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**Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda**

**SIXTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**Rome, Italy, 5 – 9 October 2015**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda and Indicative Timetable**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Governing Body is convened under the provisions of Article 19 of the Treaty, and is open to all Contracting Parties to the International Treaty, and to observers.
2. In accordance with Rule 4.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, the Session is convened by the Chairperson, in agreement with the Bureau, and in consultation with the Director-General of the FAO and the Secretary. The meeting will be held from 5 to 9 October 2015.
3. In accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, the Secretary has notified those bodies and agencies, whether governmental or non governmental, qualified in fields relating to the subject-matter of the Treaty, which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be admitted as observers. A list of such bodies and agencies will be made available to the Governing Body for information.
4. At its Fifth Session, the Governing Body adopted a number of Resolutions and requested Contracting Parties and observers, its Bureau as well as the Secretariat to carry out a number of actions. The Governing Body also deferred a number of issues to this Sixth Session, in particular:
  - Review such use of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement used by the International Agricultural Research Centres of the CGIAR for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture not included in Annex 1 to the Treaty;
  - The review foreseen under Article 11.4 and Article 13.2(d);
  - The consideration of a detailed vision of the Global Information System;
  - Consideration of a package of measures to improve the functioning of the Multilateral System of access and Benefit-sharing.
5. At the end of its Fifth Session, the Governing Body elected its Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons for its Sixth Session. Mr Matthew Worrell (South West Pacific Region) was elected Chairperson. Six Vice-Chairpersons were elected: Mr Ahmed Nasser Al-Bakry (Near East Region), Mr Clarito Barron (Asia Region), Mr Saulo A. Ceolin (Latin America and Caribbean Region), Ms Felicitas Katepa-Mupondwa (North America Region), Mr Thomas Meier (Europe Region), and Mr Yacoob Mungroo (Africa Region).

6. In accordance with Rule II.1 of the *Rules of Procedure*,<sup>1</sup> the Government of Philippines designated Ms Paz J. Benavidez, in place of Mr Barron, as the Vice-Chairperson representing the Asia Region. Furthermore, the Government of Brazil designated Ms Clarissa Nina, in place of Mr Ceolin as the Vice-Chairperson representing the Latin America and the Caribbean Region.

### **Opening Session**

7. The opening session will begin at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 5 October 2015. The Governing Body will hear welcoming addresses by representatives of partner institutions and invited expert speakers representing some major stakeholders in the Treaty.

## **I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

8. Under this Section, the Governing Body will consider organizational matters that pertain to the organization of the Sixth Session. At this Session, organizational matters relate not only to the conduct of the Sixth Session, but also, if the Governing Body so decides, the possible continuation of the fourth meeting of the Open-ended *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Enhancement of the Functioning of the Multilateral System (the Working Group) during the first two or three working days of the Sixth Session and the coordination of the work between the Session and the fourth meeting of the Working Group. Organizational matters described in this Provisional Annotated Agenda may therefore be read in conjunction with the Provisional Annotated Agenda of the fourth meeting of the Working Group.<sup>2</sup>

### **ITEM 1 Adoption of Agenda and Timetable**

9. The present document annotates the *Provisional Agenda*<sup>3</sup>, and provides a proposed timetable, for the consideration of the Governing Body.

10. The provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary under the guidance of the Bureau of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body, in accordance with Rule 5.1 of the Rules of Procedure. The Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared by the Secretary and Chairperson in consultation with the Co-chairs of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Enhancement of the Functioning of the Multilateral System.

11. Following the previous experiences and the guidance of the Bureau of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body the agenda for this meeting has been organized, for the first time, in five Parts as follows:

- I. Organizational Matters
- II. Introductory and General Policy Matters
- III. Implementation of the International Treaty
- IV. Programme of Work and Budget and Related Matters
- V. Other Matters

12. In order to help with the organization of future agendas of the Governing Body sessions and following the request of the Governing Body at its Fifth Session, the Secretariat has elaborated, under the direct guidance of the Bureau, a draft Multi-Year Programme of Work of the International Treaty covering five biennia as contained in document IT/GB-6/15/22.

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<sup>1</sup> “If a Bureau member is unable to temporarily carry out any of his or her functions, the Contracting Party of that Bureau member may designate an alternate”.

<sup>2</sup> Document IT/OWG-EFMLS-4/15/2

<sup>3</sup> Document IT/GB-6/15/1, Draft Provisional Agenda.

