



Food and Agriculture  
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**The International Treaty**  
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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## RESOLUTION 5/2015

### IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 9, FARMERS' RIGHTS

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#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

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

*Recalling* its Resolutions 2/2007, 6/2009, 6/2011 and 8/2013,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to engage Contracting Parties and relevant organizations to take initiatives to gather information at national, regional and global levels for exchanging knowledge, views, experiences and best practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty ;
2. *Invites* each Contracting Party to consider developing national action plans for the implementation of Article 9, as appropriate, and subject to national legislation, in line with the implementation of Articles 5 and 6;
3. *Invites* each Contracting Party that have not already done so, to consider reviewing and, if necessary, adjusting its national measures affecting the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 in the International Treaty, to protect and promote Farmers' Rights;
4. *Invites* each Contracting Party to engage farmers' organizations and relevant stakeholders in matters related to the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and consider their contributions to awareness raising and capacity building towards this aim;
5. *Invites* Contracting Parties to enhance interaction and coordination, as appropriate, among the different institutions dealing with Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the Treaty and plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;
6. *Invites* Contracting Parties and relevant organizations to take initiatives to convene regional workshops and other consultations including with farmers' organizations, for the exchange of knowledge, views and experiences to promote the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the Treaty, and present results at the next session of the Governing Body;

7. **Requests** the Secretary to facilitate such initiatives upon request and depending on available resources;
8. **Requests** the Secretary, subject to availability of financial resources, to prepare a study on lessons learnt from the implementation of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the Treaty, including policies and legislation; and invites Contracting Parties and all relevant stakeholders, especially farmers' organizations, to submit their views and experiences to derive examples as possible options for national implementation of Article 9 on Farmers' Rights, as appropriate and subject to national legislation. The study will be presented at the 7th session of the Governing Body;
9. **Decides** to consider at its next session success stories in the national implementation of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the Treaty with a view to invite Contracting Parties to consider how to promote them further at the national level, as appropriate and subject to national legislation;
10. **Requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to launch and implement a Joint Capacity Building Programme with the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) and other relevant organizations on Farmer's Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty;
11. **Requests** the Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau and subject to availability of financial resources, to finalize the Educational Module on Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the Treaty;
12. **Requests** the Secretary to continue engaging, in a mutually supportive manner with the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plant (UPOV) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to jointly, and including through a participatory and inclusive process, as appropriate and subject to availability of resources, finalize the process for identification of possible areas of interrelations between their respective instruments and the Treaty and report on the outcomes to the Seventh Session of the Governing Body;
13. **Appreciates** the participation of farmers' organizations in its work and invites them to continue to actively participate in its sessions and in relevant inter-sessional processes, as appropriate and according to the Rules of Procedure, giving due consideration to the FAO Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society;
14. **Invites** Contracting Parties and development cooperation organizations to consider providing financial and technical **support** for the implementation of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the Treaty in developing countries, and to enable farmers and representatives of farmers' organizations to attend meetings under the International Treaty;
15. **Requests** the Secretary to report on relevant discussions that relate to Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, within FAO fora;
16. **Encourages** the Secretary to conduct active outreach on the extent of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the Treaty to relevant stakeholders as another necessary measure to advance the implementation of these rights;
17. **Calls upon** Contracting Parties in a position to do so to support, including with financial resources, the implementation of the activities foreseen in this Resolution;
18. **Requests** the Secretary to report to the Governing Body, at its Seventh Session, on the implementation of this Resolution;