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Acuérdase autorizar el funcionamiento de la entidad SERVICIOS AVANZADOS DE SEGURIDAD, SOCIEDAD ANÓNIMA, propietaria de la empresa SAS, para que preste servicio privado de seguridad la que regirá su funcionamiento de conformidad con los estatutos establecidos por el Ministerio de Gobernación.

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#### ATENCIÓN ANUNCIANTES IMPRESIÓN SE HACE CONFORME ORIGINAL

Toda impresión en la parte legal del Diario de Centro América, se hace respetando el original. Por lo anterior, esta Administración ruega al público tomar nota.

## ORGANISMO LEGISLATIVO



## CONGRESO DE LA REPÚBLICA DE GUATEMALA

### DECRETO NÚMERO 86-2005

#### EL CONGRESO DE LA REPÚBLICA DE GUATEMALA

#### CONSIDERANDO:

Que durante el 31° Período de Sesiones de la Conferencia de la FAO, celebrado en noviembre de dos mil uno, se suscribió el Tratado Internacional Sobre los Recursos Fitogenéticos para la Alimentación y la Agricultura, el cual fue firmado por la República de Guatemala con fecha doce de junio de dos mil dos.

#### CONSIDERANDO:

Que el Tratado de mérito contiene disposiciones y regulaciones que en su aplicación beneficiarán a los países que lo aprueben; y considerando que en el caso de nuestro país, éste posee una gran riqueza en materia de recursos fitogenéticos, así como el hecho que una gran parte de la población se dedica a las actividades agrícolas como medio de subsistencia, dependiendo de ello su propio bienestar.

#### CONSIDERANDO:

Que el artículo 183 de la Constitución Política de la República de Guatemala otorga al Presidente de la República la facultad de dirigir la política exterior y celebrar, ratificar y denunciar Tratados, y siendo que el Tratado Internacional Sobre los Recursos Fitogenéticos para la Alimentación y la Agricultura ha cumplido con los requisitos previos de análisis y discusión, siendo en todos los ámbitos del mismo favorable a nuestro país.

#### PORTANTO:

En ejercicio de las atribuciones que le confieren los incisos a) y l) del artículo 171 de la Constitución Política de la República.

#### DECRETA:

Artículo 1. Aprobar el Tratado Internacional Sobre los Recursos Fitogenéticos para la Alimentación y la Agricultura, adoptado por el 31° Período de Sesiones de la Conferencia de la FAO, celebrado en noviembre de 2001, firmado por la República de Guatemala el 12 de junio de 2002.

Artículo 2. El presente Decreto fue declarado de urgencia nacional con el voto favorable de más de las dos terceras partes del número total de diputados que integran el Congreso de la República, aprobado en un solo debate y entrará en vigencia el día siguiente de su publicación en el Diario Oficial.

REMÍTASE AL ORGANISMO EJECUTIVO PARA SU SANCIÓN, PROMULGACIÓN Y PUBLICACIÓN.

EMITIDO EN EL PALACIO DEL ORGANISMO LEGISLATIVO, EN LA CIUDAD DE GUATEMALA, EL QUINCE DE NOVIEMBRE DE DOS MIL CINCO.



  
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PRESIDENTE

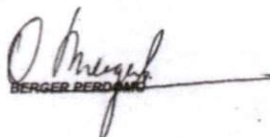
  
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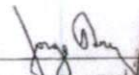
  
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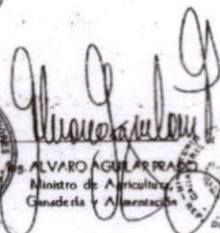
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OSCAR BERGER

  
Jorge Ortiz Abulard  
Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores

  
ALVARO AGUILAR PRADO  
Ministro de Agricultura,  
Ganadería y Alimentación

  
OSCAR BERGER  
Ministro de la Presidencia de la República

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#### ORGANISMO EJECUTIVO



### PRESIDENCIA DE LA REPÚBLICA

Acuérdase crear la Comisión Temporal de Seguimiento al Acuerdo Sobre Bases para la incorporación de la Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca —URNG— a la Legalidad (CSI).

ACUERDO GUBERNATIVO No. 658-2005

Guatemala, 7 de diciembre de 2005.