13. The structure of the working documents has also been reviewed and further streamlined with the aim to reduce their length while providing the necessary elements for the discussions by the Governing Body. Most working documents contain draft resolutions or provide draft language for the report.

14. The Governing Body is invited to consider the provisional agenda contained in document IT/GB-6/15/1, *Draft Provisional Agenda*, and the indicative timetable suggested in this document, in order to adopt its Agenda and organize its work for this session.

## **II. ITEM 2 Election of the *Rapporteur* of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body**

15. In accordance with Rule II.1 of the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Body at its First Session, “*the Governing Body shall elect [...] a Rapporteur from among the delegates, alternates, experts and advisers of the Contracting Parties*”. The Governing Body is invited to do so, under this Item.

### **ITEM 3 Appointment of the Credentials Committee**

16. By Article 19.4 of the Treaty, each Contracting Party shall have one vote and may be represented at sessions of the Governing Body by a single delegate, who may be accompanied by an alternate, and by experts and advisers. Alternates, experts and advisers may take part in the proceedings of the Governing Body, but may not vote, except in the case of their being duly authorized to substitute for the delegate.

17. According to Rule IV.5 of the Rules of Procedure, “*each Contracting Party shall communicate to the Secretary of the Treaty the name of its representatives on the Governing Body before the opening of each session of the Governing Body*”.

18. Rule XIII of the Rules of Procedure further provides that “*the provisions of the General Rules of the FAO shall apply mutatis mutandis to all matters not specifically dealt with under the Treaty or the present Rules*”. According to Rules III.3 and III.4 of the General Rules of the FAO, a Credentials Committee shall be set up to examine credentials.

19. The Governing Body may wish to establish a Credentials Committee, comprising one representative per region, to examine the credentials at this session, and report back to the Governing Body in Plenary.

### **ITEM 4 Establishment of the Budget Committee**

20. According to Rule II of the *Financial Rules of the Governing Body* (Financial Rules), the financial period is two calendar years, coinciding with the financial period of FAO, and Rule III.4 provides that the draft budget shall be prepared by the Secretary and circulated to Contracting Parties before regular sessions of the Governing Body. The draft Work Programme and Budget for the biennium 2016-2017 is contained in the document, IT/GB-6/15/25, *Draft Work Programme and Budget for the 2016-2017 biennium*.

21. The Governing Body may wish to establish a Budget Committee, which meets from time to time following Plenary proceedings, to translate the decisions taken by the Plenary into budgetary terms, review the draft budget accordingly, and recommend a draft Budget for the 2016-2017 Work Programme, for the consideration of the Plenary.

22. In accordance with established practice, it is suggested that the Budget Committee consist of a maximum of two representatives per region acting as the spokespersons for their respective regions, and that all Contracting Parties be able to attend as observers. It is also suggested that there be two Co-Chairs, one from a developing, and one from a developed country.

## **II. INTRODUCTORY AND GENERAL POLICY MATTERS**

23. Under this Section the Governing Body will consider reports on introductory and general policy matters, which do not require the adoption of any Resolutions by the Governing Body. In

accordance with established practice at past Sessions, the reports provided under this Section will be annexed to the Report of the Session.

#### **ITEM 5 Report of the Chairperson**

24. Since the election of its members, the Bureau of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body has met several times and the Chairperson of the Sixth Session was requested to undertake a range of activities. The Chairperson will present his report, for information, on actions taken by him and the Bureau in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Body. The report of the Chairperson is contained in document IT/GB-6/15/4.

#### **ITEM 6 Report of the Secretary**

25. In accordance with Article 20 of the Treaty, the Secretary will report to the Governing Body on activities undertaken in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Body during the current biennium. Since the report is expected to reflect the latest developments directly prior to the Session, the Secretary will present its report orally during the Session. The transcript will be made available simultaneously at the time of delivery of the report and made available later on as document IT/GB-6/15/5.

#### **ITEM 7 Reports and Follow-ups from High-level Initiatives on the International Treaty**

26. The Governing Body will be informed on a number of high-level initiatives by Contracting Parties, partners, and other stakeholders that contribute to the implementation of the Treaty.

