

**Intervention by Civil Society Organisations to the Plenary of the  
7<sup>th</sup> GOVERNING BODY (GB7) of the International Seed Treaty (IT PGRFA)**

**Intervention on Agenda 18: Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPow)**

Thank you, Mr. Chair

I am speaking on behalf of CSOs present.

We acknowledge the proposal of the multi-year programme work prepared by the secretary. We would also like to give our full support to the comments made by several Contracting Parties and Regions to include the review of the implementation of Farmers' Rights in every session of the Governing Body.

In our previous statements, we have emphasized the importance of this GB7 taking necessary steps to fully implement Farmers' Rights. By including a review of progress on the implementation of Farmers' Rights in each session, the Governing Body will re-affirm its commitment to the importance of Article 9, not only in its own right but also in the need for its provisions to be applied to all Articles of the Treaty.

We also fully support the position of G77, GRULAC and the African Group to open a new Treaty agenda item on digital sequences information, and we urge the Governing Body to pay immediate attention to this topic.

Thank you, Mr. Chair