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## Item 2 of the Draft Provisional Agenda

COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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## DRAFT PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIME-TABLE

### 1. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs

The outgoing Chair will open the meeting and call for the election of the new Chair and Vice-Chairs. Since its Seventh Regular Session, the Commission elects a Bureau of seven Members, including the chair, one from each of the regions.

### 2. Adoption of agenda and time-table

The present document contains the *Draft provisional annotated agenda and time-table*, for the consideration of the Commission.

At its Tenth Regular Session, the Commission considered its future work, and agreed that the Secretariat, in cooperation with the relevant services and Priority Areas for Interdisciplinary Action (PAIAs) in FAO, should submit a Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) to its current Session.

The structure of the proposed agenda is therefore intended to facilitate the discussion and adoption of the MYPOW. It allows the Commission to identify issues it may wish to address, in order to implement its full mandate, and to incorporate these in a planned programme of work.

Section I provides for a review of the Commission's on-going programmes on animal and plant genetic resources, and on the draft Code of Conduct on Biotechnology, as it relates to genetic resources for food and agriculture;

Section II reviews the status and needs for other sectors of genetic resources of interest for food and agriculture, in accordance with the Commission's mandate, including the application of the ecosystem approach to food and agriculture, and international cross-sectorial policy matters;

Section III provides information on the policies, programmes and activities of FAO and other international organizations, in all sectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture, as well as on relevant cross-sectorial matters;

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Section IV foresees the review of the draft MYPOW; and

Section V its implementation.

The Commission may consider it helpful to establish a small MYPOW Committee at the beginning of the session, under this item of the agenda, to keep track of the various matters that the Commission discusses, and adjust the draft MYPOW accordingly, including its major outputs and milestones, for consideration as a whole under agenda item 9. The Commission could also assign this task to its Bureau.

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**SECTION I: REVIEW OF ON-GOING PROGRAMMES OF THE COMMISSION**

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**3. Programme of Work on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

**3.1 Progress since the Tenth Regular Session of the Commission in the preparation of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources, including of the report, *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources***

(a) *Report of the Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

At its Seventh Regular Session, the Commission established a subsidiary Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, to consider such matters as it would from time to time refer to it.

At its Tenth Regular Session, the Commission agreed that the Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources should meet in 2006, to review the first draft of *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources*; to review, evaluate and revise, as needed, the constituent elements and operational aspects of the proposed Follow-up Mechanism; to review the report on the results of the regional consultations; to assist the Commission to prepare for the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources, including the preparation of the draft agenda and programme of the conference; and to review the progress of the Global Strategy for the Management of Farm Animal Genetic Resources.<sup>1</sup>

The Fourth Session of the Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources was held from 13 – 15 December 2006, and its *Report*<sup>2</sup> is before the Commission, for its consideration.

(b) *Status of preparation of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources*

The Commission, at its Tenth Regular Session, decided that the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources would be held in 2007. In 2005, the Director-General received and accepted the offer of the Government of Switzerland to host the International Conference on Animal Genetic Resources in Interlaken, Switzerland, from 3 to 7 September 2007.

The document, *Status of the preparation of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources*,<sup>3</sup> reviews progress in the preparation of the Conference, identifies possible

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<sup>1</sup> CGRFA-10/04/REP, paragraph 61.

<sup>2</sup> CGRFA-11/07/3: *Report of the Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

<sup>3</sup> CGRFA-11/07/4.

outcomes of the Conference, and provides a draft provisional agenda. The document also identifies the implications for the Conference of currently unmet financial needs.

The Commission is invited to review and finalize the draft Conference programme, including the draft agenda and time-table, to address the budgetary needs, and to give guidance with regard to the further preparation of the Conference.

(c) *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources*

The Commission, at its Tenth Regular Session, decided that *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources* should be finalized at the Conference in 2007. The document, *Progress in the preparation of The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*,<sup>4</sup> describes the preparatory process that was followed, and outlines the final steps necessary for its presentation at the International Technical Conference. The document, *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources – Final version*,<sup>5</sup> provides the text, finalized on the basis of comments from Members of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources.