EL PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA

#### CONSIDERANDO:

Que el Estado de Guatemala y la Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca —URNG— con fecha 29 de diciembre de 1996, suscribieron los Acuerdos de Paz y dentro de dichas bases se pactó la incorporación de la URNG a la legalidad, a la vida civil, política, socioeconómica e institucional del país en función de la aplicación del Acuerdo sobre Cronograma de Implementación, Cumplimiento y Verificación de dichos Acuerdos.

#### CONSIDERANDO:

Que la construcción de una nación democrática, multiétnica, pluricultural y multilingüe, con justicia social, requiere de la participación equitativa de todos los ciudadanos y ciudadanas, en un marco de pleno pluralismo político e ideológico, por lo que tomando en cuenta que la etapa de incorporación de la URNG a la legalidad no se ha concluido en definitiva, es necesario proveer los apoyos necesarios para consolidarla, creando al ente encargado de institucionalizar dichas atribuciones para dar seguimiento a dicha incorporación.

#### POR TANTO:

En ejercicio de las funciones que le confiere el artículo 163 literal e) de la Constitución Política de la República y con fundamento en el artículo 5º de la Ley del Organismo Ejecutivo,

#### ACUERDA:

Artículo 1. Creación. Se crea la Comisión Temporal de Seguimiento al Acuerdo Sobre Bases para la Incorporación de la Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca —URNG— a la Legalidad (CSI), como ente encargado de impulsar la finalización del programa de incorporación oportunamente aprobado por la Comisión Especial de Incorporación (CEI) y lograr así la incorporación definitiva en el marco de las definiciones del propio Acuerdo.

Artículo 2. Integración. La referida Comisión será integrada en la forma siguiente:

- César Amílcar Pantaleón Herrera y Enrique Eduardo Aguirre Cantero, en representación del Gobierno de la República y como suplente Elmen Vosbell Mérida Méndez.
- Ángel Berna Gil y Jorge Macías Frias, en representación de la Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca —URNG— y como suplente Patricia Castillo Huertas.
- Un representante del Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo —PNUD—.

Artículo 3. Secretaría Ejecutiva. Se deberá crear una Secretaría Ejecutiva, que viabilice las responsabilidades que la Comisión le designe.

Artículo 4. Funcionamiento. La Comisión se reunirá de acuerdo a las convocatorias que realice la Secretaría Ejecutiva y sus decisiones se adoptarán por consenso.

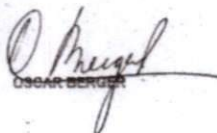
Artículo 5. Asesoría Técnica. La Secretaría de la Paz aportará los recursos humanos y financieros para dotar de asistencia técnica a cada una de las partes, cuando así lo requieran y según las posibilidades presupuestarias de la misma.

Artículo 6. Temporalidad de la Comisión. La Comisión de Seguimiento al Acuerdo sobre Bases para la Incorporación de la Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca a la Legalidad (CSI), permanecerá en funciones durante un periodo de seis meses y deberá rendir informe de su trabajo y divulgar los resultados del mismo.

Artículo 7. El presente Acuerdo empieza a regir el día siguiente de su publicación en el Diario de Centro América.

#### COMUNIQUESE:



  
OSCAR BERGER

  
CARLOS VIESCA  
MINISTRO DE COMUNICACION

  
Jorge Ortiz Abulard  
Ministro General  
DE LA PRESIDENCIA DE LA REPUBLICA



(E-786-2005) — 9 — diciembre





**Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations**



**International Treaty  
on Plant Genetic Resources  
for Food and Agriculture**

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## **RESOLUTION 17/2023**

### **WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2024–2025**

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#### **THE GOVERNING BODY,**

##### *Recalling that:*

- a) The FAO Governing Bodies have determined that the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (International Treaty) is a priority FAO activity;
- b) The FAO Conference has recommended that “statutory bodies and conventions will be strengthened, enjoying more financial and administrative authority within the framework of FAO and a greater degree of self-funding by their Members”;

