

GB3, Tunis, Agenda Item 14 (4 June 2009):

The paragraph of the Farmers' Rights resolution that was changed due to intervention by Canada: before and after

The original text of this paragraph, as proposed by Brazil on behalf of Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean contained the following formulation:

The Governing Body, (...)

(xi) **Invites** the Contracting Parties to review, and as appropriate, adjust seed regulations with a view to ensuring the Farmers' Rights to save, use, exchange and sell farm-saved seed/propagating material that are necessary to enable farmers to continue to conserve and sustainably use plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, subject to national law;

After Europe had suggested amendments regarding the last part of the paragraph, and all Contracting Parties except for Canada accepted it, the paragraph contained this formulation:

The Governing Body, (...)

(xi) **Invites** the Contracting Parties to consider reviewing, and, if necessary, adjusting seed regulations with a view to ensuring the Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty;

The paragraph as it was adopted by the Governing Body after a consensus had been reached between Canada and the other Contracting Parties contains this formulation:

The Governing Body, (...)

(xi) **Invites** each Contracting Party to consider reviewing, and, if necessary, adjusting its national measures affecting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, to protect and promote Farmers' Rights;