The Commission may wish to request the Secretariat to print *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources*, for presentation to the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources.

(d) *Draft Elements of a Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources, including the draft Interlaken Declaration*

At its Fourth Session, the Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources recommended that, in addition to *The State's of the World's Animal Genetic Resources*, a *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* be adopted through an *Interlaken Declaration on Animal Genetic Resources*. The Working Group made a series of recommendations, with regard to the proposed elements of the *Global Plan of Action*, and with regard to the *Interlaken Declaration*:

Strategic Priorities for Action

The Working Group agreed that the *Global Plan of Action* should contain the *Strategic Priorities for Action*. The document, *Draft Strategic Priorities for Action for the Sustainable Use, Development and Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*,<sup>6</sup> describes the process that was followed to prepare the *Strategic Priorities for Action*, and outlines the next steps for their finalization and adoption at the International Technical Conference, as a major element of a *Global Plan of Action*.

The draft text of the *Strategic Priorities for Action*, as reviewed by the Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources, is contained in *Appendix I* to that document. However, at the request of the Working Group, its Chair subsequently convened a Friends of the Chair group in March 2007, with support from the Government of Switzerland, which reviewed and further developed this text, with a view to facilitating the work of the Commission. The text prepared by the Friends of the Chair is contained in the document, *Draft Strategic Priorities for Action – Chair's Text*.<sup>7</sup>

The Commission will need to first decide which of the two texts of the *Strategic Priorities for Action* to work on. It may then wish to review it, as necessary, and forward it for adoption at the International Technical Conference, as the core of the *Global Plan of Action*.

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<sup>4</sup> CGRFA-11/07/5.

<sup>5</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.6.

<sup>6</sup> CGRFA-11/07/6.

<sup>7</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.8.

### Implementation and financing

The Working Group recommended that the Commission and the International Technical Conference consider the need for additional financial support,<sup>8</sup> and whether the *Global Plan of Action* should include a section on implementation and financing.<sup>9</sup>

The Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources also considered the relationship between the *Global Strategy for the Management of Farm Animal Genetic Resources* – which the Commission oversees – and the proposed *Global Plan of Action*. The Working Group recommended the *Global Strategy* remain as a technical programme, until FAO Regular Programme support currently available for the further development of the *Global Strategy* is shifted to the new *Global Plan of Action*.<sup>10</sup> The *Global Plan of Action* would then replace the *Global Strategy*.

Information on relevant activities since the Commission's last Session is given in the document, *Progress in the implementation of the Global Strategy for the Management of Farm Animal Genetic Resources*.<sup>11</sup> The document, *The Global Strategy for the Management of Farm Animal Genetic Resources*,<sup>12</sup> summarizes the history and the main achievements of the *Global Strategy*, and seeks the Commission's guidance, in the light of the proposed adoption of a *Global Plan of Action*.

The document, *Implementation and financing of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*,<sup>13</sup> contains draft text on implementation and financing, to assist the Commission to consider

- the need for, and content of, a section on implementation and financing within the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*; and
- how specific constituent elements and components of the *Global Strategy* could be reflected in such a section on implementation and financing.

### Draft Interlaken Declaration on Animal Genetic Resources

The Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources welcomed the offer of the Government of Switzerland to prepare a draft *Interlaken Declaration on Animal Genetic Resources*, in collaboration with FAO, for consideration by the Commission. The *Draft Declaration* is given in the document, *Draft Interlaken Declaration on Animal Genetic Resources*.<sup>14</sup> The Commission is invited to review it, with a view to its adoption at the International Technical Conference.

## **3.2 Future work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources and election of its Members**

The Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources is composed of twenty-seven Members from the various regions, elected at each regular session of the Commission, and serving until the next regular session. They are eligible for re-election. An information document contains the Statutes of

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<sup>8</sup> CGRFA-11/07/3, paragraph 16.