##### *Recognizing that:*

- a) The execution of the Work Programme is subject to adequate resources being available, in a timely manner, within the Core Administrative Budget, the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes, as well as other resources that are not under the direct control of the Governing Body but are addressed in the Funding Strategy, and this will be essential to the future functioning, integrity and effectiveness of the International Treaty;
  - b) The Core Administrative Budget is structurally under-resourced, impacting the execution of the Work Programme;
1. *Thanks* the Secretariat for providing information on implementation of the Work Programme and Budget of the previous biennium, and its efforts to improve transparency and accountability, including through reporting on the outcomes and impact of activities under the Work Programme, and *requests* the Secretariat to continue these efforts;
  2. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide a financial update to the Bureau of the Eleventh Session, to include information on the actual income and actual expenditure for the 2020 – 2021 and 2022 – 2023 biennia, and information on the balance carried forward from previous biennia;
  3. *Adopts* the International Treaty’s Work Programme and the Core Administrative Budget for the Biennium 2024–2025, as contained in Annex 1 to this Resolution, recognizing that all proposed activities are subject to the availability of funding;
  4. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions, in accordance with Financial Rule V.1 b), as contained in Annex 3 to this Resolution;
  5. *Confirms* the authorization to the Secretary, on an exceptional basis, to draw upon the available carry-forward balances from prior financial periods an amount up to USD 173,465 to offset contributions in the 2024–2025 biennium, provided that the use of the balance does not reduce the working capital reserve, and that any such utilization be distributed to the work programme proportionate to the approved budget;
  6. *Urges* all Contracting Parties to provide the resources required in the Core Administrative Budget, recognizing that the budget as adopted reflects the consensus of Contracting Parties, including in regard to voluntary payments in accordance with Annex 3 to this Resolution;



7. *Requests* the Secretariat to maintain and regularly keep an updated, accessible, exhaustive and up-to-date information section on the International Treaty website Treaty, reflecting the status of payments to the Core Administrative Budget;
8. *Notes with concern* that the number of Contracting Parties that contribute to the Core Administrative Budget remains low, and *urges* Contracting Parties that make no, or only limited contributions, to make contributions to the Core Administrative Budget;
9. *Requests* the Secretary to explore, under the guidance of the Bureau, possible mechanisms or approaches to improve the rate of contributions to the Core Administrative Budget by Contracting Parties, including lessons that may be learnt from other similar instruments, and to report back to the Governing Body at its Eleventh Session;
10. *Approves*, on an exceptional one-time basis, the supplementary appropriation of carry-forward from previous biennia, an amount up to USD 408 404 to fund up to four formal meetings of the Ad-hoc Working Group on the Enhancement of the Functioning of the Multilateral System, and *notes* that this approval does not create a precedent for future Work Programmes and Budgets of the Governing Body;
11. *Recommends* the project proposals contained in the Addendum to Annex 1 to this Resolution to donor Governments and institutions, and *invites* them to provide the funding necessary for the implementation of these projects, which will be critical for the continued successful implementation of the International Treaty in the 2024–2025 biennium, in particular by contributing to the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes;
12. *Invites* States that are not Contracting Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other entities to also contribute to the Core Administrative Budget, consistent with relevant FAO rules;
13. *Takes note* of the contribution from FAO of USD 2 million, and *thanks* it for its continued support to implementation of the International Treaty;
14. *Noting* the determination by FAO Governing Bodies that the International Treaty is a priority FAO activity, *encourages* FAO to increase, through the appropriate processes and procedures, the contribution to the International Treaty and mobilizing additional financial resources for its work;
15. *Invites* Contracting Parties that are also members of relevant Governing Bodies of FAO to consider possibilities for enhancing sustainable regular programme funding for the International Treaty, as appropriate;
16. *Decides* to retain the level of the Working Capital Reserve at USD 580 000;
17. *Notes* that Contracting Parties that 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 2024–2025 biennium, by separate voluntary contributions, in addition to their voluntary contributions to the Core Administrative Budget;
18. *Approves* the Secretariat staffing structure for the Biennium 2024–2025 set out in Annex 2 to this Resolution, recognizing that the precise staffing arrangements are a matter of the normal executive authority of the Secretary;
19. *Thanks* those Governments that have generously donated substantial funds for additional project activities, outside the Core Administrative Budget, in support of implementation of the International Treaty and, in particular, implementation of the Work Programme for the 2022–2023 biennium;
20. *Thanks* the Government of Italy for the staff resources that it has made available to support and extend the activities of the International Treaty;
21. *Encourages* Contracting Parties to contribute to the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes, to support projects that will be critical for the continued successful implementation of the International Treaty in the 2024–2025 biennium;



