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COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

Fourteenth Regular Session

Rome, 15 – 19 April 2013

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIME-TABLE

1. Adoption of the agenda and time-table

The present document contains the *Provisional annotated agenda and time-table*, for the consideration of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Commission). In view of the heavy agenda, provision has been made for additional sessions that could be held in the evening and night hours.

MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK

In revising its Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW), the Commission, at its Thirteenth Regular Session, requested its Secretary to prepare a revised *Strategic Plan 2014-2021 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work*, for its consideration at this session.¹ The structure of this section of the provisional agenda is intended to facilitate the review of the *Draft Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture 2014-2021 (CGRFA-14/13/25)*. While working through agenda items 2 to 8, the Commission may wish to review the draft Strategic Plan, as appropriate, for each sector and each cross-sectorial matter, taking into account recommendations by its Working Groups² as well as submissions by international organizations on the prioritised themes of this session.³ Under agenda item 8, the Commission may wish to consider the changes as a whole and consolidate existing and newly proposed outputs and milestones into a revised *Strategic Plan 2014-2021*.

2. Cross-sectorial matters

2.1 Key issues and the preparation of *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture*

The Commission, in adopting its MYPOW in 2007, requested FAO to present a report on *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture* to the Commission's Sixteenth Regular Session

¹ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 109.

² CGRFA-14/13/10; CGRFA-14/13/12; CGRFA-14/13/20.

³ CGRFA-14/13/Inf.26.

(2016/17). At its last session, the Commission considered a concept note to facilitate the preparation of the report⁴ and agreed to provide comments on the concept note in writing.⁵ In revising its MYPOW, the Commission agreed to consider key issues and preparation of the report at this session.⁶

Taking into account the comments received from countries and international organizations, the document, *Preparation of The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture*, (CGRFA-14/13/3) identifies key features and objectives of the report and proposes an outline for the report, a roadmap for its preparation as well as a tentative budget. Draft guidelines for the preparation of country reports are contained in document, **CGRFA-14/13/Inf.23**.

The Commission may wish to make recommendations regarding the contents and preparation of *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture*.

2.2 Review of relevant international targets and indicators for biodiversity for food and agriculture

The Commission, at its last session, welcomed FAO's work in the development and use of international indicators for biodiversity for food and agriculture as part of the Biodiversity Indicator Partnership (BIP), and encouraged FAO to continue to develop, test and apply biodiversity indicators, which will contribute to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020.⁷

The Commission also stressed that indicators should be policy relevant, scientifically sound, understandable, feasible to obtain and sensitive to changes. It agreed on the need for further development of indicators for biodiversity linked to food quality and nutrition. In this context, the Commission welcomed the work of FAO on targets and indicators in the areas of plant genetic resources, animal genetic resources, forest genetic resources, aquatic genetic resources and nutrition indicators for biodiversity. The Commission encouraged FAO to further advance work, including on higher-order and headline indicators.⁸ More specifically, the Commission requested FAO to:

- identify or refine indicators to measure progress made in the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* and to continue to further develop, through regionally balanced consultations, the headline indicator of the Convention on Biological Diversity for trends in genetic diversity of domesticated animal species of major socio-economic importance;
- review existing indicators and identify or develop higher-order indicators, which could be in the form of an index that could enable stakeholders at all levels to effectively monitor the implementation of the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Second GPA);
- identify targets and indicators within the planned or on-going processes of global assessments or action plans under the mandate of the Commission; and
- consider, and advise on, how such indicators may provide a basis for countries to assess progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets as relevant, in particular Target 13.⁹

Relevant developments in other fora and FAO's continued efforts to further advance work on indicators, including headline indicators, are briefly summarized in the document, *Targets and indicators for biodiversity for food and agriculture* (CGRFA-14/13/4).

- The document, *Targets and indicators for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture* (CGRFA-14/13/4.1 Rev.1), proposes targets and indicators for the implementation of the Second GPA, as reviewed by the Commission's Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. For the Commission's information, a

⁴ See CGRFA-13/11/Inf.23.