<sup>9</sup> CGRFA-11/07/3, paragraph 27.

<sup>10</sup> CGRFA-11/07/3, paragraphs 26-27.

<sup>11</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.7.

<sup>12</sup> CGRFA-11/07/9.

<sup>13</sup> CGRFA-11/07/7.

<sup>14</sup> CGRFA-11/07/8.

the Working Group and the list of Members elected at the Tenth Regular Session.<sup>15</sup> The Commission is invited to elect the new Members for the Working Group.

In each biennium, the Commission assigns specific tasks to its Working Groups, and the Commission is invited to do so for the forthcoming biennium.

#### **4. Programme of Work on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

##### **4.1 Progress made since the Tenth Regular Session of the Commission**

(a) *Report of the Third Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

At its Tenth Regular Session, the Commission made recommendations on certain elements of the FAO Global System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. It requested its Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to provide guidance and advise, in particular, on activities undertaken by FAO, including through its Commission, to support the work of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, in relation to the supporting components of the Treaty; to review and provide guidance on monitoring the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and sustainable use of Plant genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*; and provide guidance on the Organization's activities for capacity-building to support the utilization of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, through seed systems and plant breeding and genetic enhancement.

The Third Session of the Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources was held from 26 to 28 October 2005, and its *Report*<sup>16</sup> is before the Commission, for its consideration.

(b) *Follow-up to the recommendations of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture regarding plant genetic resources for food and agriculture*

The document, *Follow-up to the recommendations of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture regarding Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*,<sup>17</sup> provides information on developments since the Tenth Regular Session of the Commission, and requests the Commission's guidance in further advancing work on the Facilitating Mechanism for the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*; extra-budgetary funding for the monitoring of the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*; updating and improving of the World Information and Early Warning System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (WIEWS); the development of an international network of *in situ* areas under the auspices of FAO; genebank standards; the strengthening of seed systems; the strengthening of plant breeding; and the compilation and dissemination of cultivar-specific nutrient composition data.

A background study paper on the *in situ* conservation of crop wild relatives is available for the information of the Commission.<sup>18</sup> The document analyses the feasibility of developing a network of *in situ* conservation areas, on the basis of existing protected areas.

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<sup>15</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.3.

<sup>16</sup> CGRFA-11/07/10.

<sup>17</sup> CGRFA-11/07/11.

<sup>18</sup> Background Study Paper No.39: *In situ conservation of crop wild relatives: status and needs*.

(c) *Progress in the preparation of the second State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

At its Tenth Regular Session, the Commission agreed the steps for updating *The State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources*, and requested FAO to revise the timeline for doing so, on the basis that the second *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources* would be ready by 2008. A revised timeline was presented to the Third Session of the Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources.

The document, *Progress in the preparation of the second State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*,<sup>19</sup> provides information on progress since the Commission's last Session, and proposes a way forward to complete this work. The Commission's guidance is sought regarding the finalization of the second *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources* and for the subsequent process of updating *The Global Plan of Action*.

**4.2 Future work of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources and election of its Members**

The Working Group is composed of twenty-seven Members from the various regions, elected at each regular session of the Commission, and serving until the next regular session. They are eligible for re-election. An information document contains the Statutes of the Working Group and the list of Members, elected at the Tenth Regular Session.<sup>20</sup> The Commission is invited to elect the new Members for the Working Group.

In each biennium, the Commission assigns specific tasks to its Working Groups, and the Commission is invited to do so for the forthcoming biennium.

