

Excerpt from the Report of the Second Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture:

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 6,
SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE**

70. The Governing Body considered the document, *Compilation and Analysis of Submissions by Contracting Parties and Other Relevant Organizations Concerning the Implementation of Article 6*, and the information document, *Information Received from Relevant Organizations Concerning the Implementation of Article 6*.

71. The Governing Body reiterated the high importance it attaches to the promotion of Article 6 for the successful implementation of the Treaty. It stressed that Article 6 should continue to be a component of its Programme of Work, and a standing item on its agenda. Capacity building, research and availability of financial resources were considered to be integral components for the implementation of Article 6.

72. The Governing Body requested the Secretary to prepare a comprehensive document at its next session covering the status of the implementation of Article 6, which includes information on policy and legal measures used to achieve the objectives of the Article. It invited submissions from Contracting Parties, other governments, and relevant institutions and organizations, and urged an improved process for information gathering on the sustainable use activities, including means such as surveys, conceptual frameworks, inter-sessional meetings and workshops.

73. The Governing Body stressed the need for Contracting Parties to cooperate with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture for the periodic assessment of the state of the world's plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, in order to facilitate the updating of the rolling *Global Plan of Action for the Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, as required by Article 17.3.

74. The Governing Body emphasized the importance of country-driven initiatives and programmes, as well as international cooperation and partnerships for the effective implementation of Article 6. It further acknowledged it had an important role to play in providing policy guidance and facilitating cooperation to support the successful implementation of the Article.