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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Resolution 12/2015

SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The Governing Body,

1. **Notes** that the process for the appointment of a Secretary of the Governing Body of the Treaty under Article 20 thereof is set forth in Appendix J of the Report of the First Session of the Governing Body entitled “*Terms of Reference of the Secretary of the Governing Body and Procedures for the Appointment of the Secretary*” (Document IT/GB-1/06/Report Appendix J), hereinafter referred to as “*the 2006 Procedures*”.
2. With a view to implementing the 2006 Procedures, **decides** to include the following item on the Provisional Agenda of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body in 2017: “*Appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*”.
3. **Invites** the Director-General to extend the appointment of the current Secretary of the Governing Body of the Treaty until a new appointment of a Secretary has been made, following approval of the Governing Body, at its Seventh Session in 2017.
4. **Agrees** that the current Secretary of the Governing Body of the Treaty shall be allowed to apply for the position of Secretary of the Governing Body of the Treaty to be filled in 2017.
5. **Requests** the FAO Secretariat to prepare, in close consultation with the Bureau, a procedure for renewal of the appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the Treaty, for consideration and adoption by the Governing Body at its next session in 2017, as well as to propose any adjustments to the appointment procedure which would be necessary in response to the development of a renewal procedure of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the Treaty and which would apply to future selection processes. In preparing the renewal procedure consideration shall be given to defining a maximum term limit for the appointment of the Secretary.
6. **Requests** the Legal Office of FAO to examine, in the context of the work to be undertaken by the FAO Secretariat under paragraph 5 of this Resolution, the possibility that, subject to considerations of confidentiality, the list of applicants received under Paragraph 3 of the 2006 Procedures be circulated for information to all Contracting Parties.