### **III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY**

27. Under this Section the Governing Body will adopt Resolutions on the major substantive issues arising in the implementation of the core systems, mechanisms and strategies of the Treaty. In accordance with Articles 19.3(a) and (b), these Resolutions will “adopt plans and programmes for the implementation of this Treaty” and will “provide policy direction and guidance to monitor, and adopt such recommendations as necessary, for the implementation of the Treaty, in particular for the operation of the Multilateral System”.<sup>4</sup> Through the Resolutions the Governing Body also “establish[es] and maintain[s] cooperation with other relevant international organizations and treaty bodies, including in particular the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, on matters covered by this Treaty, including their participation in the funding strategy.”<sup>5</sup>

#### **ITEM 8 Enhancement of the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing**

28. At its Fifth Session, the Governing Body established the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Enhancement of the Functioning of the Multilateral System, by Resolution 2/2013, with the mandate to develop a range of measures for consideration and decision by the Governing Body at its Sixth Session that will:

- (a) Increase user-based payments and contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund in a sustainable and predictable long-term manner, and
- (b) Enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System by additional measures.

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<sup>4</sup> Article 19.3(b) and (a), respectively

<sup>5</sup> Article 19.3(g)

29. At its first meeting, the Working Group elected Mr Modesto Fernandez (Cuba) and Mr Bert Visser (The Netherlands) as its two Co-Chairpersons. It held four meetings, during the biennium.<sup>6</sup>
30. At its third meeting (Brasilia, 1–5 June 2015), the Working Group adopted a Report, covering its work up to that time and containing its conclusions, recommendations to the Governing Body, as well as requests for guidance. The document IT/GB-6/15/6 *Report of the Work of the Ad-hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System during the 2014-2015 Biennium* provides that Report to the Governing Body, which contains a box on pages 4-5 with six proposed tasks for further work, from (a) to (f).
31. Given the progress being made towards developing a range of measures for consideration and decision by the Governing Body, the Working Group requested the Bureau of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body to consider the possibility of reconvening the Working Group just before the Sixth Session of the Governing Body. The Bureau agreed to the Working Group's request to reconvene for its fourth meeting commencing on Friday, 2 October.
32. The agenda of the fourth meeting of the Working Group will include a first reading of the revised Standard Material Transfer Agreement and consideration of the elements that would need to be addressed to complete a subscription model/system and the other elements of a possible enhancement package for the Multilateral System. The Working Group will also undertake a first exchange of views on the remaining work to enable a successful outcome at the end of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body, including the adoption of Draft Resolution 1/2015, *Measures to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing*.<sup>7</sup> Further information on the agenda for the fourth meeting of the Working Group is provided in document IT/OWG-EFMLS-4/15/2 *Draft Annotated Provisional Agenda and Timetable*.
33. As the fourth meeting of the Working Group is back-to-back with the session of the Governing Body, an updated Report on the Working Group's deliberations would then be issued on Saturday 3 October, so that it is available for the consultations of Regional Groups. Through this consolidated report, the Working Group will transmit the results achieved so far to the Governing Body.
34. The Co-chairs of the Working Group will report to the Governing Body under Agenda Item 8 of the provisional Agenda of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body, which is tentatively scheduled for Monday 5 October in the afternoon. They will describe progress made during the biennium and the proposed tasks for further work contained in the Report of the Working Group.
35. The Co-chairs will in particular describe the work already accomplished at the fourth meeting of the Working Group and the pending work necessary, including the work that could be concluded in the course of the Sixth Session, if the Governing Body so wishes, as well as the work that would continue in the next biennium so that the entire range of enhancement measures (paragraphs (a) to (f) of the Proposed Tasks for further work by the Working Group) can be developed in a more complete form.
36. The Co-chairs envisage that, subject to the confirmation of the Governing Body, when Agenda Item 8 is introduced, they will include a proposal for the Working Group to resume its fourth meeting during the course of the Governing Body so as to progress this work on the evenings of 5 and 6 October, and possibly of 7 October, to enable a successful outcome at the end of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body, including the adoption of the Draft Resolution mentioned above.
37. After the presentation of the consolidated report on the Working Group by the Co-Chairs, the Governing Body will have to consider how the remaining work can best be concluded.

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<sup>6</sup> <http://www.planttreaty.org/node/5851/>

<sup>7</sup> IT/GB-6/15/6 Add.1

Provision has been made for the Working Group to be able to meet on the evenings of Monday 5 to Wednesday 7 October 2015. If the Governing Body wished so, it would meet with the objective of preparing in particular Draft Resolution 1/2015, *Measures to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing*, for the consideration for adoption of the Governing Body as of Thursday 8 October 2015, and of preparing the necessary work in the next biennium.

38. Under this agenda item, the Governing Body will also examine the *Report on the Implementation of the Multilateral System* (document, IT/GB-6/15/8), which provides an overview on the operations of the Multilateral System during the 2014-2015 biennium and information on the new notifications of material included in the System. The Governing Body is invited to take note of this information and provide guidance on the implementation.

