

ARTICLE 18

Within the framework of the policies of the Organization, the Director shall establish, as necessary, cooperative relationships with States, public and private national and international organizations and agencies, and universities that are engaged in activities related to research on the improvement of banana and plantain.

PART 3: FINAL CLAUSES**ARTICLE 19**

This Agreement shall be open for signature by States until _____.

The Agreement is subject to ratification, approval or acceptance. It shall come into effect thirty days after the third instrument of ratification, approval or acceptance has been deposited with the depositary.

Any State not signing this Agreement may become a party to it at the invitation of the Parties.

Accession shall take effect thirty days after the instrument of accession is deposited.

The Government of the Republic of France shall be the depositary of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 20

This Agreement may be amended in accordance with the following procedure: