



COMMISSION ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

Second Session

Rome, 16-20 March 1987, Green Room

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen
2. Adoption of Agenda and Timetable for the Session (CPGR/87/1,2)
3. Report of Working Group Meeting, 2-3 June 1986 (CPGR/87/3)
Report of Working Group Meeting, 12-13 March 1987 (oral presentation by Chairman)
4. Progress Report on the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources (CPGR/87/4)

The Commission will consider a report on the status of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources. In response to the wishes of the Working Group of the Commission, the Report will include a section on the establishment of a possible machinery for reaching a negotiated solution to the problems raised by reservations in respect to certain basic provisions of the Undertaking.

5. Status of Base and Active Collections of Plant Genetic Resources (CPGR/87/5)

The Commission will consider a study on the current legal position concerning ex situ base and active collections of plant genetic resources. The study, will cover inter alia relevant aspects of seed legislation and plant breeders' rights legislation as well as the different systems in operation regarding ownership of plant genetic resources held in genebanks. Indications will also be given of national legislation found to be inconsistent with the International Undertaking.

6. Study on Legal Arrangements with a View to the Possible Establishment of an International Network of Base collections in Genebanks, under the Auspices or Jurisdiction of FAO (CPGR/87/6).

The Commission will consider an analysis of various ways in which base collections forming part of an international network could be placed under the auspices or jurisdiction of FAO, and of the legal arrangements and that such action would entail.

7. Status of in situ Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources (CPGR/87/7)

The document will examine progress with in situ conservation since the First Session of the Commission, with special reference to follow-up activities undertaken in response to recommendations of the Commission and observations made by its Working Group in June 1986. Reference will be made to actions to: increase awareness; disseminate information on research, on pilot projects and on coordination at regional and global levels; strengthen international cooperation. Proposals will be made for future activities in this field.

8. Review of Training Needs (CPGR/87/8)

The paper will classify the sectors in which training may be required, viz., Plant Genetic Resources and Plant Breeding, Variety Evaluation and Release, Seed Production and Quality Control, Seed Distribution and Marketing. Each sector will be reviewed, comparing the developed countries in Europe, North America and Oceania with the situation in the developing countries, using data obtained in response to the enquiry for the Seed Review 1984/85. From this review, the main subjects in which training is required will be identified. Possible methods for determining the number of trainees for each subject will be discussed.

9. The FAO Information System on Plant Genetic Resources (CPGR/87/9)

The document will review the existing information systems and present avenues for the development of the FAO Information System on Plant Genetic Resources. The proposed International Information System on Plant Genetic Resources, under the coordination of FAO, will consider the compatibility of the existing information systems of FAO and IBPGR and the possibilities of combining these two systems. Further subjects related to the implementation of the International Information System of Plant Genetic Resources will be examined such as evaluation, links to libraries and paid access to data.

10. Feasibility Study of the Establishment of an International Fund for Plant Genetic Resources (CPGR/87/10)

The paper will describe the action taken at the request of the Twenty-third Session of the FAO Conference. It will outline various possibilities for the establishment of such a fund.

11. Future Work Programme of the Commission (CPGR/87/11)

The document will contain specific proposals for the agenda of the Third Session of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources.

12. Other Business

13. Date and Place of Next Session

14. Adoption of Report