ANNEX A
EVA – Letter of Commitment

_______________, being a person or entity committed to active involvement in the evaluation of plant genetic resources in the European region, wishes to become a member of the European PGRFA Evaluation Network (EVA), and undertakes to adhere to the Principles set out in Point 04 of the Proposal for the Establishment of the European PGRFA Evaluation Network and to abide by the following commitments:

- Membership of EVA is free of charge: Participation in specific projects may have financial implications, which shall be set out in the applicable cooperation agreement.

Generators of data

- Full data on evaluations undertaken through any EVA crop-specific PPP project should be made available to other members of the EVA crop-specific PPP project. This could be through EURISCO directly or through links provided by EURISCO. The full data should be made available within such period as may be specified in the applicable crop-specific PPP project Cooperation Agreement;

- To abide by all restrictions on the release of evaluation data produced in the context of the crop-specific PPP in which they are involved in accordance with the rules adopted by the corresponding crop-specific PPP project Cooperation Agreement;

- To actively participate in the work of any crop-specific PPP activity charged with setting standards for the crop(s) covered by the crop-specific PPP in which they are involved and to abide by applicable agreed standards;

- To strive to enter into agreement with providers of genetic material for multiplication of given accessions under standard procedures and return of multiplied material to the providers.

Providers of material

- To provide partners in crop-specific PPP projects with the propagating material of genetic resources that are jointly selected for evaluation, in appropriate quantities and of suitable quality, within agreed deadlines and based on signature of an SMTA by recipients, if possible.

In return, the Member has the right to expect the following benefits from its membership in EVA:

- The right to participate in crop-specific PPP evaluation Projects under the EVA structure;
• Access to data standards and regeneration protocols generated under EVA and appropriate support in using them;

• Privileged access to data generated for such time as set in the applicable crop-specific PPP project Cooperation Agreement;

• Multiplication/regeneration carried out by breeders of accessions provided by genebanks / collection holders and the multiplied/regenerated material subsequently returned to the genebank/collection holder at no cost to the genebank/collection holder.

Withdrawal or termination of EVA Membership

• An EVA Member may withdraw its membership at any time by giving 3 months’ notice of withdrawal in writing to the Secretariat of ECPGR. Any such withdrawal shall not affect any rights or obligations entered into under a Cooperation Agreement currently in force.

• The Steering Unit of EVA may terminate the membership of any EVA Member in the event that a Member fails to abide by the conditions set out in this Letter of Commitment. Termination of membership shall not affect any obligations entered into under a Cooperation Agreement currently in force.

Signed __________________________  Date