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ERC/20/INF/11 – Status of Biodiversity in Europe and Central Asia – Challenges and Opportunities for Dynamic Conservation of Biodiversity

Country	ERC Document reference	Statement
Norway (23 Oct 2020, 12:55)	ERC/20/INF/11	<p>While the document covers well the work of mainstreaming biodiversity in the sectors, it is weaker on addressing sustainable use as a necessity for conservation, such as conservation of genetic resources and red listed species in cultural landscapes. The document is particularly weak on describing the work on international biodiversity agreements under the auspices of FAO, such as the ITPGRFA and IPPC, as well as the CGRFA. Neither the IPPC nor the CGRFA is even mentioned. Of relevance is particularly the on-going process of developing policy responses to the State of the World of Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture that was launched in February last year. At first glance, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources on Food and Agriculture seems to be only presented as a protocol to the CBD, rather than presented in more detail what it is and on-going work to achieve its objectives.</p> <p>Norway proposes the following items to be included in paragraph 26 in doc. ERC/20/INF/11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informing about the ITPGRFA to countries in the region that not yet has ratified it and provide support in implementation of the Treaty to countries in the regions that are Contracting Parties.• Supporting countries in the region in addressing priority activities as identified in the sectoral Global Plan of Actions developed by the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.