

The Working Document for Governing Body Session 3 on sustainable use:
Exerpts from the Working Document on indications of what the Governing
Body may decide

IV. CONCLUSIONS AND GUIDANCE SOUGHT

40. Most countries do implement explicit policy and legal measures for different aspects of the concept of sustainable use, through a variety of policies. Therefore, it could be concluded that the implementation of Article 6 is underway in most countries. However, there does not appear to be an integrated and coordinated approach in most countries towards the promotion of sustainable use of PGRFA. Therefore, countries may be assisted by the development of an integrated approach for better use of PGRFA and implementation of Article 6 of the Treaty.

41. Significant information is available on a wide variety of policy and legal measures that contribute to the implementation of Article 6 of the Treaty. However, since most of the information is qualitative in nature, it makes it difficult to gauge how much emphasis is being put on the different measures and activities to support the sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, or to evaluate the impact of such measures.

42. In order to enable the Governing Body to more confidently assess progress in this field and, on the basis of such analysis, identify gaps and opportunities for further action, the following methodologies might be considered:

- i) regular submissions by Contracting Parties based on a uniform set of questions or issues, perhaps linked to the work of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, in particular the Reports on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
- ii) compiling information available at specialised organisations;
- iii) the use of standardised searches of literature databases; and
- iv) the use of standardised searches of project databases.

43. In addition, the Governing Body may wish to consider the development of a toolbox to assist countries in the design of measures to promote the sustainable of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture for consideration at its next session.