**5. Progress report on the draft *Code of Conduct on Biotechnology*, as it relates to genetic resources for food and agriculture**

**5.1 Progress in the draft *Code of Conduct on Biotechnology*, as it relates to genetic resources for food and agriculture**

At its Ninth Regular Session, in order to avoid duplication of efforts and identify existing gaps, the Commission requested the Secretariat to prepare a study to identify what is done in other forums, what remains to be done, and which issues are relevant to FAO and, in particular, its Commission. This study was presented to the Tenth Regular Session of the Commission.<sup>21</sup>

At that Session, the Commission identified fields, from those listed in the study, as the most appropriate for its further work, and decided that they should be taken into consideration, when designing the MYPOW. These were: the conservation of genetic resources for food and agriculture in the centres of origin and *ex situ* collections; appropriate biotechnologies that apply to genetic resources for food and agriculture; access and benefit-sharing issues related to biotechnologies that apply to genetic resources for food and agriculture; national capacity-building and international cooperation; biosafety and environmental concerns; genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs); GMO gene flow and the question of liability; and incentives to promote appropriate biotechnologies.<sup>22</sup>

The Commission also decided to refer the study for consideration at the current session. The document is therefore re-tabled under the same title, *Progress on the Draft Code of Conduct on*

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<sup>19</sup> CGRFA-11/07/12.

<sup>20</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.4.

<sup>21</sup> CGRFA-10/04/13.

<sup>22</sup> CGRFA-10/04/REP, paragraphs 80 and 82.

*Biotechnology as it relates to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture: policy issues, gaps and duplications.*<sup>23</sup>

An overview of genomics research of interest to food and agriculture is presented in the Background Study Paper, *Genomics and genetic resources for food and agriculture.*<sup>24</sup> The various effects that transgenic gene flow may have are discussed in the Background Study Paper, *Transgenic gene flow: a typology of its effects on the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources.*<sup>25</sup>

The Commission's guidance is now sought as to which of the issues should be taken forward, and in what form.

## **5.2 Guiding Principles for the development of CGIAR Centres' policies to address the possibility of unintentional presence of transgenes in *ex situ* collections**

At its Tenth Regular Session, the Commission was informed that the CGIAR Centres were in the process of finalizing guiding principles for policies to prevent unintended transgenic introgression. The Commission then requested its Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources to consider these draft Guiding Principles.

The document, *Guiding principles for the development of CGIAR Centres' policies to address the possibility of unintentional presence of transgenes in ex situ collections,*<sup>26</sup> summarizes their development and the state of their implementation, and contains the *Guiding Principles* in its *Appendix*.

The Commission's guidance is sought as to how it wishes to proceed with the *Guiding Principles*.

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## **SECTION II: OTHER BIODIVERSITY RELATED MATTERS UNDER THE MANDATE OF THE COMMISSION: STATUS AND NEEDS**

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### **6. Sectorial and cross-sectorial matters**

The Commission, at its Tenth Regular Session, considered that, in the medium and longer term, it should implement its full mandate ("all components of biological diversity of interest to food and agriculture", Conference Resolution 3/95), although the immediate priority should be to continue work on plant and animal genetic resources. The Secretariat was requested to prepare a document on the status and needs of sectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture, other than plants and animals, including the various areas of biodiversity for food and agriculture, and the agro-ecosystem approach to genetic resource conservation and cross-sectorial matters, identifying the responsibilities of relevant FAO services and Priority Areas for Interdisciplinary Action (PAIAs) in these fields, and submit this to the current session.

The document on the status and needs of sectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture, other than plants and animals, including cross-sectorial issues, is presented in five parts:

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<sup>23</sup> CGRFA-11/07/13.

<sup>24</sup> Background Study Paper No.34.

<sup>25</sup> Background Study Paper No.35.

<sup>26</sup> CGRFA-11/07/14 Rev.1.

