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# COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

## Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda

### Seventeenth Regular Session

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## COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

1. Partnerships and cooperation with international instruments and organizations are crucial to achieve the Commission's objectives.
2. At its Sixteenth Regular Session, the Commission thanked the international instruments and organizations for reporting on their activities to the Commission. It also welcomed inputs provided by international instruments and organizations to the report on *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture*. The Commission requested the Secretary to continue seeking inputs on prioritized themes of the regular sessions from international instruments and organizations and other relevant stakeholders and to make them available to the Commission.<sup>1</sup>
3. In line with previous practice, FAO invited through Circular Letter C/CBD-725-ORG-9 relevant international instruments and organizations to provide, by completing a questionnaire, focused information on their policies, programmes and activities relevant to the prioritized themes of this Session. Information received in response to this invitation is compiled in the document *Submissions by international instruments and organizations*<sup>2</sup>, for information of the Commission.
4. The Commission received, in addition, reports from: the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>3</sup>, the Global Crop Diversity Trust<sup>4</sup>, and the CGIAR System Organization<sup>5</sup> and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Treaty).<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> CGRFA-16/17/Report Rev.1, paragraph 92.

<sup>2</sup> CGRFA-17/19/14/Inf.1.

<sup>3</sup> CGRFA-17/19/14/Inf.2.

<sup>4</sup> CGRFA-17/19/14/Inf.3.

<sup>5</sup> CGRFA-17/19/14/Inf.4.

<sup>6</sup> CGRFA-17/19/14/Inf.5.

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5. Information on the Commission's cooperation with the Governing Body of the International Treaty is contained in the document *Cooperation with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.<sup>7</sup>

6. The Commission may wish to:

- i. Thank the international instruments and organizations for providing information on their policies, programmes and activities relevant to the prioritized themes of this Session; and
- ii. Request its Secretary to continue seeking inputs on prioritized themes of the regular sessions from international instruments and organizations and to make them available to the Commission for its information.
- iii. Welcome Resolution 11/2017 of the Governing Body<sup>8</sup>;
- iv. Welcome joint activities of the Secretariats of the Treaty and the Commission during the past intersessional period; and
- v. Request the Secretary to continue strengthening collaboration with the Secretary of the Treaty to promote coherence in the development and implementation of the respective programmes of work of the two bodies in areas of relevance to them, including:
  - (a) the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Third Report) of a draft Third Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
  - (b) the organization of the international symposia on on-farm management of farmers' varieties/landraces and on *in situ* conservation of crop wild relatives and wild food plants;
  - (c) the monitoring and implementation of the Second GPA, including technical instruments that facilitate its implementation, such as the Genebank Standards;
  - (d) access and benefit-sharing (ABS) and "digital sequence information" on PGRFA;
  - (e) GLIS and FAO WIEWS, targets and indicators as well as the development of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework.

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<sup>7</sup> CGRFA-17/19/14/Inf.6.

<sup>8</sup> See *Appendix I*.

*APPENDIX I*<sup>9</sup>**GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE****RESOLUTION 11/2017****COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE****THE GOVERNING BODY,**

*Recalling* Resolutions 4/2013 and 9/2015 on Cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) and, in particular, its request for a close cooperation between the Commission and the Governing Body;

1. *Welcomes* the establishment of the new FAO Department on Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water and notes that this will strengthen collaboration between the International Treaty and the Commission and allow for greater coordination and coherence between the International Treaty and the Commission;
2. *Agrees* to keep the matter of the functional division of tasks and activities between the Governing Body and the Commission under review and *requests* the Secretary to regularly report any relevant developments in the cooperation with the Commission;
3. *Welcomes* the Voluntary Guidelines for national level conservation of crop wild relatives and wild food plants and invites Contracting Parties to implement them, as appropriate;
4. *Welcomes* the invitation of the Commission to the Governing Body, to continue, in its continued governance of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) according to Article 3 of the International Treaty, to closely coordinate with the Commission, in order to address in a complementary way the distinctive features and specific uses of PGRFA, bearing in mind the ongoing activities and processes under the International Treaty, including the current process of enhancing the functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing and the ongoing cooperation supporting the harmonious implementation of the International Treaty, the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol;
5. *Welcomes* the invitation of the Commission to the Governing Body to exchange information with the Commission at regular intervals on the process of enhancing the Multilateral System with a view to avoiding duplication of efforts and *requests* the Secretary to prepare, with the guidance of the Bureau of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body, a report to be made available to the seventeenth Regular Session of the Commission;
6. *Requests* the Secretary to collaborate with the Secretary of the Commission, who will convene an international workshop to assist countries to identify and raise awareness of distinctive features and specific practices of subsectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture in the context of the Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, as well as with the Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
7. *Takes note* of the analysis of the information collected by the Governing Body on the implementation of the International Treaty and by FAO WIEWS on the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and for the preparation of the Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and requests the Secretaries of the International Treaty and the Commission to explore technical options that allow users of one system to either refer to or use information previously submitted to the other system;

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<sup>9</sup> IT/GB-7/17/Report, Appendix A.11.

8. **Requests** the Secretary to continue strengthening collaboration and coordination with the Secretary of the Commission to promote coherence in the development and implementation of the respective programmes of work of the two bodies, and in particular with regard to:

- i) the preparation of the Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the consideration of the Third Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
- ii) the monitoring and implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, including further work on draft voluntary guidelines on farmers' varieties/landraces and global networking on in situ conservation and on-farm management of PGRFA;
- iii) access and benefit-sharing;
- iv) the Global Information System of the International Treaty and FAO WIEWS; and
- v) global targets and indicators related to PGRFA.