⁵ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 110.

⁶ CGRFA-13/11/Report, *Appendix F*.

⁷ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 96.

⁸ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 97.

⁹ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 98.

draft reporting format for monitoring the implementation of the Second GPA is given in the document, **CGRFA-14/13/Inf.9**.

- The document, *Targets and indicators for animal genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/4.2)*, proposes process and resource indicators, and related targets, to monitor the implementation and impact of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*.
- The document, *Targets and indicators for forest genetic resources (CGRFA-14/13/4.3)*, proposes targets and indicators for forest genetic resources.

The Commission may wish to review and revise, as necessary, the proposed targets and indicators, taking into account the recommendations of its Sectoral Working Groups.¹⁰

2.3 Roadmap or work programme on climate change and genetic resources for food and agriculture

The Commission, at its last session, agreed on the need for a roadmap or work programme on climate change and genetic resources for food and agriculture and decided to consider the roadmap or work programme at this session. The Commission requested its Secretary to advance and further develop the roadmap or work programme based on the following four main elements: strategies and policies; tools and technologies for genetic resources and climate change; forging partnerships; and monitoring progress for consideration at its next regular session. It further requested its Secretary to provide an overview of the financial implications of the full implementation of the roadmap or work programme.¹¹

The document, *Roadmap on climate change and genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/5)*, proposes a roadmap on climate change, including objectives and activities to be undertaken, taking into consideration relevant ongoing work on climate change and genetic resources for food and agriculture of both FAO and other organizations.¹² The document also outlines the budget implications of the proposed activities. Information on relevant developments in other fora since the Commission's last session is contained in the document, *Selected processes and initiatives on climate change of relevance to genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.10)*.

The Commission may wish to review and revise, as necessary, the proposed roadmap with a view to adopt it.

2.4 Consideration of the need for and modalities of access and benefit-sharing arrangements for genetic resources for food and agriculture, including Report of the First Session of the Ad Hoc Technical Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

The Commission, at its last session, considered policies and arrangements for access and benefit-sharing (ABS) for genetic resources for food and agriculture. It decided to establish, in accordance with Article 5 of its Statutes, an Ad Hoc Technical Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture with the mandate to :

- identify relevant distinctive features of the different sectors and sub-sectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture requiring distinctive solutions;
- taking into account the relevant distinctive features identified, develop options to guide and assist countries, upon their request, in developing legislative, administrative and policy measures that accommodate these features; and
- analyze, as appropriate, possible modalities for addressing ABS for genetic resources for food and agriculture, taking into account the full range of options, including those presented in the Nagoya Protocol.¹³

¹⁰ **CGRFA-14/13/10; CGRFA-14/13/12; CGRFA-14/13/20.**

¹¹ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 52; *Appendix F*.

¹² See **CGRFA-14/13/Inf.26.**

¹³ CGRFA-13/11/Report, *Appendix D.1*.

The first session of the Ad Hoc Technical Working Group was held from 11 to 13 September 2012 in Longyearbyen (Svalbard), Norway, and its report (CGRFA-14/13/6) as well as inputs sought from the Commission's Sectoral Technical Working Groups¹⁴ are before the Commission, for its consideration.

The document, *The need for and modalities of access and benefit-sharing arrangements for genetic resources for food and agriculture* (CGRFA-14/13/7), discusses the need and possible options for tailor-made ABS arrangements for genetic resources for food and agriculture, as well as possible next steps the Commission may wish to consider to enhance its work on ABS for genetic resources for food and agriculture.

2.5 Review of key issues on biodiversity and nutrition

The Commission, at its Eleventh Regular Session in 2007, recognized the important contribution of biodiversity to nutrition and supported the integration of FAO's work in the context of the *Cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition* into its MYPOW, as a cross-cutting issue.¹⁵ At its last session, the Commission decided to review key issues on biodiversity and nutrition at this session.¹⁶

The document, *Review of key issues on biodiversity and nutrition* (CGRFA-14/13/8), presents key nutrition issues related to food biodiversity and seeks advice from the Commission on the prioritization of future work on biodiversity for food and nutrition. Additional background information is contained in the documents: *Linkages between biodiversity, food and nutrition* (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.11); *Possible ways to better generate, compile and disseminate cultivar-specific nutrient composition data* (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.12); *Characterization of different food systems, including traditional food systems, in relation to biodiversity and nutrition* (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.13).

