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COMMISSION I

Items 7.1 and 7.2

1. At its first meeting, held on 12 November 1993, the Resolutions Committee examined the following draft Conference Resolutions stemming from previous sessions of the Council:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Title of Draft Resolution</u>	<u>Source</u>
7.1	"Revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources"	103rd Session of the Council
7.2	"International Code of Conduct for Plant Germplasm Collecting and Transfer"	103rd Session of the Council

2. The texts of the aforementioned draft Resolutions are contained in document C 93/28. The full text of the International Code of Conduct for Plant Germplasm Collecting and Transfer is contained in document C 93/INF/17.

3. In respect to the draft Resolution on the "Revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources", the Committee noted that any extraordinary sessions of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources decided upon would be financed from extrabudgetary funds.

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4. With regard to the draft Resolution on the "International Code of Conduct for Plant Germplasm Collecting and Transfer", the Committee recommended that, in line with the procedure followed by the Conference in approving similar instruments, the text of the Code, at present reproduced in document C 93/INF/17, be annexed to the Resolution. Consequently, the Committee also recommended that the operative paragraph be amended to read:

"Adopts the voluntary International Code of Conduct for Plant Germplasm Collecting and Transfer (annexed hereto), the overriding purpose of which is to contribute, within the context of FAO Global System on Plant Genetic Resources, to the conservation and rational use of plant genetic resources for sustainable development by providing broad guidelines for plant germplasm collection and transfer."

Furthermore, the Committee suggested to amend, for editorial purposes only, the last sentence of Article 3.2 of the Code (document CL 93/INF/17) to read: "In the exercise [in executing] of these rights, access to plant genetic resources should not be unduly restricted." (The words underlined should be added and the words in square brackets should be deleted).

5. Subject to the foregoing, the draft Conference Resolutions were found receivable and are submitted to Commission I.