body address Contracting Parties, or have direct implications for them. The actions are presented by paragraphs of the Resolutions.

**RESOLUTION 1/2017 - CONTRIBUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON
PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE TO THE 2030
AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

4. ***Calls upon*** Contracting Parties and other stakeholders to mainstream plant genetic diversity into their national development strategies, action plans, programmes and projects, including measures to promote Farmers' Rights and sustainable use of PGRFA as set out in the International Treaty, and ***requests*** the Secretary to support these efforts as appropriate.
5. ***Emphasizes*** that the Contracting Parties' reports under the Compliance Procedures on the implementation of their obligations under the International Treaty provide a useful source of information to assess progress in the implementation of access and benefit-sharing for PGRFA, and ***invites*** Contracting Parties to submit such national reports to inform on their progress towards the achievement of SDG Target 15.6;
- 6 ***Urges*** Contracting Parties to continue their efforts to regularly revise and update their notifications to the International Treaty
- 17 ***Calls upon*** Contracting Parties to comply with the obligations as provided for in Article 18.4 of the financial provisions of the International Treaty and donors to support implementation of the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty as part of their commitments to mobilize the necessary resources to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

**RESOLUTION 2/2017 - MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE
MULTILATERAL SYSTEM OF ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING**

4. ***Extends*** the mandate of the Working Group, for the 2018-2019 biennium and requests the Working Group, with support from the Secretary, to: [...]
 - b. revise the Standard Material Transfer Agreement, based on the Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System (IT/GB-7/17/7), and taking into account, inter alia: [...]
 - ii. further information or proposals that have been or may be submitted by Contracting Parties and stakeholder groups;
7. ***Invites*** a commitment from all Contracting Parties to fulfil the mandate given to the Working Group, [...]
8. ***Calls*** upon all regions to ensure that all necessary expertise is available to the Working Group and regular feedback from the Working Group members is provided to other Contracting Parties of their regions;
9. ***Urges*** Contracting Parties to provide support and financial resources, as necessary, for the Working Group to be able to fulfil its tasks on schedule.

RESOLUTION 3/2017 - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNDING STRATEGY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY

12. *Invites* Contracting Parties to provide information to the Secretary on bilateral programmes and funding for national and regional PGRFA activities for compilation and analysis by the Ad Hoc Committee in order to finalize the updated Funding Strategy;

14. *Invites* Contracting Parties, the private sector and other donors to continue making and expand contributions to the funding tools under the Funding Strategy, in particular those under the direct control of the Governing Body;

RESOLUTION 4/2017 - OPERATIONS OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM OF ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

PART I: AVAILABILITY OF MATERIAL IN THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM

2. *Urges* Contracting Parties that have not yet done so to identify at accession level the material that forms part of the Multilateral System and include the respective passport data into the Global Information System [...]

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of collections that are fully characterized and evaluated, and *appeals* to both Contracting Parties and natural and legal persons to make them available in the Multilateral System together with the relevant non-confidential characterization and evaluation data;

4. *Invites* Contracting Parties and other holders of material to use, on a voluntary basis, the Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) of the Global Information System as one of the methods for the identification of material available in the Multilateral System;

PART II: OPERATIONS OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM

8. *Invites* Contracting Parties and relevant international organizations to make available resources for, and collaborate with the Secretary on, organizing training programmes and workshops on the Multilateral System;

16. *Decides* to maintain the Third Party Beneficiary Operational Reserve for the 2018-2019 biennium at the current level of USD 283,280 and to review same at its Eighth Session, and *calls upon* Contracting Parties that have not done so yet, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other entities to contribute to the Reserve;

RESOLUTION 5/2017 - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

10. *Invites* Contracting Parties, other governments and stakeholders to provide the necessary resources to implement the Programme of Work on GLIS, in particular capacity-strengthening activities including mentoring and coaching in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

RESOLUTION 6/2017 - IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 6, SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

1. *Requests* Contracting Parties and stakeholders to continue reporting on the implementation of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Supporting Initiatives (PoW), and *acknowledges* the contribution of these initiatives to the sustainable use of PGRFA;

RESOLUTION 7/2017 - IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 9, FARMERS' RIGHTS