22. **Confirms** that Contracting Parties that are developing countries and countries with economies in transition should be informed by the Secretary, in a timely manner before a meeting, of the availability of resources to support their participation in that meeting from the Fund referred to in the International Treaty's Financial Rule VI.2 c), and that, where such funding is limited, priority should be given to the least developed countries;
23. **Encourages** Contracting Parties and other donors to replenish the Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries in the amount of USD 700 000 for the 2024–2025 biennium, and **requests** the Secretary to include a call for funds to this effect in the annual letters calling for contributions to the Core Administrative Budget;
24. **Agrees and collectively grants its advance consent** to the budget revisions to the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes and the Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries that may arise from any additional contribution to these Trust Funds, in accordance with the financial rules or administrative requirements of FAO and with the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty;
25. **Agrees** that all interests accruing to the multi-donor Trust Funds of the International Treaty be used in accordance with the terms and purposes of the respective Funds;
26. **Invites** FAO to take into account the specific nature and structure of the International Treaty's Trust Funds and to make necessary arrangements to minimize administrative burdens that might impede the receipt of contributions into those funds;
27. **Requests** the Secretary to continue to seek opportunities to hold International Treaty meetings virtually and back-to-back with other relevant meetings, to save on travel and other costs, without negatively impacting the delivery of the agreed work programme;
28. **Requests** the Secretary to submit a draft Work Programme and Budget for the Biennium 2026–2027, including a Secretariat staffing table and a Draft Resolution, for the consideration of the Governing Body at its Eleventh Session;
29. **Requests** the Secretary to provide a detailed financial report and statement, and a summary narrative report on the implementation of the Work Programme 2024–2025, at least six weeks in advance, to the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body.

***Annexes to the Resolution:***

Annex 1: Work Programme and the Core Administrative Budget for the Biennium 2024–2025

Addendum to Annex 1: Donor-supported activities under the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes

Annex 2: Secretariat staffing structure for the Biennium 2024–2025

Annex 3: Indicative Scale of Contributions



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*Annex 1*

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**Work Programme for the 2024-2025 Biennium****I. INTRODUCTION**

1. It is recalled that due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, originally scheduled to hold in 2021, was significantly postponed to September 2022. The disruptions caused by the extraordinary situation also led to the approval of the *interim* budget, for 2022 only, by the Governing Body at its First Special Session, held in December 2021, to ensure that the Governing Body's functions and the necessary operations of the Secretariat continue effectively throughout the year 2022.
2. The organisation of the Ninth Session of the Governing Body during the gradual to limited easing of the restrictions and measures put in place in response to the global pandemic presented significant procedural and logistic challenges for the Session. The after-effects of the pandemic are still being felt or dealt with in the ongoing activities of the Treaty and the work of the Governing Body.
3. At the Ninth Session in September 2022, the Governing Body, on an exceptional basis, decided to hold the Tenth Session in the last quarter of 2023, to realign the cycle of the Session of the Governing Body with that of the FAO financial period. This meant that there were, effectively, three Sessions of the Governing Body within a period of three years, during and after which very significant developments occurred.
4. After the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) was adopted by the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in December 2022. This marked a major development for the global biodiversity community and has focused greater attention on the work of the International Treaty and its achievements to date, in particular, in relation to access and benefit-sharing and sustainable use.
5. As agreed by the Bureau of the Tenth Session, the intersessional subsidiary bodies have been considering the possible implications of the GBF for the International Treaty, in their respective areas of work, with a view to making relevant observations and recommendations for consideration by the Governing Body at this Session.
6. One of the key FAO strategies, to which the International Treaty contributes, is the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors. Its Action Plan addresses several key issues of relevance to the International Treaty, including access and benefit-sharing, and sustainable use of biodiversity. The FAO Council will be invited to consider the draft 2024–2027 Action Plan at the end of 2023, which would offer an opportunity to build synergies with other relevant strategies, such as FAO's new Strategy on Climate Change 2022–2031, the Vision and Strategy for FAO's Work on Nutrition, and FAO's Science and Innovation Strategy.
7. Within the International Treaty, one of the major developments since the Ninth Session has been the approval of 28 projects to be funded under the Fifth Cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund (BSF) in May 2023. This Cycle will invest more than USD 11 million to support a portfolio projects from all regions, and includes several countries and institutions that will be participating in the BSF for the first time.
8. A number of other important developments also took place under various work tracks of the Treaty and in the implementation of the Work Programme approved by the Ninth Session of the Governing Body for the 2022–2023 biennium. One of the most significant developments is the commencement of the work of the Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System, following its re-establishment by the Ninth Session of the Governing Body. Subject to the guidance of the Governing Body, adequate provision would need to be made for the continuation of the work of the Working Group during the next biennium.



