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Dear all,

You will find below a message from the Réseaux Semences Paysannes (Farmers' Seed Networks) to the governments sitting in the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA (the United-Nation Treaty on seeds). We are more than **30 organizations from Africa, America, Australia or Europe**. We invite you to join the organizations which already sign it by signing it too on behalf of your organization or to support it if your organization is not directly involved in this issue. Signatures received before 30 September 2015 will be presented, with the text of the message, to the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA which will gather in Roma from 5 to 9 of October. If it is possible, thank you for answering before that date.

Why this collective call ? The last Treaty sessions (Geneva, Rome, Brasilia) confirm industry and rich countries want to prevent the putting into practice of the 2013 Governing Body's decisions of Oman : effective enforcement of farmers' rights and benefit-sharing before any extension to other species (soybean, tomatoes, bananas...) of the Multilateral System of the Treaty.

Industry refuses any binding mechanism which would oblige it to pay its debt under the benefit-sharing system. Meanwhile, it grabs all the seeds farmers have given to the Multilateral System of the Treaty, applying for patents on their « native traits ». Industry demands, supported in this by the rich countries, that farmers' rights be limited to the « improvement of information on plant genetic resources » : hiding behind these alluring words is the DivSeek program, which is meant to sequence all plant genetic resources included in the Multilateral System of the ITPGFRA so as to make easier their confiscation by patents.

Without a powerful reaction from a majority of governments during the next Governing Body session held in Rome from 5 to 9 October, the Multilateral System of the Treaty will disappear and will be replaced by marketing of every seed and their confiscation by multinationals. The aim of this message is to let know that farmers refuse to support this hold-up, and to incite governments to do the same. That's the reason why it is important to rally and be active NOW so as to gather the maximum of signatures by 30 September.

Join us and contribute with your signature or your support !

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