2. **Invites** each Contracting Party to consider developing national action plans for implementation of Article 9, as appropriate and subject to national legislation, in line with implementation of Articles 5 and 6 of the International Treaty, and to share information regarding progress with the development and implementation of such action plans;
3. **Invites** each Contracting Party to engage farmers' organizations and relevant stakeholders in matters related to the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and to promote awareness-raising and capacity-building towards this aim;
4. **Invites** Contracting Parties to promote sustainable biodiverse production systems and facilitate participatory approaches such as community seed banks, community biodiversity registries, participatory plant breeding and seed fairs as tools for realizing Farmer's Rights as set out in the Article 9 of the International Treaty, as appropriate;
5. **Invites** Contracting Parties and relevant organizations to take initiatives to convene further regional workshops and other consultations with a broad range of stakeholders, including with farmers' organizations, particularly those in the centres of origin and crop diversity, for the exchange of knowledge, views and experiences on the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, and present the results at the Eighth Session of the Governing Body;
8. **Invites** Contracting Parties and all relevant stakeholders, especially farmers' organizations, to submit views, experiences and best practices as an example of possible options for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, as appropriate and subject to national legislation, in preparation for the inventory, and **requests** the Secretary to compile and submit this input to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights;
9. **Commends** the Secretariat for the work undertaken to finalize and publish the Educational Module on Farmers' Rights, and requests the Secretary and **invites** Contracting Parties to disseminate and use the Educational Module;
13. **Invites** each Contracting Party that has not already done so, to consider reviewing, and, if necessary, adjusting national measures affecting the realization of Farmers' Rights in particular regulations concerning variety release and seed distribution, to protect and promote Farmers' Rights, as set out in the Article 9 of the International Treaty, as appropriate and subject to national legislation;
19. **Calls upon** Contracting Parties to support the activities outlined in this Resolution, including through the provision of financial resources;

RESOLUTION 8/2017 – COMPLIANCE

3. **Urges** Contracting Parties that have not yet done so, including States that have become Contracting Parties since the Fifth Session and before the Seventh Session of the Governing Body, to submit, **as soon as possible, and no later than 1 October 2018**, their reports pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures;
4. **Invites** Contracting Parties to update their reports pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures, as necessary, and **notes** that such reports are to be submitted every five years or periodically, in accordance with the Compliance Procedures;
8. **Reiterates** that one of the functions of the Compliance Committee is to offer advice and facilitate assistance, including legal advice and legal assistance, to any Contracting Party on matters relating to compliance, with a view to assisting it to comply with its obligations under the International Treaty, and accordingly **invites** Contracting Parties to make submissions on such matters for consideration by the Compliance Committee;

RESOLUTION 9/2017 - COOPERATION WITH THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

5. **Invites** Contracting Parties, in line with Article 18.4 (a) of the International Treaty, to ensure due attention to plans and programmes that support the implementation of the International Treaty within the governing bodies of the Global Environment Facility including by making use, if appropriate, of the Elements of Advice for the Global Environment Facility in relation to the International Treaty prepared by the Bureau;
- 7 **Welcomes** the Options for Enhancing Synergies Among the Biodiversity-related Conventions at the National Level, and the Road Map for Enhancing Synergies Among the Biodiversity-related Conventions at the International Level 2017-2020, contained in Annexes I and II of Decision XIII/24 of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;
8. **Invites** Contracting Parties to consider supporting implementation of these options, in order to further strengthen cooperation and coordination with other relevant international instruments and to enhance synergies with them;

RESOLUTION 11/2017 - COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

3. **Welcomes** the Voluntary Guidelines for national level conservation of crop wild relatives and wild food plants and **invites** Contracting Parties to implement them, as appropriate;

RESOLUTION 12/2017 - COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

PART I: INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

4. **Encourages** Contracting Parties to take initiatives to strengthen the harmonious and mutually supportive implementation of the International Treaty and other relevant international instruments and processes, in order to promote policy coherence and improve efficiency at all levels and implement their various goals and commitments in a coherent, clear, and mutually supportive manner;
6. **Affirms** the need to expand the Joint Capacity Building Programme with Bioersity International and to ensure that the Secretary continue play an active role of coordination, monitoring and analysis of results and impacts, and **calls upon** Contracting Parties and donors to provide additional funding to support its continuation;
9. **Urges** Contracting Parties to take measures to enhance synergies in their implementation of or participation in biodiversity-related conventions to promote policy coherence, improve efficiency and enhance coordination and cooperation at all levels and **invites** international organizations and donors to provide financial resources to support efforts that encourage synergies in policy development and the fulfilment of obligations under the biodiversity-related conventions;