The Commission may wish to review the information provided and make recommendations regarding further work on biodiversity and nutrition.

3. Forest genetic resources

3.1 Presentation of *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources*

In 2007, the Commission approved the inclusion in its MYPOW of *The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources*.¹⁷ At its session in 2009, the Commission requested FAO to prepare the report for consideration at its Fourteenth Session. The Commission also endorsed the outline for the report¹⁸ and approved an indicative timetable for the preparatory process.¹⁹ In 2011, the Commission reviewed and welcomed progress made in the preparation of the report.²⁰

The document, *Preparation of The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* (CGRFA-14/13/9), provides an overview of the process followed to prepare the report and outlines next steps for its finalization. The *Draft report on The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources* (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.14) is before the Commission. The Commission may wish to request FAO to finalize the report.

3.2 Report of the Second Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Forest Genetic Resources, including discussion of options for the follow-up

The Commission requested its Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Forest Genetic Resources to meet prior to the Commission's Fourteenth Regular Session.²¹ The second session of the

¹⁴ CGRFA-14/13/10, paragraphs 19-22; CGRFA-14/13/12, paragraphs 30-33; CGRFA-14/13/20, paragraphs 33-36.

¹⁵ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 35.

¹⁶ CGRFA-13/11/Report, *Appendix D.I.*

¹⁷ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 55.

¹⁸ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 50.

¹⁹ CGRFA-12/09/Report, *Appendix G (Strategic Plan)*, IV. Forest Genetic Resources.

²⁰ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 66.

²¹ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 69.

Working Group was held from 23 to 25 January 2013 and its report (**CGRFA-14/13/10**) is before the Commission, for its consideration.

The Commission, at its last session, also requested FAO to prepare a synthesis paper on priority areas for action based on country reports, for regional consultations.²² The document, *Draft Strategic Priorities for Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources* (**CGRFA-14/13/11**), provides draft strategic priorities, as reviewed by the Working Group.

The Commission may wish to review and revise, as necessary, the proposed strategic priorities, and request the Conference to adopt them.

4. Animal genetic resources

4.1 Report of the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

The Commission, at its last session, requested its Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to meet prior to its next regular session.²³ The Seventh Session of the Working Group was held from 24 to 26 October 2012 and its report (**CGRFA-14/13/12**) is before the Commission, for its consideration.

4.2 Review of the implementation of the Interlaken outcomes

In adopting its MYPOW, the Commission decided in 2007 to review, at its Fourteenth Regular Session, the outcomes of the First International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, held in September 2007 in Interlaken, Switzerland. The Interlaken Conference adopted the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* and the *Interlaken Declaration*.

The *FAO progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources and the Interlaken Declaration* (**CGRFA-14/13/13**) reports on relevant activities of FAO since July 2011. A more detailed analysis of the progress made in the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* since its adoption in 2007 is given in the document, *Synthesis progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources – 2012* (**CGRFA-14/13/Inf.15**). The synthesis progress report is based on data collected via a reporting scheme agreed by the Commission at its Twelfth Regular Session.²⁴ In line with the agreed reporting scheme, a second report on the *Status and trends of Animal Genetic Resources – 2012* (**CGRFA-14/13/Inf.16**), has been prepared, for information of the Commission.²⁵ Additional information on the role of small-scale livestock keepers is given in the document, *Roles of small scale livestock keepers in the conservation and sustainable use of animal genetic resources* (**CGRFA-14/13/Inf.17**).