## 6.1 Forest genetic resources

Part 1 of the document is *The World's forest genetic resources: status and needs*.<sup>27</sup> More detailed information is provided in the Background Study Paper, *Technical review of status and trends of the world's forest genetic resources*.<sup>28</sup> The report of a recent meeting of the FAO Panel of Experts on Forest Gene Resources is given in the document, *Report of the Fourteenth Session of the FAO Panel of Experts on Forest Gene Resources*.<sup>29</sup>

## 6.2 Aquatic genetic resources

Part 2 of the document is *The World's aquatic genetic resources: Status and needs*.<sup>30</sup> More detailed information is provided in the Background Study Paper, *The status and trends in aquatic genetic resources: a basis for international policy*.<sup>31</sup>

## 6.3 Micro-organisms and insects

Part 3 of the document is *Biodiversity of micro-organisms and insects for food and agriculture: status and needs*.<sup>32</sup> More detailed information is provided in the Background Study Paper, *The sustainable management of biodiversity for biological control in food and agriculture: status and needs*.<sup>33</sup> Attention is also drawn to the document, *Food, entomo-phytopathogenic and soil micro-organisms*,<sup>34</sup> prepared by, and circulated at, the request of, the Government of Italy, and to the document, *Importancia de los recursos genéticos microbianos: cuestiones emergentes identificadas en el Quinto Simposio de Recursos Genéticos para América Latina y el Caribe*,<sup>35</sup> prepared by, and circulated at, the request of, the Government of Uruguay. The role of pollinator diversity, its value for crop and seed production and forage resources, and the threats and risks to pollination services, are discussed in the document, *Pollinators: neglected biodiversity of importance to food and agriculture*.<sup>36</sup>

## 6.4 Ecosystem approach to biodiversity for food and agriculture

Part 4 of the document, *The ecosystem approach applied to food and agriculture: status and needs*,<sup>37</sup> provides background information on the ecosystem approach and on the specificities of its application to agriculture, forestry and fisheries. The document looks at how the ecosystem approach has been internalized in FAO's work, and identifies the benefits of its application for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture. It also examines the many challenges for the effective application of the approach.

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<sup>27</sup> CGRFA-11/07/15.1.

<sup>28</sup> Background Study Paper No.36.

<sup>29</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.9.

<sup>30</sup> CGRFA-11/07/15.2.

<sup>31</sup> Background Study Paper No. 37.

<sup>32</sup> CGRFA-11/07/15.3.

<sup>33</sup> Background Study Paper No. 38.

<sup>34</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Circ.1.

<sup>35</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Circ.2.

<sup>36</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.15.

<sup>37</sup> CGRFA-11/07/15.4.

## **6.5 International cross-sectorial policy matters on genetic resources**

Part 5 of the document, *Cross-sectorial international policy issues and genetic resources: status and needs*,<sup>38</sup> gives an overview of the state of the debate on international policies relevant to genetic resources for food and agriculture. Updated information on the request of the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) for a re-examination of U.S. Patent No. 5,894,079 (the ‘Enola’ bean) is given in the document, CGRFA-11/07/Inf.10.

With regard to all these matters, the Commission’s guidance is sought, as to the activities that it wishes to incorporate in its MYPOW.

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### ***SECTION III: SYNERGIES AND COOPERATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL***

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## **7. Cooperation with other international organizations and agreements**

### **7.1 Cooperative mechanisms between the Commission and the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

The Commission, at its Tenth Regular Session, suggested that work undertaken for the Commission and for the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture should be complementary, and optimize the potential for synergy. The Commission also expressed the willingness to develop the Global System on Plant Genetic Resources – which includes various supporting components of the Treaty – in ways that would complement the objectives of the Treaty.<sup>39</sup> The Treaty’s Governing Body, at its first session in June 2006, welcomed the Commission’s offer to support implementation of the Treaty, including through the further development of components of the FAO Global System, as part of the Commission’s MYPOW. The Governing Body stressed the need to develop close cooperation with the Commission, underlining the need to promote coherence and mutual supportiveness between the two bodies, including through the exchange of information, and emphasized the need for close cooperation between their two Secretariats.<sup>40</sup>

The document, *Mechanisms for Cooperation between the Commission and the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*,<sup>41</sup> seeks the Commission’s guidance as to how it may wish to strengthen cooperation and synergy with the Governing Body.