PART II: ARTICLE 15 INSTITUTIONS

17 **Takes note** of the ongoing efforts to secure the international collections whose orderly maintenance is at risk or threatened, and **requests** the Secretary to continue exercising his responsibilities under Article 15 of the International Treaty, in close collaboration with host governments, as applicable, and in partnership with other interested governments and relevant institutions that are capable of providing technical and other necessary support to these efforts;

18. **Invites** Contracting Parties, donors and other stakeholders to provide necessary financial and material support to facilitate these efforts;

PART III: MANAGEMENT OF THE SVALBARD GLOBAL SEED VAULT

24. **Invites** Contracting Parties, international institutions and other relevant bodies to consider making use of the Seed Vault in their strategy for securing their important seed collections and for the purpose of long-term storage of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;

RESOLUTION 13/2017 - MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY

1. **Requests** the Bureau to develop, with the support of the Secretary and inputs from Contracting Parties, the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for the Governing Body for its consideration at the Eighth Session;

4. **Invites** Contracting Parties, other governments, relevant stakeholders and individuals with relevant expertise on the matter to provide information to the Governing Body on, *inter alia*, terminology used in this area, actors involved with “digital sequence information” on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA), the types and extent of uses of “digital sequence information” on PGRFA and the relevance of “digital sequence information” on PGRFA to food security and nutrition;

RESOLUTION 14/2017 - WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2018–19

Background: Structure of the Budget of the International Treaty

In adopting the Financial Rules of the International Treaty, the Governing Body decided that the Budget of the International Treaty should comprise four Trust Funds¹. These have been established, and given the following symbols:

	ITPGRFA Trust Fund Symbol
The Core Administrative Budget (Rule V.1b);	MTF/INT/017/MUL, ITPGRFA (Core Administrative Budget)
The Special Fund for Agreed Purposes (Rule V.1d);	MTF/INT/019/MUL, ITPGRFA (Special Fund)
The Special Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition, in the Governing Body and its subsidiary bodies (Rule V.1f);	MTF/INT/018/MUL, ITPGRFA (Developing Country Participation)
The Benefit-sharing Fund (Rule V.1j)	GINC/INT/031/MUL, ITPGRFA (Benefit-sharing Fund)

Contracting Parties are invited to clearly state the relevant ITPGRFA Trust Fund Symbol in all contributions they make. Such transfers should be made, unless otherwise established with the Contracting Party, to following account:

Bank Name: Citibank
Bank Address: 399 Park Avenue, New York, NY, USA, 10022
Swift/BIC: CITIUS33
ABA/Bank Code: 021000089
Account Name: Food Agr Org – TF USD
Account No.: 36352577
Description: ITPGRFA (Trust Fund Symbol here)

By Resolution 14/2017, the Seventh Session of the Governing Body:

3. **Urges** all Contracting Parties to provide the resources required in the Core Administrative Budget, as adopted;²

¹ Financial Rules, IT/GB-1/06/Report.

² The Governing Body adopted a total Cord Work Programme of USD7,809,269. The net amount to be funded by Contracting Parties, excluding the Contribution from FAO, is USD 5,809,269. Addendum 1 contains the Indicative Scale of Contributions for the Calendar Years 2018-2019 applied to the contribution by Contracting Parties of the adopted budget.

4. **Urges** Contracting Parties who made no, or only limited contributions in previous biennia, to make contributions to the Core Administrative Budget³;
9. **Notes** that Contracting Parties, who have not contributed to the Working Capital Reserve, will be requested to contribute the balance necessary to bring the reserve up to its established level, in the call for contributions for the 2018-19 biennium, by separate voluntary contributions, in addition to their voluntary contributions to the Core Administrative Budget;
11. **Thanks** those Governments who have generously donated substantial funds for additional project activities, outside the Core Administrative Budget, in support of the International Treaty's operational systems and **invites** Governments to replenish the funds for project activities which will be critical for the continued successful implementation of the International Treaty in the 2018-19 biennium;
14. **Encourages** Contracting Parties and other donors to replenish the Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries in the amount of USD700 000 for the 2018-19 biennium and **requests** the Secretary to include a call for funds to this effect in the annual letters calling for contributions to the Budget;
15. **Encourages** Contracting Parties to contribute to the Trust Fund for Agreed Purposes to replenish resources required to support the implementation and further evolution of the International Treaty in alignment with its 2018-19 Work Programme⁴.