## II. WORK PROGRAMME 2024-2025

9. The draft Work Programme for the 2024–2025 biennium has been prepared primarily based on the work delivered, and major developments since the Ninth Session, as well as reflecting other relevant achievements made from the beginning of the current biennium, in the implementation of the Work Programme for the 2022–2023 biennium. The highlights of the outputs delivered by the Secretary and Secretariat during the current biennium are provided in the document, IT/GB-10/23/18.1, *Implementation Report of the Work Programme for the 2022–2023 Biennium*.

10. The reports submitted by the relevant subsidiary bodies and inter-sessional committees of the Governing Body at this Session provide information on the outcomes of their work and make recommendations on future programmes and activities, also considering key developments that have occurred beyond the sphere of the International Treaty. Other documents, such as those related to cooperation with partner organizations, also report on relevant developments and possible future collaborations. Further, the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the International Treaty (MYPOW) provides information on the expected outputs and milestones to be achieved by the Governing Body at its Eleventh Session.<sup>1</sup>

11. The key strategic objectives reflected in the Work Programme for the biennium seek to maintain and build on progress made in the previous biennium and to prepare for new areas of work, taking into account recent developments both within the Treaty sphere and in the global policy landscape, in particular to:

- continue the enhancement of the core Treaty systems and strategies, particularly the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (Multilateral System), the Funding Strategy, strengthening the implementation of the Programme of Work on the Global Information System (GLIS) on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA), advance the policy and technical work on conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, and Farmers' Rights, in a synergistic manner;
- subject to further guidance by the Governing Body at this Session, continue and finalise the work of the Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System, to be considered at the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body;
- continue to ensure balanced and comprehensive realization of the Treaty's objectives;
- address the funding needs for the overall Work Programme to enable the full implementation of the Treaty;
- amplify the Treaty's profile, policy outreach and governance role in areas of its mandate, and engage in strategic partnerships to enable the Treaty's contributions to, and benefits from, the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and other relevant global initiatives and policies.
- continue the harmonious and mutually supportive implementation of the Treaty, and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its Nagoya Protocol, as complementary and essential parts of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing, ensuring that the Treaty maintains its critical role in the global governance of PGRFA;
- continue facilitating the Governing Body's consideration of the implications of digital sequence information on genetic resources for the objectives of the International Treaty as well as for its relevant components (i.e. the Multilateral System, Farmers' Rights, the Global Information System);

12. At the systemic and governance levels, the aim is to:

- Continue advancing the implementation and consolidate the enhancement of the Treaty systems on a sustainable financial basis;

<sup>1</sup> IT/GB-10/23/17.1, *Review of the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the International Treaty*



- Utilize available resources in the most effective way possible and facilitate structured reporting as a basis for measuring and assessing progress in implementation;
- Enhance the transparency of governance of the Treaty and enhance the effective capacity of the Governing Body to decide on the work programme of the Treaty and its biennial budget;
- Make possible a clear comparison of the approved work programme of the 2022-2023 biennium with the proposed work programme for 2024-2025 biennium, by maintaining the same basic structure, while laying the foundation for a transition towards a streamlined and more coherent format for presenting the budget and work programme from the Eleventh Session;

13. Concrete outcomes and results to be achieved in the 2024–2025 biennium are provided in the relevant draft Resolutions of the Tenth Session. This document therefore particularly focuses on possible outputs to be delivered by the Secretary, to support the Governing Body in its implementation of the Work Programme in the next biennium, and to further strengthen and advance implementation of the International Treaty. To this end, a commensurate Budget is being proposed. As provided in Article 20.5 of the Treaty, in order to achieve the objectives of the International Treaty, cooperation and synergies with partner organizations and stakeholders will continue to be sought in all areas.