### **7.2 Cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), including review of preliminary findings of the review of the Convention’s Programme of Work on Agricultural Biological Diversity**

The Commission, by its Statutes, “facilitate[s] and oversee[s] cooperation between FAO and other international governmental and non-governmental bodies dealing with the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources, in particular with the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity [...], and [...] seek[s] to develop appropriate mechanisms for cooperation and coordination”.<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>38</sup> CGRFA-11/07/15.5.

<sup>39</sup> CGRFA-10/04/REP, paragraphs 18-19.

<sup>40</sup> IT/GB-1/06/Report, paragraphs 42-43.

<sup>41</sup> CGRFA-11/07/16.

<sup>42</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.2.

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention has over the years invited FAO to undertake a number of activities in support of its programmes of work and substantial activities are ongoing.

In May 2005, FAO signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Secretariat of the CBD. This is given in the document, *Memorandum of Cooperation between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity*.<sup>43</sup>

At its Tenth Regular Session, the Commission stressed that mutual cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity should be strengthened in the framework of its future work. The document, *Cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity*,<sup>44</sup> provides an overview of cooperation with the Convention. Relevant decisions of the Commission's last Regular Session and matters arising from the Convention's Eighth Conference of the Parties in 2006 are reviewed, and action taken in response is described. The need for a strategic approach to strengthening cooperation with the CBD is emphasized, and a number of cooperation mechanisms are explored, including the possibility of establishing a Joint Work Plan on Agricultural Biodiversity between the Commission and the Convention's Conference of Parties. The guidance of the Commission is sought on all these matters.

The Commission, at its Tenth Regular Session, recommended that FAO work closely with the Executive Secretary of the Convention, and play a leading role in the forthcoming in-depth review of the Convention's Programme of Work on Agricultural Biodiversity. Information on progress made in the review of the Convention's Programme of Work on Agricultural Biological Diversity, prepared by the services of FAO, is given for the consideration of the Commission in the document, *Progress in the preparation of the in-depth review of the implementation of the Programme of Work on Agricultural Biodiversity*.<sup>45</sup>

### **7.3 Cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**

Cooperation between the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and FAO began in the initial years of the revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources, at the same time that WIPO's work programme on genetic resources was being developed. Since then, the two organizations have developed technical cooperation activities and ongoing exchanges of information on technical matters of mutual relevance, in mutual respect for competencies.

The document, *Cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization*,<sup>46</sup> provides an update on the progress in relevant activities at WIPO, introduces and contextualizes WIPO's on-going work and instruments relevant to discussion of the Commission's MYPOW, and seeks the Commission's guidance as to how cooperation with WIPO can be improved.

### **7.4 Reports from international organizations on their policies, programmes and activities on agricultural biological diversity**

The Commission regularly receives reports from relevant international organizations on their policies, programmes and activities of relevance to the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources for food and agriculture. These contribute to an understanding of the work of FAO and its Commission and other international organizations, and to the development of appropriate mechanisms for cooperation and coordination. FAO invited such reports for the present session, and those received are before the Commission in the documents, *Reports from*

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<sup>43</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.11.

<sup>44</sup> CGRFA-11/07/17.

<sup>45</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Inf.16.

<sup>46</sup> CGRFA-11/07/18.

*international organizations on their policies, programmes and activities on agricultural biological diversity*; these include reports from: *United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations*;<sup>47</sup> *International Agricultural Research Centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research*;<sup>48</sup> and *International Non-Governmental Organizations*.<sup>49</sup>

At its Ninth Regular Session, the Commission suggested that, in future sessions, the opportunities be created to stimulate greater interaction between Members and the international organizations that contribute to efforts for the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity. The proposed timetable has taken into account this consideration, in the session on Thursday, 14 June.