Taking into account the recommendations of its Working Group,²⁶ the Commission may wish to review the status and trends of animal genetic resources, past and on-going activities related to the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* and make recommendations regarding future work. The Commission may also wish to endorse the *Draft guidelines on in vivo conservation of animal genetic resources* (**CGRFA-14/13/Inf. 18**), as reviewed by the Working Group.

In response to a request by the Interlaken Conference,²⁷ the Commission developed and adopted in 2009 the *Funding Strategy for the Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic*

²² CGRFA-12/09/Report, *Appendix G (Strategic Plan)*, IV. Forest Genetic Resources.

²³ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 89.

²⁴ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 38.

²⁵ Cf. CGRFA-13/11/Inf.17.

²⁶ **CGRFA-14/13/12**, paragraphs 10-11 and 21-22.

²⁷ See *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*, paragraph 54.

*Resources*²⁸ (Funding Strategy) and requested FAO to implement it.²⁹ The Commission shall monitor the implementation of the Funding Strategy and assess its performance and efficacy. The Funding Strategy also suggests that the Commission may review the Funding Strategy, including the annexes thereto, based on the monitoring results every second regular session or as necessary.³⁰ At its last session, the Commission requested FAO to launch the first call for proposals for the use of funds received through the FAO Trust Account, and provided detailed guidance on the process.³¹

The document, *Review of the Funding Strategy for the Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources (CGRFA-14/13/14)*, reports on the status of implementation of the first project cycle under the Funding Strategy and proposes draft procedures for monitoring and evaluation. Taking into account the recommendations by its Working Group³², the Commission may wish to review the progress made in the implementation of the Funding Strategy and review and revise, as necessary, the draft procedures for monitoring and independent evaluation, with a view to approve them at this session.

4.3 Preparation of *The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

Between 2001 and 2006, FAO prepared, under the guidance of the Commission, *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, which was launched in 2007.³³ The FAO Conference, in November 2007, welcomed the report as the first comprehensive worldwide assessment of the state of animal genetic resources.³⁴

The Commission, in adopting its MYPOW in 2007, agreed that *The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* should be launched at its Sixteenth Regular Session in 2017.³⁵

The document, *Preparation of The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/15)*, proposes to advance the presentation of the report to 2015, as recommended by the Working Group.³⁶ In addition, it proposes a timeline, scope, content and process for the preparation of the report and contains a tentative budget. A *Draft questionnaire for collecting national data to support the preparation of The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.19)* is provided for information of the Commission.

5. Aquatic genetic resources

5.1 Status of preparation of *The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources*

The Commission, at its Eleventh Regular Session, recognized the importance and vulnerability of aquatic genetic resources, their roles in an ecosystem approach for food and agriculture and their contributions to meeting the challenges presented by climate change. It approved the inclusion in its MYPOW of a report on *The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources*.³⁷ In 2011, the Commission decided to postpone the launch of the report from the Commission's Fourteenth to its Sixteenth Regular Session³⁸ and requested FAO to continue its work towards the preparation of the report, initially by focussing on cultured species.

²⁸ CGRFA-12/09/Report, *Appendix C*.

²⁹ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 43.

³⁰ CGRFA-12/09/Report, *Appendix C*, paragraph 5.

³¹ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraphs 85 – 88.

³² **CGRFA-14/12/12**, paragraphs 15-20.

³³ <http://www.fao.org/docrep/010/a1250e/a1250e00.htm>

³⁴ C 2007/REP, paragraph 147.

³⁵ CGRFA-11/07/Report, *Appendix E*.

³⁶ CGRFA-14/13/12, paragraph 23a.

³⁷ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 55.

³⁸ CGRFA-13/11/Report, *Appendix F*.

The document, *Status of preparation of The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/16)*, provides an update of FAO's work towards the preparation of *The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*. The document, *Draft Guidelines for the preparation of country reports for The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.25)*, which FAO intends to circulate to countries to facilitate the preparation of Country Reports, is provided for information of the Commission.