#### *Maintenance Functions of the Work Programme*

14. The Maintenance Functions are required in order to maintain the existence of the International Treaty as an international instrument, and to service the Governing Body and its statutory bodies. They derive directly from Articles 19 and 20 of the International Treaty. As a basic and fundamental part of the Work Programme, the Secretary shall perform all the functions envisaged under Articles 19 and 20 of the International Treaty with regard to its administration and maintenance, with particular attention to Article 20.2 to 20.5, including representation and cooperation with relevant organizations.

#### *Compliance*

15. The compliance procedures and mechanisms established under Article 21 of the International Treaty aim to support the Governing Body in monitoring implementation and providing support, advice and assistance, especially to developing countries regarding compliance.

16. The Compliance Committee is a standing subsidiary body of the International Treaty and is called to meet at least once every biennium to prepare a report to the Governing Body, based on the reports and inputs submitted by Contracting Parties, and other matters that are brought to its consideration according to the approved procedures. The Committee also provides advice to Contracting Parties on request, on issues related to compliance.

17. The following outputs are envisaged for the 2024-2025 biennium in relation to compliance:

- At least one in-person meeting of the Compliance Committee is organized (in accordance with Articles 19.3 and 21 of the International Treaty).
- Contracting Parties are assisted in the preparation and submission of the national implementation reports.
- Capacity development and training activities are developed in support of reporting.
- Issues of possible cases of non-compliance are brought to the attention of the Compliance Committee.
- Requests for advice or assistance by Contracting Parties on matters of compliance are brought to the attention of the Compliance Committee.
- Research, information and analyses, as may be requested by the Committee, are completed.



### *Funding Strategy*

18. Since the adoption of the Funding Strategy by the Eighth Session of the Governing Body, the Funding Committee has developed and updated an Operational Plan for its implementation. The Operational Plan encompasses the requests made by the Governing Body through Resolution 3/2019 and Resolution 4/2022, including those related to the new Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy agreed by the Governing Body at its Tenth Session.

19. A number of activities are envisaged to implement the Funding Strategy and its Operational Plan during the next biennium, including holding, at least, two meetings of the Funding Committee and the provision of technical expertise for planned activities under the Operational Plan's focus areas of 'resource mobilization' and 'monitoring and review'. The following outputs are expected to be achieved:

- implementation of the approved Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy;
- analysis of opportunities and potential synergies arising from adoption of the GBF, for integrating PGRFA into national priorities;
- compilation of tools and best practices for better integration of PGRFA into national development plans;
- development of communication tools, products and platforms to help resource mobilization efforts and increase outreach with users of the Multilateral System, new donors and stakeholders, and the visibility and recognition of donors;
- development and streamlining of monitoring and review processes and tools for the Funding Strategy, including those related to the GBF monitoring framework;
- development of draft policy criteria for specific assistance under the Funding Strategy, as called for in Art.13.4 of the International Treaty; and
- rollout of a methodology for monitoring and reviewing the implementation of Non-Monetary Benefit-sharing.

### *Implementation Functions of the Work Programme*

20. The Implementation Functions make provision for activities required to support and enhance the primary functions of the International Treaty and its systems, as well as meetings of ad hoc bodies convened by the Governing Body. They reflect the progressive development of key systems of the International Treaty and achievements made in the past biennia.

### *Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA - Articles 5 and 6*

21. Conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA are crucial objectives of the International Treaty. The Secretary will continue to:

- Promote concrete activities towards the attainment of these objectives, including through strengthening collaboration with partner organizations and joint efforts that would be mutually reinforcing;
- facilitate training and capacity building aimed at advancing characterization, conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, including the assessment of needs of local farmers and other relevant local stakeholders, and the identification of possible means to address those needs; and
- support regional and/or national programmes in policy development for the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, and in building networks and partnerships, and mobilizing resources.