## **8. Consideration of FAO's policies, programmes and activities on agricultural biological diversity for food and agriculture**

FAO regularly reports on its programmes, policies and activities on genetic resources for food and agriculture, so that the Commission may provide guidance. The Sixth Session requested that this be a specific item in the agenda of regular sessions. This information is provided in the document, *Report from FAO on its policies, programmes and activities on agricultural biological diversity*:

- Under *Sectorial matters*,<sup>50</sup> information is given on FAO's programmes and activities on a number of components of agricultural biodiversity: crops; animals; forestry; fishery; soil biota; and micro-organisms of relevance to food processing.
- Under *Cross-sectorial matters*,<sup>51</sup> FAO's relevant programmes and activities on sustainable development; nutrition; economic and social matters; legal matters; and information, are described.
- Under *Priority Areas for Interdisciplinary Action (PAIAs)*,<sup>52</sup> the PAIAs of relevance to agricultural biodiversity are described.

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## **SECTION IV: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION**

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### **9. Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Commission**

The Commission, at its Tenth Regular Session, agreed that the Secretariat, in cooperation with the relevant services and PAIAs in FAO, should submit a draft MYPOW to this session, for consideration. As requested, the Regional Groups were consulted about their ideas, and inputs from the Inter-Governmental Technical Working Groups on Plants and Animals, in their field of expertise were taken into account, in its preparation.

The document, *Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*,<sup>53</sup> provides information on the process by which the draft MYPOW was prepared. It discusses the role of the MYPOW, as a planning tool for the Commission to schedule and review its work, with a rolling horizon of five sessions (that is, ten years). It suggests the main topics that the Commission may wish to address in its MYPOW and a draft outline schedule

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<sup>47</sup> CGRFA-11/07/19.1 and CGRFA-11/07/19.1 Add.1.

<sup>48</sup> CGRFA-11/07/19.2.

<sup>49</sup> CGRFA-11/07/19.3.

<sup>50</sup> CGRFA-11/07/20.1.

<sup>51</sup> CGRFA-11/07/20.2.

<sup>52</sup> CGRFA-11/07/20.3.

<sup>53</sup> CGRFA-11/07/21.

of work, on the basis of ideas put forward in the consultative process. The Commission's guidance is sought for the finalization of the major outputs and milestones proposed for its MYPOW during the current session, from the elements presented here. In finalizing the major outputs and milestones, the Commission may wish to take into account the recommendations of the MYPOW Committee, if such Committee has been established.

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## ***SECTION V: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK***

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### **10. Human and financial resources of FAO for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work**

The Commission, at its Tenth Regular Session, requested the Secretariat to prepare a succinct analysis of the human and financial resources available within FAO to support work in the various sectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture, and identify gaps. This analysis is given in the document, *Analysis of the human and financial resources available within the FAO, to support work on the various sectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture*.<sup>54</sup>

The Commission may wish to highlight the importance of adequate budgetary and extra-budgetary resources being made available for key sectors of genetic resources, in a strategic manner, over the coming years.

### **11. Streamlining the operations of the Commission**

At its Tenth Regular Session, the Commission requested the Secretariat and the Bureau of that session to "consider and report to the Commission on ways to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Commission's operations".<sup>55</sup> The document, *Streamlining the operations of the Commission for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work*,<sup>56</sup> responds to this request.

The Commission may wish to consider whether it wishes to streamline its current operations in order to implement more effectively its MYPOW and whether it wishes the Secretariat to draft, on the basis of the Commission's discussions at this session, draft Rules of Procedures, for consideration of the Commission at its Twelfth Regular Session.

### **12. Other business**

### **13. Date and place of the next Regular Session**

### **14. Adoption of the Report**

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<sup>54</sup> CGRFA-11/07/22.

<sup>55</sup> CGRFA-10/04/REP, paragraph 91.

<sup>56</sup> CGRFA-11/07/23.