39. The Governing Body will also review the *Report of the Operations of the Third Party Beneficiary* (document IT/GB-6/15/10), which contains information on implementation of the Third Party Beneficiary Procedures, and on the management of Plant Genetic Resources under Development by Article 15 agreement signatory institutions. This document contains elements of a decision on the Third Party Beneficiary for a Resolution.

### **ITEM 9 The Funding Strategy**

40. The Funding Strategy was adopted by the Governing Body at its first Session and has not been reviewed since then. Article 19.3(c) provides that one function of the Governing Body is to “periodically review the funding strategy for the implementation of this Treaty, in accordance with the provisions of Article 18”.<sup>8</sup> The document IT/GB-6/15/11, *Report on the Funding Strategy*, provides an update of major activities undertaken during the 2014-2015 biennium. Additional information on the finalization of the second project cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund and on the launching of the third project cycle with the new portfolio of projects is contained in the information document IT/GB-6/15/Inf.4, “*Report on the execution of the project cycle of the benefit-sharing fund since the Fifth Session of the Governing*”.

41. The document IT/GB-6/15/11 also contains a list of recommendations provided by the Working Group in relation to the Funding Strategy that the Governing Body may wish to take into consideration. The Governing Body will have, at the present Session, to provide guidance on the implementation of the Funding Strategy during the 2016-2017 biennium, including on measures to enable the launch of the fourth round of the funding cycle. The Appendix to the document IT/GB-6/15/11 contains the draft Resolution 2/2015, *Implementation of the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty*.

### **ITEM 10. Development of the Global Information System**

42. At its Fifth Session the Governing Body established an Expert Consultation on the Global Information System to elaborate a vision and a programme of work for the further development and implementation of Article 17. The document IT/GB-6/15/7, *Vision Paper on the Development of the Global Information System*, presents a synthesis of the major outputs and advice provided by the Expert Consultation. Furthermore it contains in its Appendix, for review and adoption by the Governing Body, a draft Resolution with the draft vision, the programme of work and the terms of reference for the establishment of a Scientific Advisory Committee on Article 17.

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<sup>8</sup> Article 19.3(c)

### **ITEM 11. The Programme of Work on Sustainable Use**

43. At its Fifth Session the Governing Body endorsed the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use 2014-2017 and reconvened the *Ad Hoc* Technical Advisory Committee on Sustainable Use (ACSU) which met in March 2015. On the basis of the advice provided by the Committee, the document IT/GB-6/15/12, *Implementation of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, contains a draft Resolution inviting the Governing Body to endorse the revised Programme or Work on Sustainable Use and to provide guidance on a package of measures to enhance the implementation of the Programme. The draft Resolution also contains the terms of reference to reconvene the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use.

44. The Governing Body is also provided with additional information on the *Development of a Toolbox for Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* in document IT/GB-6/15/Inf.3, and on the *Report of the Third Meeting of the Platform for the Co-Development and Transfer of Technologies* in document IT/GB-6/15/Inf.10.

### **ITEM 12. Farmers' Rights**

45. The Governing Body is invited to consider document IT/GB-6/15/13, "*Report and Review of Submissions on the Implementation of Article 9, Farmers' Rights*", and to adopt the draft resolution contained in its Appendix. The actual *Compilation of Submissions on Farmers' Rights for the Sixth Session* is provided in IT/GB-6/15/Inf. 5 and contains all the submissions received by the Secretariat up to the date of preparation of the document.

46. The Governing Body may also, under this agenda item, wish to take into account the document IT/GB-6/15/Inf.11, *Report of the Secretariat of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) on the collaboration with the International Treaty*. In the spirit of collaboration and partnership, the Secretary has built a strong partnership with GFAR, which includes a Joint Roadmap and the launch of a '*Joint Capacity Building Programme on the Implementation of Farmers' Rights*' in order to enable GFAR and other relevant partners to undertake work on the implementation of Article 9.

### **ITEM 13. Compliance**

47. The document IT/GB-6/15/14 reports on developments related to compliance during the current biennium. Since the last meeting of the Governing Body no matter of concern which needed to be brought to the attention of the Compliance committee arose and in consequence the Committee did not have any meetings. The document also provides information on the election of new members of the Compliance Committee and on the work being undertaken by the Secretary to significantly improve the reporting process. The Governing Body is invited to review and adopt the draft Resolution contained in its Appendix.