22. The Secretary will also continue to strengthen and capitalize on ongoing initiatives to increase their benefit, impact and visibility, including the Joint Programme on Biodiversity in Agriculture for Sustainable Use of PGRFA and the Toolbox for Sustainable Use of PGRFA, as a



valuable source of information to support Contracting Parties and stakeholders in implementing Articles 5 and 6.

23. Furthermore, based on the recent recommendations of the Ad Hoc Technical Committee on Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA, the Secretary will facilitate the possible development of:

- voluntary guidelines on the implementation of Articles 5 and 6 of the International Treaty;
- an inclusive process to develop voluntary guidelines, and other relevant tools and means to address identified bottlenecks and challenges to the implementation of Articles 5 and 6, possibly including a global symposium and expert input, or small groups to address each type of bottleneck; and
- a mechanism to identify the levels and forms of implementation and countries in need of support in implementing Articles 5 and 6, according to specific contexts and local needs.

#### ***Farmers' Rights – Article 9***

24. The Governing Body recognizes the importance of realizing Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty. The development of the *Inventory of national measures, best practices, and lessons learned on the implementation of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty (the Inventory)*; and the *Options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty (the Options)*, represents milestone achievements in the implementation of Article 9.

25. Building on the significant progress made in the implementation of Article 9, the Secretary will continue to facilitate and organize capacity-building, awareness-raising and outreach activities aimed at promoting and protecting Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, including:

- updating and promoting use of the Inventory and the Options, along with an updated version of the educational module on Farmers' Rights;
- organizing seminars, workshops and consultations to support and facilitate initiatives of Contracting Parties and relevant organizations on promotion of the implementation and realization of Farmers' Rights;
- facilitating the development of regional cooperation plans, with emphasis on South-South cooperation, with reference to Article 18.5 of the International Treaty; and
- strengthening collaboration with other units of FAO and partners that work for the promotion of Farmers' Rights, and the broader United Nations community, including with international human rights bodies, in order to promote the realization of Farmers' Rights.

26. Based on the guidance of the Governing Body at this Session, the Secretary will facilitate and prepare an assessment report regarding the state of implementation of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.

#### ***Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (MLS)***

##### ***• MLS Enhancement***

27. The Governing Body decided to re-establish the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (Working Group), to finalize the enhancement of the functioning of the Multilateral System by the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body, based on a process supported by regional and interregional consultations, informal meetings, and expert advice.



28. In order for the Working Group to be able to present a full package of measures to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System to the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body, sustained efforts will be required throughout the 2024-2025 biennium.

29. The following outputs are envisaged:

- Four formal in-person meetings of the Working Group will be organized.
- Periodic informal regional and stakeholder consultations will be organized to support the work of the Working Group.
- At least one informal interregional meeting will be organized to build trust and mutual understanding in support of the meetings of the Working Group.
- Meetings of Friends of the Co-Chairs and small/expert groups, as needed, will be organized by the Co-Chairs to provide input to the Working Group.

30. As advised by the Working Group at its eleventh meeting and recommended by the Co-Chairs in their Checkpoint Report, adequate budgetary provisions would need to be made, including for translation and interpretation, to carry out the work foreseen to conclude the process successfully by the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body.

31. In this context, it is proposed that a one-off supplementary appropriation be exceptionally made by the Governing Body to fund the formal meetings of the Working Group from accumulated savings from previous biennia.

- ***MLS Operations***

32. The Multilateral System (MLS) is a core mechanism of the International Treaty, ensuring the availability of PGRFA at global level and the sharing of benefits arising from the use of more than 2.4 million PGRFA worldwide. The Secretary will continue to organize training sessions and update manuals and educational resources, to further assist users of the Multilateral System.

33. The function of the Easy-SMTA system to facilitate the Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA) reporting from the MLS Data Store for the generation of statistics and the helpdesk to provide direct support to users are critical structural elements in the operations of the Multilateral System. The data is also a reliable source of information to assist the Governing Body with the review of reports and for the Third Party Beneficiary Procedures.

34. The Secretary will continue to maintain the essential operations of the Multilateral System. This will also help to increase information on the material available in the Multilateral System at the accession level, and fully characterized and evaluated.

