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10. Global Information System (GLIS)

Thank you, Madam Chair, for giving me the floor. I am Tanmay Joshi, a farmer from India, a member of La Via Campesina & the IPC.

I'm not a legal expert, but I know this much that when someone enters my properties, no matter physical or non-physical ones, without my Free, Prior and Informed Consent, it is considered as trespassing.

All Contracting Parties, through the Treaty, have recognized Farmers' Rights and "enormous contribution of the local and indigenous communities and farmers" in "the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources". It will be a kind of trespassing if documentation of information related to PGR is carried out without our Prior Informed Consent, active participation and considering our rights on in situ plant genetic resources, wild crop relatives and wild plants.

According to the progress of the work on Global Information System (GLIS), as can be seen in all related Reports and the drafted resolution, it is quite clear that dematerialization of the PGRFA in the Multilateral System (MLS) has already begun, with the Treaty's work on GLIS at its core.

Since in the framework of the Treaty, there is no common agreement on the matter of Digital Sequence Information (DSI), until DSI is not considered as an integral part of the PGRFA, the dematerialization of the PGRFA and use of DSI should not be considered as a tool in the GLIS, as it is promoted in para 6 of the draft resolution.

Thank you.