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REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK – ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its Eleventh Regular Session, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) agreed to review progress made in the implementation of its Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) at its Thirteenth and Fifteenth Regular Sessions¹.
2. The Commission, at its Twelfth Regular Session, adopted the *Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work*, a detailed planning framework to assist Members of the Commission, the Bureau, and the Secretariat of the Commission, FAO and other organizations, to plan their contributions to the implementation of the MYPOW². The Commission requested the Strategic Plan 2010-2017 to be reviewed as and when reviews of the MYPOW are foreseen³.
3. This document to be considered by the Commission at its forthcoming Thirteenth Regular Session, briefly summarizes the progress made in the implementation of the MYPOW with regard to animal genetic resources for food and agriculture and assesses to which extent MYPOW outputs and milestones foreseen for future sessions of the Commission are still relevant and may realistically be achieved, with a view to identify the need for a revision of the relevant parts of the MYPOW and its Strategic Plan 2010-2017.
4. In view of the relatively recent adoption of the MYPOW and given that another progress report / periodic assessment and review of the MYPOW are foreseen for the Commission's Fifteenth Regular Session, it is understood that the latter session will address the MYPOW review in more depth and detail when the implementation of the MYPOW will have reached a more advanced stage. At that session, the Commission may also wish to consider an extension of the Multi-Year Programme of Work beyond the Sixteenth Regular Session.
5. The Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources is invited to review this document and provide recommendations in its area of expertise⁴.

II. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK

6. In the area of animal genetic resources of food and agriculture, the Commission, through the adoption of its Multi-Year Programme of Work, agreed to follow-up, at its Twelfth Regular Session, to the Interlaken International Technical Conferences on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (see Table 1). Information on progress in the follow-up to the Interlaken Conference regarding the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* is contained in the document, *FAO Progress Report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*⁵, and in the document, *Follow-up to the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*⁶, that was presented to the Commission's Twelfth Regular Session.

¹ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 90.

² CGRFA-12/09/Report, Appendix G.

³ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 75 and CGRFA-12/09/Report, Appendix G paragraph 38.

⁴ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 75 and CGRFA-12/09/Report, Appendix G paragraph 38.

⁵ CGRFA/WG-AnGR-6/10/2.

⁶ CGRFA-12/09/9.

Table 1: The Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work: Major outputs and milestones (AnGR)

	12th Session	13th Session	14th Session	15th Session	16th Session
Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR)	Follow-up to the Interlaken Conference		Review of implementation of Interlaken Outcomes		Update of <i>The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources</i>

III. PERIODIC ASSESSMENT OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK

7. The Commission, through its MYPOW, agreed to review the implementation of the outcomes of the Interlaken Conference at its Fourteenth Regular Session, particularly focussing on progress with regard to the:

- implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*;
- operationalization of the Funding Strategy;
- monitoring of the status and trends of animal genetic resources;
- extent to which the important role of small-scale livestock keepers as custodians of animal genetic resources is being addressed; and
- development of technical guidelines for the sustainable management of animal genetic resources.

8. In preparation of the Commission's Fourteenth Regular Session, numerous activities have been initiated in line with the timelines and processes laid out in the *Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work*:

- To facilitate the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*, a series of technical guidelines for the sustainable management of animal genetic resources have been drafted, for review by the Working Group at this session (see document, *Draft technical guidelines for the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*)⁷, or are in an advanced stage of preparation.
- The Funding Strategy for the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*, adopted by the Commission at its Twelfth Regular Session, is being implemented, and a draft call for proposals is presented to this session, for review by the Working Group (see document, *Funding Strategy for the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources, including administrative arrangements for the FAO Trust Account*)⁸.
- Countries increasingly make use of the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (DAD-IS) and insert national breed data, enabling FAO to better monitor the global status and trends of animal genetic resources.
- Country and regional progress reports, which will form the basis of the first Synthesis Progress Report, to be considered by the Commission at its Fourteenth Regular Session, are expected to be submitted during 2011 and 2012. A report of international organizations will be reviewed by the Commission in its Thirteenth Session.

⁷ CGRFA/WG-AnGR-6/10/3.

⁸ CGRFA/WG-AnGR-6/10/4.

9. A review of the implementation of the outcomes of the Interlaken Conference at the Commission's Fourteenth Regular Session therefore seems appropriate and timely.
10. The Commission, through its MYPOW, also agreed to initiate an update of *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, with the aim to review the finalized report at its Sixteenth Regular Session. The updated report will also contribute to the first ever *State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture* which, according to the MYPOW, will be presented at the same session. The presentation of the updated *State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, at the Commission's Sixteenth Regular Session, seems to be an ambitious but achievable goal.
11. The animal genetic resources related issues addressed by the MYPOW and its Strategic Plan have not been subject to any major changes; they are still relevant. In view of this and of progress made in the implementation of the MYPOW, the agreed milestones and outputs for this sector are still relevant, realistic and achievable.

IV. REVIEW OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2017 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK – ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES

12. Considering the outcomes of the progress report and the periodic assessment, major changes to the milestones and outputs of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work would seem to be unnecessary at this stage.
13. The Strategic Plan 2010-2017, including processes needed and the organizations with which to cooperate to achieve the MYPOW's agreed outputs and milestones covering animal genetic resources⁹, does not require any adjustments either. There seems to be no need to introduce any new activities at this point in time. Processes and activities, that were considered necessary for achieving the relevant outputs and milestones when the Strategic Plan was adopted, are still appropriate and timely. The current indicative timetable and processes still enable the Commission to strategically organize its work in the medium- and long term, to streamline reporting, and to strengthen and harmonize cooperation in the field of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture.
14. The Multi-Year Programme of Work is a rolling set of outputs and milestones. With the progressive implementation of the MYPOW, outputs and milestones foreseen for later sessions are drawing closer. Now might be an opportune time to start thinking about when to plan the MYPOW's possible extension and to discuss how the Commission can advance its work in biodiversity for food and agriculture, and in animal genetic resources in particular, after having achieved the *State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture* in 2017.

V. GUIDANCE SOUGHT

15. The Working Group may wish to give its advice and input on:
- (i) the review of the Multi-Year Programme of Work and the Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work - Animal Genetic Resources; and

⁹ CGRFA-12/09/Report, Appendix G paragraph 15-17.

- (ii) programming the possible extension of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work and its Strategic Plan, including reviewing options for the Commission on how to advance its work in biodiversity for food and agriculture, and in animal genetic resources in particular, after 2017.