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## Opening of the Session

The 10<sup>th</sup> GSP Plenary Assembly held on 23-25 May 2022 manifested its full support to maintain the GSP with all its component. While there was some support towards the fifth option, the plenary did not reach consensus regarding the establishment of a sub-committee on soils under Committee on Agriculture (COAG) while maintaining the GSP. To obtain clarity on the detailed implications of this option, reach a consensus between GSP Members and partners, and provide a clear recommendation to the 28th session of COAG, the Plenary Assembly recommended the organization of an extraordinary session of the GSP prior to the COAG session. The Secretariat committed to explore the organization of this session with FAO management and if so, organize it accordingly.

The extraordinary session of the tenth session of the Plenary Assembly (PA) of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP), conducted in as a virtual event due to the remaining COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, was held on 30 June 2022 (the list of participants is attached in Annex I).

The extraordinary session was chaired by Mr Luca Montanarella from the Join Research Centre of the European Commission (European Union), the vice-chair was Mr Rachid Moussadek from the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (Morocco), and the Rapporteur to the extraordinary session of the PA was Mr Edward Yeboah from the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (Ghana).

The Chairman of the GSP Plenary Assembly opened the session by thanking the Secretariat for organizing this extraordinary session. The Chairman also clarified that the PA will follow strictly rule V of the GSP Rules of Procedures on decision-making, which states that “All GSP decisions shall be taken by consensus during the Plenary Assembly. Decisions that may require follow up by national Governments will be solely decided upon by GSP partners which are FAO members”.

## Item 1: Assessment of the implications of an eventual institutionalization of the GSP (GSPPA: X-ex/2022)

The GSP Secretary, Mr Ronald Vargas, presented a summary of the timeline of this process and the expected recommendation to be made during this extraordinary session as an input for the upcoming 28<sup>th</sup> Session of COAG. The GSP Plenary assembly thanked the GSP Secretariat for preparing an additional document and for organizing the extraordinary session in a limited time and welcomed the clarifications on the five options: i) Status quo (GSP remains as it is); ii) a commission or committee under Article VI of the Constitution (an Article VI Body); iii) a commission or committee under Article XIV of the Constitution (an Article XIV Body); iv) a subsidiary body of COAG (a COAG Sub-Committee on Soils); and v) a COAG Sub-Committee and the maintenance of the GSP.

The GSP Plenary Assembly unanimously acknowledged the GSP's success in advancing awareness on soils, sustainable soil management and soil governance globally. The GSP Plenary Assembly, at this extraordinary session, confirmed the need to maintain the GSP with all its components to consolidate the adoption of sustainable soil management at all levels.

The GSP Plenary Assembly recommended the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of COAG to request the Secretariat, to prepare an in-depth analysis of the potential benefits or shortcomings and practical implications of option 5 (establishing a Sub-Committee on Soils and maintaining the GSP in its current structure), working transparently and collaboratively, and submit it to the 11<sup>th</sup> GSP Plenary Assembly to discuss it and provide a recommendation to the 29<sup>th</sup> COAG.

The detailed analysis should include the following issues:

- Financial implications of maintaining the GSP and creating the Sub-Committee on Soils to avoid competition for resources between the GSP and the Sub-committee;
- Composition and process of nomination of members of the Sub-Committee on Soils;
- Description of roles and work plans of the GSP and the Sub-Committee on Soils to avoid overlap;
- Role of the GSP focal points, governmental partners, and the Plenary Assembly;
- Coordination mechanisms between the GSP and the Sub-committee on Soils;
- Decision making process between the GSP, the Sub-committee on Soils and COAG;
- Impact to non-state stakeholders, including farmers.

## Annex I – List of participants

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Country	Participants
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