Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda

COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTRUMENTS

1. The Commission has repeatedly emphasized the importance of cooperating with other international instruments and organizations on matters of relevance to the Commission’s mandate. More specifically, the Commission, in the context of its Multi-Year Programme of Work, welcomed the proposal to reduce routine reporting, in favor of focused consultations with relevant institutions on the prioritized themes of the session.1

2. At its last session, the Commission also stressed the need to continue close cooperation with the Global Crop Diversity Trust and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and encouraged them to take the Multi-Year Programme of Work into account in the implementation of their respective mandates and agendas.2 The Commission encouraged the CGIAR Centers to continue developing an integrated and system-wide coordinated approach to genetic resources, which could significantly contribute to the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work. It requested the CGIAR Centers to report progress on their work relevant to the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work at the next session of the Commission.

3. The Secretary therefore initiated consultations with a broad range of institutions on the prioritized themes of this session. Written comments and inputs received from these institutions, including the CGIAR Centers, are compiled in the document Submissions from international organizations on the prioritized themes of the session.3 A report from the Global Crop Diversity Trust is given in the document Report from the Global Crop Diversity Trust to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.4

4. The Commission may wish to:
   i. Take note of the submissions and inputs on the prioritized themes of the session received from other organizations;
   ii. Thank the international organizations and instruments for providing submissions and inputs to this session of the Commission;

1 CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 99.
2 CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 93
3 CGRFA-13/11/Inf.9.
4 CGRFA-13/11/Inf. 24.
iii. Request its Secretary to continue seeking inputs on the prioritized themes of the session from international organizations and making them available to the Commission, for its information.