**FOR-CGN-PG-006**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into and executed by the **Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands** (hereinafter referred to as **CGN**) and the..... (*name Institution*)(hereinafter referred to as **....(*abr. Inst*)**).

**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to maintain, within the framework of the ”Genetic resources Programme”...... (*programme or cooperation*), a Safety Duplicate Collection (hereinafter referred to as **SDC**) of seed material of agricultural and horticultural crops in the base collection of the **....(*abr. Inst*)**.

**II. Statement of common interest**

CGN is part of Wageningen University and Research Centre and executes the major genetic resources programme of the Netherlands under a mandate of the Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries. The genebank represents the Dutch contribution to the *ex situ* conservation of crop genetic diversity.

The ....(***abr Inst***) is a national centre co-ordinating conservation of agricultural and horticultural crops (?) as well as managing active, short, medium and/or long-term (?) collections of seed material stored *ex situ.*

**III. Statements of the agreement**

**i. Of relevance for CGN:**

§1 CGN accepts the responsibility of conserving *ex situ* under appropriate long-term conditions, under a ‘black box’ arrangement within the storage facilities at Wageningen, a SDC to be provided by the **....(*abr. Inst***).

§2 The SDC will be stored in accordance with the CGN guidelines for storage and handling.

§3 CGN will not use or distribute any seed material to a third party from the SDC, and only return it to the provider upon request.

§4 The cost of conserving this SDC will be covered by sources available to CGN.

§5 In a situation of emergency all measures will be taken by CGN to maintain the safe storage of the deposited material.

§6 In case of accidents or any other event that may inflict upon the viability, germinability, or availability of the deposited seed, CGN will not be liable to pay any damages to the**....(*abr. Inst***). CGN will inform (in written form) the other party as soon as possible after the accident or event about the possible damage.

**ii. Of relevance for the ....(*abr. Inst*):**

§7 The **....(*abr. Inst*).** is responsible for all seed management activities (threshing, drying, packing, if possible in sealed aluminium foil bags, germination tests, etc.) preceding storage.

§8 The**....(*abr. Inst*).** accepts to deliver a recommended number of high quality seeds per accession to be included in the SDC. All shipments shall be accompanied with a Phytosanitary Certifi­cate issued by the Plant Quarantine Service of ... (***cnt***), if appropriate.

§9 The **....(*abr. Inst*)** further accepts the responsibility of supplying CGN with a copy of passport and relevant management data, if available in computerised form, pertaining to each stored acces­sion.

§10 Decisions regarding the inclusion or removal of accessions from the SDC will be taken by the **....(*abr. Inst*)** within the scope defined in **Section I.**

**iii. Of relevance for both:**

§11 The material deposited in the SDC at CGN falls under the sovereignty of the State of ... (***cnt***).

§12 Upon notice, the **....(*abr. Inst*).** has the right to inspect the SDC at any suitable time.

§13 This MOU may be modified or discontinued at the request of either party.

§14 Requests for termination or any change to the MOU shall be submitted to the other party for consideration not less than six (6) months prior to the desired effective date of termination.

§15 This MOU has indefinite duration, but shall be reviewed once every five (5) years for relevancy.

Signed: Wageningen 25 April 2024, Place, date

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Head of CGN Plant Genetic Resources The Director CGN **....(*abr. Inst*).**

Theo van Hintum (***name***)