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## NOTIFICATION

**Third Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of Plant  
Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**  
Vienna (Austria), 24 – 25 October, 2016

### Participation of Observers

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Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to make an announcement regarding the participation of Observers in the Third Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ACSU).

As in the past meetings the decision to admit Observers will be taken by its members after the election of the Co-Chairs.

The Secretariat has been receiving requests by different stakeholder groups, in particular Non-Governmental Organizations and International Organizations which would like to attend the upcoming meeting of the ACSU as Observers.

In order to facilitate the participation of these and other interested stakeholder, the Secretariat will need to receive any additional request no later than 15 September 2016, in order to ensure that the appropriate arrangements can be made. Such requests should be addressed to [PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org](mailto:PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org).

The Secretariat will forward all requests received to the ACSU members. If there should be objections by the members of the ACSU, the Secretariat will inform the respective stakeholders accordingly.

Observers from Contracting Parties should copy the National Focal Point or the permanent representation of the country to FAO. Should further issues arise or further potential clarifications become necessary regarding the participation of Contracting Parties as Observers, the Secretary will take the liberty to approach the Permanent Representations to FAO.

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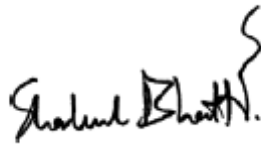


The Governing Body has not envisaged funding to support the participation of observers to the ACSU.

For any query or request for further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Treaty at:

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Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shakeel Bhatti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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