

Background note on the CGIAR System Organization's Establishment and Headquarters Agreements

The purpose of this note is to provide a full update on both (1) the Agreement establishing the CGIAR System Organization as an International Organization and (2) the CGIAR System Organization's Headquarters Agreement.

1. The Agreement establishing the CGIAR System Organization as an International Organization

Entry into force. The Agreement establishing the CGIAR System Organization (then called "Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centers") as an International Organization ("Establishment Agreement") entered into effect on 20 July 2012¹. It was subsequently modified by an amendment signed by France and Denmark on 20 October 2016 and effective on 21 November 2016 which was made to reflect nomenclature changes following the revised CGIAR governance structure that took effect on 1 July 2016².

Status of signatures, ratifications and acceptances.

The Establishment Agreement was first signed on 13 September 2011 by France and Hungary. It has to date been signed by five countries (including Denmark on 2 March 2012, Benin on 5 April 2012, Uruguay on 28 October 2012) and has three parties (Denmark, France and Hungary).

The details are as follows:

- Benin: signature on 5 April 2012, subject to ratification, acceptance or approval;
- Denmark: signature on 2 March 2012 without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval. Denmark is a party to the Agreement since 20 July 2012.
- France: signature on 13 September 2011, subject to ratification, acceptance or approval; France is a party to the Agreement since 24 June 2014³.
- Hungary: signature on 13 September 2011, subject to ratification, acceptance or approval; The Government of Hungary approved the Agreement on 20 July 2012. Hungary is a party to the Agreement since 20 July 2012.
- Uruguay: signature on 28 October 2012, subject to ratification, acceptance or approval.

¹ Document from French Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirming this is available [here](#)

² Unofficial Consolidated Version available [here](#)

³ French Parliament passed a law (Law n° 2014-547) on 28 May 2014, published in the French Official Journal on 29 May 2014 (document available [here](#)), authorizing the approval of the Establishment Agreement by the French government. The Establishment Agreement was subsequently approved by the French government on 18 June 2014 (document available [here](#)), and the instrument of approval was deposited on 24 June 2014

Declarations of intent to become parties.

In addition, three countries (Morocco on 24 April 2014, Senegal and Colombia on 2 June 2014) have signed declarations of their intent to become parties to it.

2. The CGIAR System Organization’s Headquarters Agreement

Signature. The agreement between the CGIAR System Organization (then called “Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centers”) and the government of France regarding the headquarters of the Organization and its privileges and immunities on French territory (“HQ Agreement”)⁴ was signed on 4 March 2013.

Ratification and approvals. French Parliament passed a law (Law n°2014-546) on 28 May 2014, published in the French Official Journal on 29 May 2014⁵, authorizing the approval by the French government of the HQ Agreement. The HQ Agreement was subsequently approved by the French government on 18 June 2014⁶ and by the CGIAR System Organization on 25 June 2014⁷.

Entry into force. In accordance with these approvals, the French government notified the CGIAR System Organization that the date of entry into force of the HQ Agreement is 31 July 2014⁸.

Amendment. The HQ Agreement was modified by an amendment made by exchange of letters signed by the Government of the French Republic and the CGIAR System Organization respectively on 4 and 9 January 2017 and effective on 22 January 2017.

⁴ Document available [here](#)

⁵ Document available [here](#)

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