### **ITEM 14. Cooperating with International Instruments and Organizations**

#### ***Item 14.1 Cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the Nagoya Protocol***

48. At each Session of the Governing Body the Secretary reports on the close cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), which has further grown in the current biennium. Through document IT/GB-6/15/15 this Session of the Governing Body is provided with a summary of key collaborative activities and initiatives undertaken by the Secretary to enhance cooperation with the CBD since the Fifth Session of the Governing Body, as well as recent developments in the on-going close relationship with the CBD and its Secretariat. It also highlights the outcomes of both the twelfth meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP 12) to the CBD and the first meeting of the COP serving as the Meeting of Parties (COP-MOP 1) to the

Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing, that are relevant to the Treaty. In its Appendix the document contains a draft Resolution for the consideration and adoption by the Governing Body. Additionally, the CBD Secretariat will provide a report to the Governing Body which is contained in IT/GB-6/15/Inf.15, *Report of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on Cooperation with the International Treaty*.

**Item 14.2 Cooperation with the Global Crop Diversity Trust**

49. Pursuant to Article 3 of the Relationship Agreement with the Global Crop Diversity Trust, the document IT/GB-6/15/16 contains in Appendix 1 a report from the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust to the Governing Body. Appendix 2 contains a draft Resolution for the Governing Body to provide policy guidance to the Trust, as provided in the Relationship Agreement with the Governing Body and the Constitution of the Trust.

**Item 14.3 Cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

50. At its Fifth Session, the Governing Body encouraged close cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and under the present agenda item the Treaty and Commission Secretariats will provide their suggestions on how to further enhance the close collaboration between them. The Governing Body further agreed to keep the matter of a functional division of tasks and activities between the Commission and the Governing Body, within their respective mandates, under review. Document IT/GB-6/15/18 summarizes main developments relevant to the cooperation with the Commission since the Fifth Session and provides information regarding the functional division of tasks and activities between the Commission and the Governing Body, and on how to further expand on-going and possible future cooperation with the Commission in specific areas.

51. Further relevant information for this item is provided in information document IT/GB-6/15/Inf.8, *Report from the Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, and in IT/GB-6/15/Inf.9, *Additional information on financial and administrative implications related to the transfer of activities or tasks from the Commission to the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

**Item 14.4 Cooperation with other International Bodies and Organizations**

52. In accordance with the provisions of the Treaty and the Resolutions of the Governing Body, the Secretary has continued his efforts to ensure that the Treaty's objectives are recognized by relevant international institutions, organization and processes. Document IT/GB-6/15/21, *Report on Cooperation with Other International Bodies and Organizations*, provides an overview and reports on programmatic and policy aspects as well as activities undertaken in the partnerships and collaborations during the current biennium and a draft resolution outlining the major activities for the 2016-2017 biennium.

53. In its deliberations the Governing Body may also wish to consider the reports received from institutions that have agreements in force under Article 15 of the International Treaty, in relation to the distribution of germplasm under the terms and conditions of the Multilateral System which are contained in IT/GB-6/15/20.

54. Several partner organizations with whom the Secretary has developed collaboration and partnerships, including through the development of Joint Roadmaps as frameworks for collaboration, have indicated that they intend to provide additional information documents to this Session:

- IT/GB-6/15/Inf.11, *Report of the Secretariat of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research on the collaboration with the International Treaty*, and;

- IT/GB-6/15/Inf.12, *Report of the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme on the collaboration with the International Treaty.*

#### **IV. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET AND RELATED MATTERS**

55. Under this Section the Governing Body will, in accordance with Article 19.3(d) of the Treaty, “adopt the budget of this Treaty” and consider related matters, including a Multi-year Programme of Work for the next 10 years of the implementation of the Treaty.

##### **ITEM 15. Matters Arising from the Implementation of the FAO Reform**

56. Document IT/GB-6/15/23 provides an update since the Fifth Session of the Governing Body on the review of Article XIV Bodies by FAO governing bodies, other developments of relevance to the International Treaty and the decisions and guidance provided by the Bureau of the Sixth Session during the current biennium. The Governing Body is invited to take note of the relevant developments and delegate to the Chairperson of the Seventh Session to follow up on any relevant issues and needs to continue implementing and further improving the functional and operational autonomy of the Treaty during the 2016-2017 biennium.

