

Resolution on Farmers' Rights

The Governing Body,

Recalling the recognition in the International Treaty of the enormous contribution that local and indigenous communities and farmer of all regions of the world have made, and will continue to make, for the conservation and development of plant genetic resources as the basis of food and agriculture production throughout the world;

Recalling the importance of fully implementing Article 9 of the International Treaty;

Recalling also that according to Article 9 of the International Treaty, the responsibility for realizing Farmers' Rights, as they relate to Plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, rests with national governments;

Acknowledging that there is uncertainty in many countries to how Farmers' Rights can be implemented and that the challenges related to the realization of Farmers' Rights are likely to vary from country to country;

Recognizing that the exchange of experiences and mutual assistance between Contracting Parties can significantly contribute in making progress in the implementation of the provisions on Farmers' Rights in the International Treaty;

Recognizing the contribution the Governing Body may give in support in the implementation of FR;

1. Encourages Contracting Parties and other relevant organizations to submit views and experiences on the implementation of FR as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, involving, as appropriate, farmers' organization and other stakeholders;

2. Requests the Secretariat to collect these views and experiences as a basis for an agenda item for consideration by the Governing Body at its third session to promote the realization of Farmers' Rights at national level, and to disseminate relevant information through the website of the International Treaty, where appropriate;

3. Appreciates the involvement of farmers' organizations at this Second Session and affirms its commitment to continue to involve farmers' organizations in its further work, as appropriate, according to the rules of procedures established by the Governing Body;