

**Draft Report for the Third Session of the Governing Body (Tunis, 5 June 2009):
Agenda Item 13: Implementation of Article 6, Sustainable Use of Plant
Genetic Resources**

21. The Governing Body considered the document, *Implementation of Article 6*, and the information document, *Compilation of Submissions sent by Contracting Parties, other Governments, and Relevant Institutions and Organizations on the Implementation of Article 6*.
22. The Governing Body reiterated the fundamental importance of promoting the implementation of Article 6 in order for Contracting Parties to enhance capacity to use plant genetic resources through plant breeding, including the utilization of modern tools, traditional varieties and participation of farmers. It noted that in many regions the implementation of Article 6 is lagging behind in comparison to other elements of the Treaty, and that further financial resources, capacity building and technology transferred are required.
23. The Governing Body stressed the need for Contracting Parties to develop and maintain appropriate policies and legal measures that promote sustainable use of plant genetic resources and strengthen the participatory approaches, including developing studies and sharing experiences of countries that have successfully implemented sustainable use programmes for plant genetic resources.
24. The Governing Body emphasized that to assess progress, identify gaps and opportunities for further strengthening use of plant genetic resources, the Contracting Parties are invited to regularly submit reports on implementation of Article 6 through the reporting mechanism of the *Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.
25. The Governing Body requested the Secretary to develop a toolbox to assist countries in the design of measures to promote sustainable use and submit it to the Contracting Parties in the next session of the Governing Body.