##### **ITEM 16. Adoption of the Work Programme and Budget for 2016/17 biennium**

57. Article 19.3 of the Treaty provides for the Governing Body to develop plans and programmes for implementation of the Treaty and to adopt a budget for the Treaty. Furthermore, by Resolution 13/2013, paragraph xviii, the Governing Body requested the Secretary to prepare and submit the draft Work Programme and Budget for the biennium 2016-2017 at this Session

58. The two main working documents in relation to the budget for the forthcoming biennium are IT/GB-6/15/24, *Financial Report on Progress of the Work Programme and Budget for the 2014-2015 Biennium*, and IT/GB-6/15/25, *Draft Work Programme and Budget for the 2016-17 Biennium*, with its Addendum 1 with donor-supported activities under the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes.

59. While the first document deals with the financial position of the International Treaty in its entirety and has been prepared using the financial data available at 31 May 2015, the second one presents the draft Core Work Programme and Core Administrative Budget. Document IT/GB-6/15/25 also contains possible elements of a resolution for the consideration of the Budget Committee and the Governing Body.

60. In considering this agenda item, the Governing Body may wish to take into account the information contained in document IT/GB-6/15/Inf.9, *Additional information on financial and administrative implications related to the transfer of activities or tasks from the Commission to the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.*

##### **ITEM 17. Draft Multi-Year Programme of Work**

61. At its Fifth Session, the Governing Body reviewed and amended the Business Plan and “requested the Secretary to prepare, with the guidance of the Bureau of the Sixth Session, a draft Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW), for its consideration and adoption at the next session of the Governing Body”.

62. Following that request, document IT/GB-6/15/22 presents information and elements, based on existing multi-year programmes of work, practices and experiences of other conventions, instrument and programmes, for the development of a MYPOW for the Treaty. The Governing Body is invited to review and adopt the draft MYPOW 2016-2025 and to provide any additional guidance it may consider appropriate.

## V. OTHER MATTERS

63. Under this Section the Governing Body will consider any other business and approve the Report of its Sixth Session, embodying “its decisions, views, recommendations and conclusions.”<sup>9</sup> Matters considered under this section relate to the appointment of the officers of the Governing Body as well as the consideration of the date and place of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body. Under its final agenda item, the Governing Body will approve its Report, which shall include all the Resolutions adopted at the Sixth Session.

### ITEM 18. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body

#### 18.a Chairperson and Vice-chairpersons of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body

64. In accordance with Rule II.1 of its Rules of Procedure,  
*the Governing Body shall elect a Chairperson and one Vice-Chairperson per FAO region other than the region of the Chairperson (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Bureau”) and in addition a Rapporteur from among the delegates, alternates, experts and advisers (hereinafter referred to as “representatives”) of the Contracting Parties.*

65. The Governing Body is invited to elect the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body. In accordance with Rule II.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the term of office of the Bureau of the Seventh Session will commence with immediate effect upon the closure of this Sixth Session.

#### 18.b Secretary

66. Under this item concerning the appointment of officers, the Governing Body is also invited to consider the procedure set for the renewal of the term of office of the Secretary of the Treaty, drawn from the approach adopted by FAO Management and the Bureau for the renewal of the last two terms of office of the Secretary, and in line with the Procedures for the Appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty, adopted by the Governing Body at its First Session in 2006. The Governing Body is invited to review the information contained in document IT/GB-6/15/26 and to approve the proposed procedure for the renewal of the term of office of the Secretary of the Governing Body.

### ITEM 19. Date and place of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body

67. The Governing Body is requested to indicate when and where the Seventh Session of the Governing Body should be convened.

### ITEM 20. Adoption of the Report

68. According to Rule VIII.1 of the Rules of Procedure,  
*[a]t each session, the Governing Body shall approve a report embodying its decisions, views, recommendations and conclusions.*

69. This final agenda item therefore provides for the approval of the Report of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body.

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<sup>9</sup> Rule 8.1, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body

## Appendix

## PROVISIONAL INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

PLENARY			
Time	Agenda Item	Title	Documents
<b>Monday, 5 October 2015</b>			
<b>Morning</b>			
10:00-13:00	Opening Ceremony of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body		
	<b>I. Organizational Matters</b>		
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	4	Establishment of a Budget Committee	
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	5	Report of the Chairperson	IT/GB-6/15/4
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<b>Afternoon</b>			
15:00-18:00	<b>III. Implementation of the International Treaty</b>		
	8	Enhancement of the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing	IT/GB-6/15/6 IT/GB-6/15/8 IT/GB-6/15/9 IT/GB-6/15/10 IT/GB-6/15/20 IT/GB-6/15/Inf.13

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	16	Adoption of the Work Programme and Budget for 2016/17 biennium
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	18	Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body
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