

International Co-operative Agricultural Organisation (ICAO) A Sector of the International Co-operative Alliance

ICAO RESOLUTION on Seed Diversity

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We recognize that diversity of seeds should be secured to ensure food sovereignty, biodiversity and stable food production, and we resolve to implement the following.

We survey the enactment of seed law and its contents of the member countries, and share the survey contents.

ICAO collects the survey of member organizations and provides all member organizations with the contents.

We urge the establishment of seed law stipulating the role and obligations of the government, if the seed law is not established in a country of affiliation.

ICAO issues an official letter upon the request of member organizations to urge a government to establish a seed law.

We raise the awareness of farmers and consumers about the importance of seeds and create conditions in which various seeds can be preserved.

ICAO cooperates with consumer cooperatives around the world to expand the spread of native seeds and to protect original species.