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Outcome of the Conference

Letter dated 22 June 2012 from the Chair of the high-level round table on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

On 21 June 2012, the Governments of Brazil, Italy and Norway hosted a ministerial high-level round table on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, which was attended by numerous ministers, former Heads of State and heads of United Nations agencies.

The high-level round table adopted the “Rio Six-Point Action Plan for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture” (the “Rio Action Plan”) (see annex).

In my capacity as Chair of the high-level round table, I request that the “Rio Action Plan” be part of the report of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, under agenda item 10, and that it be circulated as a document of the Conference, along with the present letter, also under agenda item 10.

The full report of the high-level round table will be uploaded on the website of the Conference.

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Annex to the letter dated 22 June 2012 from the Chair of the high-level round table on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Rio Six-Point Action Plan for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture adopted by consensus on 21 June 2012 at the second high-level round table on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, on the occasion of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Priority actions to be undertaken by the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, include:

- (a) Establishing a platform for the co-development and transfer of technologies, within the context of non-monetary benefit-sharing under the Treaty;
 - (b) Promoting a public-private partnership for pre-breeding;
 - (c) Facilitating a new keystone-type dialogue, to complete the governance of all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture under the Treaty;
 - (d) Raising awareness of the actual and potential value of underutilized species of local and regional importance for food security and sustainable development;
 - (e) Raising awareness of policymakers and other key stakeholders about the importance of fully implementing the Treaty, not only for food and agriculture, but also for food security, nutrition and the resilience of agriculture systems, particularly in the context of climate change;
 - (f) Exploring the possible expansion of the list of crops contained in annex I to the Treaty.
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