The Commission, according to its Statutes, may establish intergovernmental technical sectoral working groups ("Sectoral Working Groups"), with appropriate geographical balance, to assist it in the areas of plant, animal, forestry and fisheries genetic resources. As sectoral working groups have played an essential role in the preparation of previous reports prepared under the guidance of the Commission, the Commission may wish to consider the establishment of an Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The document, *Establishment of an Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/17)*, briefly explains the statutory role, function and *modus operandi* of the Commission's sectoral working groups, explains the procedure through which they may be established and contains a report by the Director-General on the programme, financial and administrative implications of establishing an Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

The Commission may wish to review the progress made in the preparation of *The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, consider the establishment of an Intergovernmental Technical Working Group, and make recommendations regarding future work in this area.

5.2 Review of scoping policy analysis

The Commission, at its last session, also agreed to review at this session a scoping policy analysis to identify gaps and opportunities related to aquatic genetic resources.³⁹

The document, *Scoping policy analysis: Gaps and opportunities related to aquatic genetic resources (CGRFA-14/13/18)*, reviews existing policies on aquatic genetic resources or of relevance to them, at national and international level. More detailed information is provided in the document, *Scoping policy analysis for aquatic genetic resources (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.24)*. The Commission may wish to review the information provided and make recommendations for future work, including, as appropriate, work related to *The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

6. Review of key issues in micro-organisms and invertebrates

In 2009, at its Twelfth Regular Session, the Commission requested FAO to prepare, together with relevant international organizations and scientific institutions, focussed targeted assessments on the status and trends in the conservation and use of soil micro-organisms, biological control agents and plant pathogens, in particular, of important crops, for presentation at the Commission's Fourteenth Regular Session.⁴⁰ At its Thirteenth Regular Session, the Commission reiterated the need to continue to advance this work, and requested its Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups to review the relevant assessments within their fields of expertise.⁴¹

The document, *Key issues in micro-organisms and invertebrates (CGRFA-14/13/19)*, briefly introduces and summarizes five in-depth studies prepared in response to the Commission's request. The studies are also available as separate background study papers:

- *Micro-organisms and ruminant digestion: State of knowledge, trends and future prospects (Background Study Paper No. 61)*;

³⁹ CGRFA-13/11/Report, Appendix F.

⁴⁰ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 60.

⁴¹ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 91.

- *Invertebrates in rice production systems: Status and trends* (**Background Study Paper No. 62**);
- *Conservation and use of micro-organisms and invertebrates in integrated root and tuber crop-based systems: State of knowledge, trends and future prospects* (**Background Study Paper No. 63**);
- *Status and trends of the conservation and sustainable use of micro-organisms in agro-industrial processes* (**Background Study Paper No. 64**); and
- *Status and trends of the conservation and sustainable use of micro-organisms in food processes* (**Background Study Paper No. 65**).

Taking into account the comments received from the Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups,⁴² the Commission may wish to welcome the background study papers and make recommendations regarding the Commission's further work on key issues in micro-organisms and invertebrates.

7. Plant genetic resources

7.1 Report of the Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

The Commission, at its last session, requested its Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to meet prior to this session of the Commission.⁴³ The Sixth Session of the Working Group was held from 14 to 16 November 2012 and its report (**CGRFA-14/13/20**) is before the Commission, for its consideration.

7.2 Follow-up to the Commission's recommendations regarding the implementation of the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

In November 2011, the FAO Council adopted the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Second GPA),⁴⁴ as agreed by the Commission at its last session.⁴⁵ The Second GPA provides an important internationally agreed framework for the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources, constitutes a supporting component of the International Treaty⁴⁶ and will also help reach the targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.⁴⁷

Overall progress in the implementation of the Second GPA and the related follow-up processes are monitored and guided through the Commission. The document, *Implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (**CGRFA-14/13/21**), provides information on action taken in the follow-up to the adoption of the Second GPA and in response to other recommendations by the Commission. In addition, as requested by the Commission,⁴⁸ a *Synthetic Account of the Second Global Plan of Action* has been made available in all official languages of FAO that conveys the main messages, describing the strategic priorities and actions in simple language to a wide range of stakeholders.⁴⁹

In support of the implementation of the Second GPA, FAO continued to provide policy and technical assistance to Member Countries, supporting the development of seed systems and seed enterprises and facilitating farmers' access to highly performing varieties in Africa, Asia and Latin America. FAO also prepared a *Draft guide for national seed policy formulation* (**CGRFA-14/13/Inf.20**).

