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Explanatory Guide to the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

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Objective:

Through an article-by-article examination of the Treaty, the Guide will explore viable pathways for the implementation of the Treaty

Output:

The Guide will:

- analyse the articles, explain the terms used and, where relevant, provide background information
- relate the provisions of the Treaty to other relevant international instruments, in order to clarify the position of the Treaty within the international legal framework
- discuss options for States in implementing the Treaty, with a view to understanding their implications
- set the Treaty within the overall framework of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, through thematic focuses on various legal and non-legal issues (e.g., the importance of crop wild relatives and traditional varieties for food security, access and benefit-sharing in the Treaty's Multilateral System, and intellectual property rights)

The Guide seeks to promote a general understanding of the provisions of the Treaty, with the aim, in particular, of assisting current and future Parties to the Treaty to prepare for its implementation. The Guide's target audience therefore includes national officials, who may need to adjust national laws and policies in the light of the Treaty, as well as non-governmental organizations and the legal community. To facilitate its use by non-lawyers, the guide aims to avoid technical language, while providing a comprehensive analysis of the legal substance of the Treaty

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