**PROVISIONAL TIME-TABLE**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Working Documents</b>
<b>Monday, 11 June 2007 morning</b>			
10:00 – 12:00	1	Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs	
12:00 – 13:00	2	Adoption of the agenda and time-table	CGRFA-11/07/1 CGRFA-11/07/2
<b>Monday, 11 June 2007 afternoon</b>			
<b><i>SECTION I: REVIEW OF ON-GOING PROGRAMMES OF THE COMMISSION</i></b>			
15:00 – 18:00	3	Programme of Work on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	
		3.1 Progress since the Tenth Regular Session of the Commission in the preparation of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources, including of the report, <i>The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources</i>	CGRFA-11/07/3 CGRFA-11/07/4 CGRFA-11/07/5 CGRFA-11/07/6 CGRFA-11/07/7 CGRFA-11/07/8 CGRFA-11/07/9
<b>Tuesday, 12 June 2007 morning</b>			
9:30 – 12:30	3	Programme of Work on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, <i>contd.</i>	
		3.1 Progress since the Tenth Regular Session of the Commission in the preparation of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources, <i>contd.</i>	
		3.2 Future work of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources and election of its Members	

<b>Tuesday, 12 June 2007 afternoon</b>			
15:00 – 18:00	4	Programme of Work on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	
		4.1 Progress made since the Tenth Regular Session of the Commission	CGRFA-11/07/10 CGRFA-11/07/11 CGRFA-11/07/12
		4.2 Future work of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources and election of its members	
<b>Wednesday, 13 June 2007 morning</b>			
<b><i>SECTION II: OTHER BIODIVERSITY RELATED MATTERS UNDER THE MANDATE OF THE COMMISSION: STATUS AND NEEDS</i></b>			
09:30 – 10:30	5	Progress report on the Draft <i>Code of Conduct on Biotechnology</i> , as it relates to genetic resources for food and agriculture	
		5.1 Progress in the draft <i>Code of Conduct on Biotechnology</i> , as it relates to genetic resources for food and agriculture	CGRFA-11/07/13
		5.2 Guiding Principles for the CGIAR Centre's policies to address the possibility of unintentional presence of transgenes in <i>ex situ</i> collections	CGRFA-11/07/14 Rev.1
10:30 – 12:30	6	Sectorial and cross-sectorial matters	
		6.1 Forest genetic resources	CGRFA-11/07/15.1
		6.2 Aquatic genetic resources	CGRFA-11/07/15.2

<b>Wednesday, 13 June 2007 afternoon</b>			
15:00 – 18:00	6	Sectorial and cross-sectorial matters, <i>contd.</i>	
		6.3 Micro-organisms and insects	CGRFA-11/07/15.3
		6.4 Ecosystem approach to biodiversity for food and agriculture	CGRFA-11/07/15.4
		6.5 International cross-sectorial policy matters on genetic resources	CGRFA-11/07/15.5
<b>Thursday, 14 June 2007 morning</b>			
<b><i>SECTION III: SYNERGIES AND COOPERATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL</i></b>			
09:30 -11:00	7	Cooperation with international organizations and agreements	
		7.1 Cooperative mechanisms between the Commission and the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA-11/07/16
		7.2 Cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), including review of the preliminary findings of the review of the Convention's Programme of Work on Agricultural Biological Diversity	CGRFA-11/07/17
		7.3 Cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	CGRFA-11/07/18
		7.4 Reports from international organizations on their policies, programmes and activities on agricultural biological diversity	CGRFA-11/07/19.1 CGRFA-11/07/19.2 CGRFA-11/07/19.3
11:00 - 12:30	8	Consideration of FAO's policies, programmes and activities on agricultural biological diversity for food and agriculture	CGRFA-11/07/20.1 CGRFA-11/07/20.2 CGRFA-11/07/20.3

<b>Thursday, 14 June 2007 afternoon</b>			
<b><i>SECTION IV: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION</i></b>			
15:00-16:30	9	Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Commission	CGRFA-11/07/21
<b><i>SECTION V: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK</i></b>			
16:30 – 17:45	10	Human and financial resources of FAO for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work	CGRFA-11/07/22
	11	Streamlining the operations of the Commission	CGRFA-11/07/23
<b><i>SECTION V: OTHER MATTERS</i></b>			
17:45 – 18:00	12	Other business	
	13	Date and place of the next Regular Session	
<b>Friday, 15 June 2007 afternoon</b>			
15:00-18:00	14	Adoption of the Report	