⁴² CGRFA-14/13/12, paragraphs 29-30; CGRFA-14-13/20, paragraphs 31-32.

⁴³ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 33.

⁴⁴ CL 143/REP, paragraph 43.

⁴⁵ CGRFA-13/11/Report, *Appendix B*.

⁴⁶ International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Article 14.

⁴⁷ Convention on Biological Diversity, COP Decision X/2.

⁴⁸ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 22.

⁴⁹ <http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/i2650e/i2650e.pdf>

7.3 Genebank Standards for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

In 2007, the Commission agreed on the need for revising its 1994 Genebank Standards, in order to ensure that plant genetic resources are conserved under conditions that meet recognized and appropriate standards, based on current and available technological and scientific knowledge.⁵⁰ At its last session, the Commission considered draft standards for orthodox seeds and commended their quality; it decided that the revised Genebank Standards should cover, in addition to orthodox seeds, non-orthodox seeds as well as vegetatively propagated plants.⁵¹

The document, *Draft Genebank Standards for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/22)*, provides background information on the preparation, structure and contents of the draft Genebank Standards and contains in its Appendix the Draft Genebank Standards which cover orthodox and non-orthodox seeds as well as vegetatively propagated plants. The Commission may wish to review and endorse the proposed Genebank Standards.

7.4 Review of cooperation with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

The Commission, at its last session, emphasized the importance of its on-going cooperation with the Governing Body of the Treaty and requested its Secretary to provide, in collaboration with the Secretary of the Governing Body, a paper on the legal, administrative and financial implications of transferring activities or tasks related to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture from the Commission to the Governing Body of the Treaty.⁵²

The document, *Transfer of activities or tasks from the Commission to the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture: legal, administrative and financial implications (CGRFA-14/13/23)*, responds to the Commission's request.

The Commission may wish to explore options for close cooperation with the Governing Body in the light of the legal, administrative and financial implications of transferring activities from the Commission to the Governing Body.

8. Implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work

8.1 Human and financial resources available for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work

The Commission, at its last session, requested its Secretary to provide, at its next regular session, a report on the human and financial resources in FAO to support the implementation of the MYPOW, providing information on the financial resources for staff and new staff members, and including information on the allocation of extra-budgetary funds and their sources.

The document, *Human and financial resources available for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work (CGRFA-14/13/24)*, responds to the Commission's request. The Commission may wish to review the document and make any recommendations with regard to human and financial resources for the implementation of its MYPOW.

8.2 Strategic Plan 2014-2021 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work

The Commission, at its last session, reviewed its MYPOW, expressed satisfaction with progress made in its implementation and adopted the revised MYPOW 2013-2021. The Commission requested its Secretary to prepare a revised Strategic Plan 2014–2021 for the implementation of the MYPOW, for its consideration at this session.⁵³

The document, *Draft Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture 2014-2021 (CGRFA-14/13/25)*, responds to the Commission's request. The Commission

⁵⁰ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 28.

⁵¹ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 31.

⁵² CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 25.

⁵³ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 109.

may wish to review and revise, as necessary, the draft Strategic Plan 2014-2021 with a view to adopt it at this session.

COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

9. Cooperation with international instruments and organizations

Strengthening cooperation and partnerships on biodiversity for food and agriculture is a strategic goal of the Commission. The document, *Cooperation with international instruments and organizations (CGRFA-14/13/26)*, summarizes the Commission's cooperation and inputs received from international organizations with regard to the implementation of the MYPOW.

Additional relevant information is provided in the documents: *Submissions by international organizations on the prioritised themes of the session (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.26)*; *Report from the Global Crop Diversity Trust to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.21)*; and *Report from the CGIAR Consortium of the International Agricultural Research Centers to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-14/13/Inf.22)*.

