

Agreement for the Recognition of the International Legal Personality of the International Potato Center (CIP)

Considering that:

by means of a Supreme Decree adopted in 1967 the Government of Peru created the International Potato Center (hereafter referred to as CIP or the Center). CIP was then granted the status of an international institution within Peru;

since 1972, CIP has formed an integral part of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (hereafter referred to as CGIAR), a consortium of national governments, multilateral agencies of technical assistance, private foundations and other institutions that support various international research centers that aim to improve and increase agricultural production in the developing world; and

while the Government of Peru has granted CIP the status of an international institution within Peru, the Center's global mandate requires that CIP be formally recognized as an institution with international legal status by those States with which it collaborates;

The Parties to the present Agreement wish to recognize the international legal personality of the International Potato Center, subject to applicable international law and to other conditions that will allow the Center to operate effectively and thus achieve its objectives.

Consequently, the Parties agree to the following:

Article 1 Recognition of the international legal personality

1. The international legal personality of the International Potato Center is hereby recognized. As an international organization, CIP shall pursue its mission, goals and objectives in accordance with the laws of the countries in which its activities are carried out.
2. CIP shall govern its affairs in accordance the Statutes annexed hereto which may be amended from time to time in accordance with the amendment provisions of the Statutes.

Article 2 Limitations

1. This Agreement is for the sole purpose of bestowing international legal personality upon CIP. However, it may serve as the basis for granting CIP such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the carrying out of its operations.
2. This Agreement shall not impose upon the Parties the obligation to provide any form of financial contribution or support to CIP, or to assume or guarantee any of CIP's liabilities, debts or other obligations.



Handwritten signatures of the representatives of the Parties to the Agreement.