35. The Secretary will also continue liaising with and supporting Article 15 institutions, including for strengthening of existing, and establishing of new, funding channels; new agreements will also be pursued with interested organizations.

36. The following outputs are envisaged for implementation of the Multilateral System:

- All the core information systems and tools that support operation of the Multilateral System continue to function effectively.
- Contracting Parties are supported in the notification of material available in the Multilateral System.
- Article 15 institutions are supported with the effective implementation of the agreements.
- SMTA users and collection holders are assisted in actively participating in and benefiting from operations of the Multilateral System.
- A report on the availability of material and germplasm exchange is prepared for consideration by the Governing Body at its Eleventh Session.

37. An enhanced Multilateral System would, however, require further/new measures, approaches and additional resources to support national implementation.



### *Information Systems for PGRFA – Global Information System*

38. At its Ninth Session, the Governing Body approved the revised Programme of Work on the Global Information System on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (GLIS), incorporating the inputs and advice provided by the Scientific Advisory Committee.<sup>2</sup>

39. The envisaged outputs have been structured around five main objectives, with related activities. They include the management and enhancement of the GLIS Portal, including the expansion and translation of the directory of links and services, and promotion of interoperability among existing systems through the provision of principles, technical standards and tools. Implementation of the Programme of Work will also promote transparency on the rights and obligations of users for accessing, sharing and using PGRFA-associated information, as well as the creation and enhancement of opportunities to increase knowledge about PGRFA.

40. Capacity building, including operations of the GLIS help-desk, will continue to be a key objective in the next biennium. The Governing Body has also identified, as a priority, capacity strengthening for genebanks and other PGRFA providers to document their holdings, such as taxonomy, information management and bioinformatics, in collaboration with relevant partners, as well as facilitated access to training materials and e-learning products.

41. The following outputs are envisaged for implementation of the Global Information System:

- The GLIS Portal is up and running and the directory of links expanded.
- Contracting Parties and users are supported through a functional GLIS help-desk.
- There is improved interoperability among existing systems.
- There is strengthened capacity of gene banks and other providers on the documentation of PGRFA.

### *Capacity building*

42. To support the Governing Body with intergovernmental policy processes and operations of the main systems of the International Treaty, capacity development and training for effective implementation of International Treaty provisions will continue to be provided to Contracting Parties and other stakeholders.

43. In order to improve the coherence, efficiency and effectiveness of capacity development efforts, the Capacity Development Strategy of the International Treaty is expected to be finalized at this Session. During the next biennium, a draft action plan to implement the Strategy will be developed for consideration at the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body. It will take into account the outcomes of the GBF, and will involve consultation with relevant stakeholders.

### *Cross-cutting themes*

44. The continuous consideration of the implications of Digital Sequence Information/Genetic Sequence Data on Genetic Resources (DSI/GSD) on the objectives of the International Treaty is a theme in the MYPOW, which cuts across both the main components of the International Treaty (i.e., the Multilateral System, Farmers' Rights, the Global Information System) and the relationship with the Access and Benefit-Sharing goals and targets of the GBF, with important implications for the Funding Strategy. The Secretary will continue facilitating such a consideration in accordance with the guidance that the Governing Body will provide on the relevant components of the International Treaty as well as by contributing to the on-going processes and initiatives at the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and other relevant fora.

45. Cooperation with other organizations and partner institutions will continue to contribute to advancing implementation of the International Treaty. Major outputs planned for the Eleventh Session include contributions to the implementation of the GBF and the review of the Second Global

<sup>2</sup>Annex to Resolution 5/2022 [www.fao.org/3/nk240en/nk240en.pdf](http://www.fao.org/3/nk240en/nk240en.pdf)



Plan of Action for PGRFA in cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

46. Effective communication continues to be key to advancing the implementation of the International Treaty, by increasing visibility and advocating the value of the International Treaty in the PGRFA community, as well as in the wider agricultural and biodiversity sectors and among the general public. Highlighting the contribution of the International Treaty to global food security and sustainable agriculture in the context of climate change is critical. This would include further demonstration of the linkage and contribution of the International Treaty to relevant global agendas, such as the GBF and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.