

RESOLUTION 3/2007

Programme of Work and Budget 2008-09

THE GOVERNING BODY,

- (i) **Adopts** the Core Administrative Budget for the biennium 2008-09, as indicated in *Annex 1 of Appendix F*;
- (ii) **Approves** a working capital reserve for the biennium 2008-09 at the level of 10 percent of the Core Administrative Budget, excluding the FAO contribution;
- (iii) **Recalls** that the FAO Governing Bodies have determined that the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture is a priority FAO activity;
- (iv) **Recognizes** that the Treaty is at a critical stage of implementation;
- (v) **Expresses** its concern at the limited level of contributions by Contracting Parties to the Core Administrative Budget for the biennium 2006-07 to date;
- (vi) **Takes note** of the proposed contribution by FAO of US\$ 1,607,000;
- (vii) **Expresses** its concern as to the adequacy of the amount provided for the Treaty in the Regular Budget of FAO for the current biennium to cover the Core Administrative Budget of the Treaty, and **invites** the Governing Bodies of FAO to fund a significantly higher proportion of the Core Administrative Budget of the Treaty in future biennia, than in the biennium 2006-07;
- (viii) **Urges** all Contracting Parties and States that are not Contracting Parties, as well as intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other entities, to contribute to the Core Administrative Budget and the Special Funds of the Treaty;
- (ix) **Notes** the Secretariat staffing table for the biennium 2008-09 set out in *Annex 2 of Appendix F* to this Report, recognizing that the precise staffing arrangements are a matter of the normal executive authority of the Secretary;
- (x) **Decides** that the contribution of the FAO shall be used before any other source of income is used for the funding of the Core Administrative Budget;
- (xi) **Invites** Contracting Parties and States that are not Contracting Parties to provide in-kind support to the Secretary, including through the secondment, as appropriate, of staff, taking into consideration criteria of competence and regional balance in the staff;
- (xii) **Authorizes** the Secretary to transfer resources between the main appropriation lines of the Core Administrative Budget up to an aggregate of 15 percent of the Operating Budget, provided that no more than 25 percent of any main appropriation line may be transferred to another;
- (xiii) **Decides** that the meetings identified in the Core Administrative Budget, and other meetings agreed upon by the Governing Body, shall constitute the work programme for the Governing Body for the biennium 2008-09;

(xiv) **Requests** the Secretary to convene meetings of the *Ad hoc* Advisory Committee for the Funding Strategy, under the Special Funds referred to in Rule VI.2c of the Financial Rules of the Treaty;

(vx) **Decides** to create a “Coordinating Mechanism for Capacity Building” for the national implementation of the Treaty, subject to the availability of funds, whose operation shall for the 2008-09 biennium be funded from voluntary contributions to the Special Funds referred to in Rule VI.2b of the Financial Rules of the Treaty.¹

(xvi) **Requests** the Secretary to provide to the Contracting Parties, within three months after the closure of this session, an estimate of the cost for:

1. Implementation of each of the activities to be funded under the Special Funds referred to in Rule VI.2b of the Financial Rules of the Treaty; and
2. Provision of support to developing country Contracting Parties and Contracting Parties with economies in transition, to be funded under the Fund referred to in Rule VI.2c of the Financial Rules of the Treaty for the biennium 2008-09.

(xvii) **Decides** that Contracting Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition, should be informed in a timely manner by the Secretary, before a meeting, of the availability of funding for their participation in that meeting from the Fund referred to in Rule VI.2c of the Financial Rules of the Treaty. Where such funding is limited, priority should be given to the least developed countries;

(xviii) **Requests** the Secretary to prepare and submit a Draft Programme of Work, including a Secretariat staffing table and a Draft Resolution on the Programme of Work and Budget, for the biennium 2010-11 for the consideration of the Governing Body at its Third Session, and to report on progress on income and expenditures, as well as any adjustments made to the budget for the biennium 2008-09;

(xix) **Requests** the Secretary, working with the Bureau, to prepare and submit a Business Plan for the implementation of the Treaty, for consideration by the Governing Body at its Third Session and decision at its Fourth Session.

(Adopted on 2 November 2007)

¹ The Government of the Kingdom of Spain pledged substantial funds to cover this activity