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SEVENTH REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

COMMISSION II

1. At its third meeting, held on 15 November 1993, the Resolutions Committee examined the draft Conference Resolution on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the 5th Session of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources and Other Matters Related to Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture submitted by the delegation of Honduras.
2. The Committee made various suggestions for the improvement of the wording of the draft Resolution.
3. The draft Conference Resolution on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the 5th Session of the Commission on Plant Genetic resources and Other Matters Related to Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, incorporating the suggestions made by the Resolutions Committee, is transmitted, herewith, to Commission II.

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## DRAFT CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

(Draft Conference Resolution submitted by Honduras)

"The Conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_/93

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 5TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

#### THE CONFERENCE

Recognizing the contribution of biodiversity for food security, community welfare and trade, and the necessity of guaranteeing the sustainability of agriculture, forestry and fisheries for future generations;

Recognizing further that the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources including crops, forests and algae, and animal genetic resources including livestock and fish, as well as of the ecosystems of which they are part, are essential for the sustainable development of agriculture, forestry and fisheries;

Taking also into account the relationship with the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing which is being prepared by FAO and which includes relevant aspects on marine biodiversity and the use of biotechnology for the development of aquaculture in line with Agenda 21, Chapter 17, of UNCED;

Taking into account the 1983 FAO International Undertaking, including the Global System for the Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources, the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNCED Agenda 21;

Noting that:

(a) UNCED Agenda 21 recommended that the Global System for Plant Genetic Resources should be strengthened, and that the International Undertaking be revised in line with the Convention on Biological Diversity and the development of a Global Plan of Action on Plant Genetic Resources through the preparatory process of the International Technical Conference on Plant Genetic Resources;

(b) the Intergovernmental Conference adopting the Convention on Biological Diversity, now signed by more than 160 countries, also adopted a resolution recognizing the need to seek, within the context of the FAO Global System, solutions to outstanding matters on Plant Genetic Resources *inter alia* access to *ex situ* collections and realization for Farmers' Rights;

(c) UNCED's Agenda 21 and the Convention on Biological Diversity also give importance to livestock and fish genetic resources;

Considering the unanimous agreements of the 5th Session of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources:

(a) that the process of countries' negotiations for the revision of the International Undertaking including conditions of access to plant genetic resources and the realization of Farmers' Rights, be carried out through regular and extraordinary sessions of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources and its Working Group;

(b) that the preparatory process for the International Technical Conference including the preparation of a costed Global Plan of Action be initiated by FAO as soon as possible;

(c) that the Code of Conduct for Collecting and Transfer of Germplasm be approved;

Realizing that the revision of the International Undertaking and the preparation of the Global Plan of Action and the International Technical Conference are interdependent and should be considered as part of a single process;

Realizing that the International Technical Conference and its preparatory process have been called by the 26th Session of the FAO Conference;

Realizing also that the Code of Conduct for Collecting and Transfer of Germplasm should become operative soonest;

Considering the recommendations of the Committee on Agriculture for the development of an FAO global programme on animal genetic resources, including the establishment of a data bank, the preparation of World Watch List and the establishment of *in situ* conservation schemes;

Considering other recommendations of the Committee on Forestry and the Committee on Fisheries in support of forest and fish genetic resources respectively;



Considering further that the recommendations of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources, as well as those of the Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Forestry and Committee on Fisheries on these matters have been endorsed the FAO Council;

Recognizing further the world wide interest expressed by government in different fora in these matters;

Noting that much of the work of the above mentioned activities are part of programme activities proposed under the Programme Work and Budget for 1994-95 under major programmes;

Considering the implications for FAO in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and Agenda 21 on matters related to biodiversity for food and agriculture;

Requests that the Director-General take appropriate measures to strengthen the Global System on Plant Genetic Resources and to support other FAO programmes on plants, animals and fish genetic resources for food and agriculture;

Requests the Director-General to identify financial resources necessary to achieve a comprehensive revision of the International Undertaking, including a costed Global Plan of Action; as well as for the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Collecting and Transfer of Germplasm and for the development of the global programme on animal genetic resources;

Requests the Director-General to seek the necessary financial resources to further support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture.