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INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

FIRST MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FUNDING STRATEGY AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

21 – 24 July 2020

Provisional Annotated Agenda and Timetable

INTRODUCTION

1. At its Eighth Session, the Governing Body adopted the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty for the period 2020 to 2025, through Resolution 3/2019,¹ in order to enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement activities under the Treaty. In particular, the Governing Body:

- a. decided to establish, within the Funding Strategy, a target of USD \$0.9-1.1 billion per year over a period of 10 years with a milestone of 40% to be achieved by 2026 to support the implementation of the International Treaty through a wide range of sources and channels;²
- b. decided to make the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization a standing Committee and established a basis for the work of the Committee through the Terms of Reference contained in Annex 2 of Resolution 3/2019;³
- c. requested the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee) to play a leading role in advancing the realization and monitoring of the Funding Strategy in order to provide the necessary strategic guidance as well as operational oversight of relevant processes and activities relating to the Funding Strategy;⁴
- d. decided that the Committee shall be composed of up to three representatives from each region, and that the Co-Chairs will have the capacity to extend an invitation to Observers on the basis of expertise and relevance. It also decided that the meetings of the Funding Committee will be open to silent observers unless the Committee decides otherwise and requested the Co-Chairs to continue to invite active Observers on the basis of expertise and relevance.⁵

¹ <http://www.fao.org/3/nb780en/nb780en.pdf>

² Resolution 3/2019, paragraph 3

³ Resolution 3/2019, paragraph 10 and paragraph 11

⁴ Resolution 3/2019, paragraph 9

⁵ Resolution 3/2019, paragraph 12 and paragraph 13

2. As it will not be possible to physically hold the first meeting of the Committee in Rome due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Committee agreed to elect its Co-Chairs by electronic means to enable some preparatory activities to be carried out. In May 2020, Mr. Alwin Kopse of Switzerland and Mr. Luis Fernando Ceciliano of Costa Rica were elected to serve as the Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization.

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the first meeting of the Funding Committee will be held virtually through four, two-hour sessions over the period 21-24 July 2020. The opening of the meeting will take place on Tuesday 21 July at 1pm Rome time. Further details concerning the arrangements for participating in the virtual meeting are contained in the document, IT/SFC-1/20/Inf.2, *Note for Participants*.

ITEM 2: AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

4. The Provisional Agenda contained in document IT/GB-9/SFC-1/20/1 has been prepared by the Secretary under the guidance of the Co-Chairs of the Committee.

5. The present document, IT/GB-9/SFC-1/20/2, annotates the Provisional Agenda and contains a draft indicative timetable in *Appendix 1*.

6. The first virtual meeting of the Funding Committee is intended to be an introductory meeting to assist the Committee to commence its discussions and organize its work for the biennium.

7. No major decisions will be taken during the meeting and any items requiring adoption by the Committee will be addressed at the first face-to-face meeting of the Committee, which is expected to take place in the second quarter of 2021.

8. A summary of the proceedings of this first virtual meeting will be made available to the Committee as a record of its discussions.

9. An invitation to attend the first virtual meeting of the Committee as silent observers will be extended to Contracting Parties that are not Members of the Committee. Consideration will be given to inviting active Observers to subsequent meetings of the Committee on the basis of expertise and relevance, and will be discussed further under Agenda Item 5.

ITEM 3: OVERVIEW OF THE UPDATED FUNDING STRATEGY AND RELATED ANNEXES

10. An overview of the updated Funding Strategy and its Annexes will be provided through a series of presentations that will be made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting, followed by a discussion. The presentations are contained in information documents 3, 4, 5 and 6.

- IT/SFC-1/20/Inf.3 contains a presentation on the Updated Funding Strategy 2020-2025, including an overview on each section.
- IT/SFC-1/20/Inf.4 contains a presentation on Annex 1 of the Funding Strategy, the Operations Manual of the Fund for Agreed Purposes.
- IT/SFC-1/20/Inf.5 contains a presentation on Annex 2 of the Funding Strategy, the Operations Manual of the Benefit-sharing Fund.
- IT/SFC-1/20/Inf.6 contains a presentation on Annex 2 on the Terms of Reference of the Funding Committee.

ITEM 4: ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE FUNDING COMMITTEE

11. Under this item, the Committee will discuss organization of its work during the biennium, in two parts: the implementation of the Funding Strategy; and, the further development of the Funding Strategy. This discussion should be informed by the requests made by the Governing Body of the Committee in the text of the Resolution 3/2019, within the Updated Funding Strategy and its Annexes, as well as in the Terms of Reference of the Funding Committee.

12. The implementation of the Funding Strategy section will consider, *inter alia*, the following items:

- a. Resource Mobilization.
- b. Operations of the Benefit-sharing Fund.
- c. Monitoring and review of the implementation of the Funding Strategy.

13. The further development of the Funding Strategy section will consider, *inter alia*, the following items:

- a. Development of an Operational Plan for implementation of the Funding Strategy.
- b. The establishment of a target for the Benefit-sharing Fund.
- c. Strengthening the monitoring and reporting of the Funding Strategy.
- d. Maintaining linkages with other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Governing Body.

ITEM 5: NEXT STEPS AND FUTURE WORK OF THE FUNDING COMMITTEE

14. Under this item, the Committee will consider:

- a. Any outside expertise needed in order to progress the work to implement and further develop the Funding Strategy.
- b. Any action items to take forward the work of the Committee, including in preparation for its next meeting.
- c. Subsequent meeting arrangements, including the participation of active observers, and meeting dates.

ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

15. Under this item, the Committee may wish to discuss any other relevant matters that have not been covered through the agenda.

ITEM 7: MEETING PROCEEDINGS

16. The meeting proceedings, containing a summary of the discussions of the Committee during its first meeting, will be documented and circulated by the Secretariat. Comments on the meeting proceedings can be made electronically by Members of the Committee following the meeting for the finalization of the document.

APPENDIX 1
PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Session 1 – Tuesday 21 July 2020, 13.00 – 15.00 Central European Summer Time (CEST)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Agenda, timetable and rules of engagement 3. Overview of Updated Funding Strategy and related Annexes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Updated Funding Strategy b. Operational Manual of the Fund for Agreed Purposes c. Operational Manual of the Benefit-sharing Fund
Session 2 – Wednesday 22 July 2020, 13.00 – 15.00 Central European Summer Time (CEST)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Overview of Updated Funding Strategy and related Annexes (continued) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> d. Terms of Reference of the Funding Committee 4. Organization of the work of the Funding Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Implementation of the Funding Strategy
Session 3 – Thursday 23 July 2020, 13.00 – 15.00 Central European Summer Time (CEST)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Organization of the work of the Funding Committee (continued) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Further development of the Funding Strategy 5. Next steps and future work of the Funding Committee
Session 4 – Friday 24 July 2020, 13.00 – 15.00 Central European Summer Time (CEST)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Other business 7. Meeting proceedings