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## COMMISSION ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

### Extraordinary Session

Rome, Italy, 7-11 November 1994

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. **Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable for the Session**
2. **Reports of the Working Group**

The Commission will discuss the reports of the Working Group meetings that have taken place between its fifth session and the extraordinary session. Document CPGR-Ex1/94/2 contains the Chairman's report on the Ninth Session of the Working Group. The Chairman will report verbally on the extraordinary session of the Working Group that precedes the extraordinary session of the Commission.

3. **Revision of the International Undertaking**

The Commission will initiate negotiations for the Revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources, as requested by Resolution 7/93. Document CPGR-Ex1/94/3 reviews the mandate, context and background, and proposes a step-by-step process for the Revision, in line with the request of the Commission. Further documents deal with the proposed stage I (CPGR-Ex1/94/4 and Alt.) and stage II (CPGR-Ex1/94/5 and Supp.) in the revision of the Undertaking.

- 3.1 **Stage I: The integration of the Annexes into the Main Text of the Undertaking, and adjusting the Undertaking in Harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity**

The Commission will use as a basis for its initial negotiations a text, in which the Annexes have been integrated into the main body of the International Undertaking, and harmonize it with the Convention on Biological Diversity. As recommended by the Ninth Session of the Working Group, the Commission has two versions of this text at its disposal: one document (CPGR-Ex1/94/4) maintains the structure of the present Undertaking; in a second document, the same text (CPGR-Ex1/94/4 Alt.) is presented in a new structure. The Commission should decide first on which text to work.

- 3.2 **Stage II: Consideration of other Issues to be incorporated into the Revised Undertaking at Later Stages in the Process**

The Commission will consider other issues that Resolution 7/93 requested be incorporated into the revised Undertaking: conditions of access to genetic resources, /.

and the realization of Farmers' Rights. The issues are presented in document CPGR-Ex1/94/5. A complementary document (CPGR-Ex1/94/5 Supp.) provides, in a summary form, the results of the analysis undertaken by the Secretariat of the main economic, technical and legal questions relevant to these issues.

**4. Progress Report on the Preparatory Process for the 4th International Technical Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources**

- 4.1 **State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources**
- 4.2 **Global Plan of Action on Plant Genetic Resources**

The Commission will discuss document CPGR-Ex1/94/6, on the implementation of the project, "International Conference and Programme on Plant Genetic Resources", which encompasses the preparation of the first State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources and the first Global Plan of Action, which will be submitted to the Fourth International Technical Conference.

**5. Other Business**

The Ninth Session of the Working Group recommended that the substantive business of the Extraordinary Session of the Commission should be restricted to items 3 and 4 of this Provisional Agenda. For this reason, all other matters, without regard for their intrinsic importance, have been placed under these items.

**5.1 Report to be submitted to the First Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity: Progress Report on Resolution 3 of the Nairobi Final Act**

The second session of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Convention on Biological Diversity requested FAO to prepare a progress report on the implementation of Resolution 3 of the Nairobi Final Act, to be submitted to the first Conference of the Parties, which will take place from 28 November to 9 December 1994. The document sent to the Interim Secretariat of the Convention will be available to the Commission.

**5.2 The International Network of *Ex situ* Germplasm Collections: Progress Report on Agreements with the International Agricultural Research Centres**

The Commission will be informed of progress made toward bringing the International Agricultural Research Centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research into the international network of *ex situ* collections under the auspices of FAO.

**5.3 The Possible Broadening of the Scope of the Commission, to Other Forms of Biological Diversity for Food and Agriculture**

A note on the possible broadening of the scope of the Commission to other kinds of genetic resources for food and agriculture will be discussed by the One Hundred and Seventh Session of the Council (15 - 24 November). The note will be available to the Commission. The Commission may wish to make comments and suggestions to the Council on this issue.

**6. Adoption of the Report**