

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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This Memorandum of Understanding is agreed with the understanding that the *Foundation for Promotion and Research of Andean Products*, Bolivia, and the Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands are willing to co-operate on any matters of mutual interest.

The Foundation for Promotion and Research of Andean Products (PROINPA) promotes technological innovation to support priority crops, food security and the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources for the benefit of producers.

PROINPA is in charge of the conservation of two national genebanks: Tubers and roots, and Andean grains. The management of those banks is under a mandate of the Bolivian government.

The Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands (CGN) manages a bank of plant genetic resources under a mandate of the Netherlands government. CGN has traditionally adhered to a policy of unrestricted availability of germplasm held in its genebank. In the interest of keeping this material available for future research and utilization, CGN has undertaken not to claim legal ownership over the germplasm held in its genebank, or to seek any intellectual property rights over that germplasm or related information. To ensure continued free availability of the germplasm CGN passes on the same obligations to all future recipients of its germplasm.

PROINPA and CGN acknowledge that the material that is transferred from CGN to PROINPA under this Memorandum of Understanding was originally collected in Bolivia before the entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity in both the Netherlands and Bolivia (January 1, 1994), under written agreements between collecting partners, including PROINPA, and CGN, as far as involved as a collecting partner, and that since then this material has been maintained by CGN as part of its collections.

This transfer of genetic material constitutes a repatriation event. PROINPA and CGN agree that PROINPA intends to maintain and distribute this material, and that CGN intends to continue to maintain and distribute this material, according to their own regulations, whereas such regulations have no bearing on the transfer of genetic material under this Memorandum of Understanding.

CGN does not warrant the safety, quality, viability or purity (genetic or mechanical) of the germplasm transferred under this Memorandum of Understanding, nor the accuracy of

passport or other data provided with it. Its phytosanitary condition is only warranted as described in the phytosanitary certificate attached to the samples.

It is PROINPA's responsibility to comply with the country's biosafety and import regulations and any of the country's rules governing the release of genetic material.

Samples of the following germplasm accessions will be made available to the applicant upon return of this Material Transfer Agreement.

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For the Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands,

Director (L. Visser) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For PROINPA Foundation, Bolivia,

Gerente General (A. Gandarillas) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_