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MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

Collaboration between EURISCO and the National Plant Genetic Resources Inventory of <insert name of the country>

The EURISCO platform (EURISCO) is a service hosted at and maintained by the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) on behalf of the European Cooperative Programme for Crop Genetic Resources Networks (ECP/GR). Therefore IPGRI acts on behalf of ECP/GR as long as the ECP/GR Secretariat is hosted at IPGRI.

The National Plant Genetic Resources Inventory of <insert name of the country> (NI), > created and maintained by <insert name of institute>, is a database with data on Plant Genetic Resources of <insert name of the country>.

EURISCO serves as an impartial platform for distribution of data maintained by the NI, and will not modify the original data. EURISCO will not claim ownership of any data provided by the NI, nor does it imply the expression of any opinion by making the data publicly available.

EURISCO is managed based on the principle that it should only contain data, which, within the EURISCO terms of use, can be made publicly available and can be used without limitation or restraint. The NI should therefore not replicate confidential or otherwise restricted data onto the EURISCO platform. EURISCO will define the structure and quality requirements of the data to be replicated by the NI. If for whatever reason (part of) a data set is found to be non-compliant with any of the requirements, EURISCO has the right to reject (part of) the data. Complementary, the NI has the right to withdraw data from EURISCO at any time.

EURISCO accepts following responsibilities regarding the data provided by the NI:

- It will compile the data uploaded by the NI into one database. EURISCO will not modify data in any way but has the right to withhold data upload to EURISCO if quality standards are not met.
- It will provide public access to the EURISCO database via a web site, and maintain this site and its user interfaces.
- It will, if appropriate, facilitate access to the NI being the source of the data via hyperlinks to the NI web site and providing contact details of the NI.
- It will manage the tools and means to facilitate data upload from NI to EURISCO and provide access to these tools and means to the NI.
- It will manage the legal basis for access to EURISCO and use of data (disclaimers, copyright notifications, terms of use etc.) and manage responses to any abuses of the collective information of EURISCO.
- It will incorporate appropriate notices on the EURISCO web site concerning the terms of use of the data presented on the site.

The NI accepts following responsibilities regarding the data (to be) replicated in EURISCO:

- It will acquire and manage the appropriate data *inter alia* for upload to EURISCO.
- It will replicate the data in the EURISCO uploading format.
- It will manage any authorizations or consents required in relation to replicating the data, and resolve any disputes, which might arise from these issues.
- It will assist EURISCO in resolving any disputes or claims with respect to the collective data, where this concerns NI data.

EURISCO and the NI dedicate themselves to a structural collaboration with mutual benefits. They will inform each other with changes regarding this collaboration and look at options to expand the collaboration for mutual benefits.

This agreement covers proposed activities for the period effective from the time of signature until 31 December of 2003 as an initial agreement. A Follow-up agreement will be developed according to needs and opportunities and will be proposed in September 2003 during the EPGRIS Final Conference, Prague, Czech Republic.

Signed

Date:

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Name of the person
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data of the national inventory to IPGRI