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Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda

COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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CORRIGENDUM TO

CHAIRMAN'S SIMPLIFIED TEXT, INCLUDING THE TEXTS NEGOTIATED AND
AGREED BY THE COMMISSION AND THE CHAIRMAN'S CONTACT GROUP

Please note the correction on page 21 of document CGRFA/Ex- 6/01/2, which adds a missing footnote (here numbered 13bis) to Article 20.1 in Appendix 1, *Results of the Legal Working Group on Articles 19 to 32*, as follows:

Article 20 - Secretariat

20.1 The Secretary^{iat} of the Governing Body ~~Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture~~ shall be appointed by the Director-General of FAO, with the approval of the Governing Body. The Secretary shall be ~~act as the Secretariat of the Governing Body~~, assisted by such staff as the Governing Body shall decide.^{13bis}

^{13bis} The new text assumes an Article XIV agreement with an autonomous budget; the first sentence is Article 18.1 of the Composite Text, and the second is Article XII.2 of the IPPC.

If not an Article XIV agreement, the Legal Group identified three alternatives:

1. For a completely independent international organization): "The Secretary shall be appointed by the Governing Body". If not an Article XIV agreement, then provision regarding the election and functions of the Director-General, staff, and the seat of the organization should be formulated. In this regard, the Legal Group noted the relevant provisions of the FAO Constitution.
2. Drawing on an existing international organization: (a) modelled on CBD Article 24.2): 'At its first ordinary session, the Governing Body shall designate the secretariat from amongst those existing competent international organizations which have signified their willingness to carry out the secretariat functions under this Convention'; and (b) modelled on PIC Articles 19.3 and 19.4): 'The Secretariat functions shall be performed by the Director-General of FAO, subject to such arrangements as shall be agreed between the Director-General and the Governing Body. The Governing Body may decide to entrust the secretariat functions to one or more competent international organizations, should it find that the secretariat is not functioning as intended'.