THE COMMISSION'S MODE OF OPERATION

10. Status and profile of the Commission, including discussion of the operation of Commission meetings

At its last session, the Commission decided to keep its status and profile under review. It requested the Secretary to follow closely and report to the Commission on relevant developments within the FAO renewal process. The Commission requested the Secretary to provide more detailed information regarding the advantages and disadvantages, and budgetary implications of a possible change of the Commission's status for consideration by the Commission at its next session. The Commission also requested the Secretary to review the Commission's Statutes and Rules of Procedure in the light of the outcome of the ongoing review of the Statutory Bodies of FAO and the reform of the Technical Committees.

The document, *The status of the Commission (CGRFA-14/13/27)*, analyses the implications of a change of the Commission's status and proposes amendments to the Commission's Rules of Procedure reflecting the reform of FAO's Technical Committees.

11. Composition of Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups

The Commission agreed at its last session to consider, at this session, the composition of its Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups. It requested the Secretary to provide relevant background information to the Commission for its consideration.

The document, *The composition of the Commission's Intergovernmental Technical Sectoral Working Groups (CGRFA-14/13/28)*, provides background information on the existing Sectoral Working Groups, briefly summarizes their legal basis, including composition, and provides information on other bodies which aim to include in the membership of their subsidiary bodies a balanced geographical representation of their Members.

The Commission may wish to consider the composition of its Intergovernmental Technical Sectoral Working Groups in the light of the information provided.

OTHER MATTERS

12. Other business

13. Date and place of the Commission's Fifteenth Regular Session

14. Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs

15. Adoption of the Report

PROVISIONAL TIME-TABLE

Time	Agenda Item	Title	Working Documents
Monday, 15 April 2013 morning			
10:00 – 13:00		Opening of the Session	
	1	Adoption of the agenda and time-table	CGRFA-14/13/1 CGRFA-14/13/2
	2	Cross-sectorial matters	
		2.1 Key issues and the preparation of The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA-14/13/3
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15:00 – 18:00		2.3 Roadmap or work programme on climate change and genetic resources for food and agriculture	CGRFA-14/13/5
		2.4 Consideration of the need for and modalities of access and benefit-sharing arrangements for genetic resources for food and agriculture, including Report of the First Session of the Ad Hoc Technical Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA-14/13/6 CGRFA-14/13/7
		2.5 Review of key issues on biodiversity and nutrition	CGRFA-14/13/8
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10:00 – 13:00	3	Forest genetic resources	
		3.1 Presentation of <i>The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources</i>	CGRFA-14/13/9
		3.2 Report of the Second Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Forest Genetic Resources, including discussion of options for the follow-up	CGRFA-14/13/10 CGRFA-14/13/11

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		4.3 Preparation of <i>The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources</i>	CGRFA-14/13/15
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10:00 – 13:00	5	Aquatic genetic resources	
		5.1 Status of preparation of <i>The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources</i>	CGRFA-14/13/16 CGRFA-14/13/17
		5.2 Review of scoping policy analysis	CGRFA-14/13/18
	6	Review of key issues in micro-organisms and invertebrates	CGRFA-14/13/19
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15:00 – 18:00	7	Plant genetic resources	
		7.1 Report of the Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA-14/13/20
		7.2 Follow-up to the Commission's recommendations regarding the implementation of the <i>Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	CGRFA-14/13/21
		7.3 Genebank Standards for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA-14/13/22
		7.4 Review of cooperation with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA-14/13/23

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		8.1 Human and financial resources to support the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work	CGRFA-14/13/24
		8.2 Strategic Plan 2014-2021 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work	CGRFA-14/13/25
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	9	Cooperation with the international instruments and organizations	CGRFA-14/13/26
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15:00 – 18:00	10	Status and profile of the Commission, including discussion of the operation of Commission meetings	CGRFA-14/13/27
	11	Composition of Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups	CGRFA-14/13/28
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	12	Other business	
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	14	Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs	
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