³ Additional information on contributions from the previous biennia can be found at <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/countries/en/>

⁴ *Addendum 2* contains donor-funded supporting projects for which funding will be sought during the biennium.

**Indicative Scale of Contributions for the Calendar Years 2018-2019 to the Core
Administrative Budget MTF/INT/017 MUL, ITPGRFA**

Contracting Parties	Rate %	Contribution USD		Total USD
		2018	2019	
Afghanistan	0.008	232	232	465
Albania	0.010	290	290	581
Algeria	0.201	5,838	5,838	11,677
Angola	0.012	349	349	697
Antigua and Barbuda	0.003	87	87	174
Argentina	1.114	32,358	32,358	64,715
Armenia	0.008	232	232	465
Australia	2.919	84,786	84,786	169,573
Austria	0.899	26,113	26,113	52,225
Bangladesh	0.012	349	349	697
Belgium	1.105	32,096	32,096	64,192
Benin	0.004	116	116	232
Bhutan	0.001	29	29	58
Bolivia	0.015	436	436	871
Brazil	4.775	138,696	138,696	277,393
Bulgaria	0.056	1,627	1,627	3,253
Burkina Faso	0.005	145	145	290
Burundi	0.001	29	29	58
Cambodia	0.005	145	145	290
Cameroon	0.012	349	349	697
Canada	3.648	105,961	105,961	211,922

Central African Republic	0.001	29	29	58
Chad	0.006	174	174	349
Chile	0.498	14,465	14,465	28,930
Congo	0.008	232	232	465
Cook Islands	0.001	29	29	58
Costa Rica	0.059	1,714	1,714	3,427
Côte d'Ivoire	0.011	320	320	639
Croatia	0.124	3,602	3,602	7,203
Cuba	0.081	2,353	2,353	4,706
Cyprus	0.054	1,569	1,569	3,137
Czech Republic	0.430	12,490	12,490	24,980
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.006	174	174	349
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	290	290	581
Denmark	0.729	21,175	21,175	42,350
Djibouti	0.001	29	29	58
Ecuador	0.084	2,440	2,440	4,880
Egypt	0.190	5,519	5,519	11,038
El Salvador	0.018	523	523	1,046
Eritrea	0.001	29	29	58
Estonia	0.047	1,365	1,365	2,730
Ethiopia	0.012	349	349	697
Fiji	0.004	116	116	232
Finland	0.570	16,556	16,556	33,113
France	6.070	176,311	176,311	352,623
Gabon	0.021	610	610	1,220

Germany	7.981	231,819	231,819	463,638
Ghana	0.020	581	581	1,162
Greece	0.588	17,079	17,079	34,159
Guatemala	0.035	1,017	1,017	2,033
Guinea	0.003	87	87	174
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	29	29	58
Guyana	0.003	87	87	174
Honduras	0.010	290	290	581
Hungary	0.201	5,838	5,838	11,677
Iceland	0.029	842	842	1,685
India	0.921	26,752	26,752	53,503
Indonesia	0.630	18,299	18,299	36,598
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.588	17,079	17,079	34,159
Iraq	0.161	4,676	4,676	9,353
Ireland	0.418	12,141	12,141	24,283
Italy	4.681	135,966	135,966	271,932
Jamaica	0.011	320	320	639
Japan	12.092	351,228	351,228	702,457
Jordan	0.025	726	726	1,452
Kenya	0.022	639	639	1,278
Kiribati	0.001	29	29	58
Kuwait	0.356	10,340	10,340	20,681
Kyrgyzstan	0.003	87	87	174
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.004	116	116	232
Latvia	0.062	1,801	1,801	3,602

Lebanon	0.057	1,656	1,656	3,311
Lesotho	0.001	29	29	58
Liberia	0.001	29	29	58
Libya	0.156	4,531	4,531	9,062
Lithuania	0.090	2,614	2,614	5,228
Luxembourg	0.080	2,324	2,324	4,647
Madagascar	0.004	116	116	232
Malawi	0.003	87	87	174
Malaysia	0.402	11,677	11,677	23,353
Maldives	0.003	87	87	174
Mali	0.004	116	116	232
Malta	0.020	581	581	1,162
Marshall Islands	0.001	29	29	58
Mauritania	0.003	87	87	174
Mauritius	0.015	436	436	871
Montenegro	0.005	145	145	290
Morocco	0.067	1,946	1,946	3,892
Myanmar	0.012	349	349	697
Namibia	0.012	349	349	697
Nepal	0.008	232	232	465
Netherlands	1.851	53,765	53,765	107,530
Nicaragua	0.005	145	145	290
Niger	0.003	87	87	174
Norway	1.060	30,789	30,789	61,578
Oman	0.141	4,096	4,096	8,191

Pakistan	0.116	3,369	3,369	6,739
Palau	0.001	29	29	58
Panama	0.042	1,220	1,220	2,440
Papua New Guinea	0.005	145	145	290
Paraguay	0.018	523	523	1,046
Peru	0.170	4,938	4,938	9,876
Philippines	0.206	5,984	5,984	11,967
Poland	1.050	30,499	30,499	60,997
Portugal	0.490	14,233	14,233	28,465
Qatar	0.336	9,760	9,760	19,519
Republic of Korea	2.547	73,981	73,981	147,962
Republic of Moldova	0.005	145	145	290
Romania	0.230	6,681	6,681	13,361
Rwanda	0.003	87	87	174
Saint Lucia	0.001	29	29	58
Samoa	0.001	29	29	58
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	29	29	58
Saudi Arabia	1.431	41,565	41,565	83,131
Senegal	0.006	174	174	349
Serbia	0.040	1,162	1,162	2,324
Seychelles	0.001	29	29	58
Sierra Leone	0.001	29	29	58
Slovakia	0.200	5,809	5,809	11,619
Slovenia	0.105	3,050	3,050	6,100
Spain	3.051	88,620	88,620	177,241

Sri Lanka	0.039	1,133	1,133	2,266
Sudan	0.012	349	349	697
Swaziland	0.003	87	87	174
Sweden	1.194	34,681	34,681	69,363
Switzerland	1.424	41,362	41,362	82,724
Syrian Arab Republic	0.030	871	871	1,743
Togo	0.001	29	29	58
Tonga	0.001	29	29	58
Trinidad and Tobago	0.042	1,220	1,220	2,440
Tunisia	0.035	1,017	1,017	2,033
Turkey	1.271	36,918	36,918	73,836
Tuvalu	0.001	29	29	58
Uganda	0.011	320	320	639
United Arab Emirates	0.754	21,901	21,901	43,802
United Kingdom	5.576	161,962	161,962	323,925
United Republic of Tanzania	0.012	349	349	697
United States of America	22.00 0	639,020	639,020	1,278,039
Uruguay	0.099	2,876	2,876	5,751
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.713	20,710	20,710	41,420
Yemen	0.012	349	349	697
Zambia	0.009	261	261	523
Zimbabwe	0.005	145	145	290
Total	100.00	2,904,635	2,904,635	5,809,269

Donor-funded activities in support of the Core Administrative Budget
for which funding will be sought⁵

	US\$
The Benefit-sharing Support Programme of the Treaty	500,000
Joint Capacity-Building Programme for the harmonious implementation of the Treaty, and the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol	600,000
Outreach, Awareness-raising and Promotion of the Treaty	550,000
Training Programme on the Treaty	460,000
The Global Information System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture under Article 17 of the Treaty	1.1million
Conservation, Sustainable Use of PGRFA and Farmers' Rights under the Article 5, 6 and 9 of the Treaty	500,000

⁵ Financial Rule V.1d

Calendar of inter-sessional meetings⁶

<u>April</u>	<u>2018</u>
1st meeting of the Bureau of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body	4-5 Apr
Benefit-sharing Fund: Briefing for the Independent Panel of Experts on the Call for Project Proposals 4	16-20 Apr
<u>May</u>	
Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainable Use (Electronic Consultations)	May - July
<u>June</u>	
Helpdesk Workshop for the Call for Project Proposals 4	11-12 Jun
3rd meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Article 17 (SAC-GLIS-3)	21-22 Jun, TBC
<u>September</u>	
10th meeting of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (ACFSRM-10)	5-7 Sep
1 st meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (AHTEG)	11-14 Sep (TBC)
<u>October</u>	
8th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit Sharing	10-12 Oct
<u>January</u>	<u>2019</u>
3rd meeting of the Compliance Committee	31 Jan – 1 Feb
<u>March</u>	
9th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit Sharing	Q1 of 2019, TBC
<u>April</u>	
11th meeting of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (ACFSRM-11)	Q2 of 2019, TBC
<u>October</u>	
8 th Session of the Governing Body	28 Oct – 1 Nov, TBC

⁶ Some of the dates are to be confirmed (TBC). They can be consulted online at <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/en/>