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**STATUTES OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL  
WORKING GROUP ON FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES,  
AND MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE TWELFTH REGULAR  
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

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## STATUTES OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES

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### **Article 1 - Terms of Reference**

1. The Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Forest Genetic Resources (the Working Group) shall:
  - review the situation and issues related to biodiversity in the area of forest genetic resources and advise and make recommendations to the Commission on these matters;
  - consider the progress made in implementing the Commission's programme of work on forest genetic resources as well as any other matters referred to the Working Group by the Commission; and
  - report to the Commission on its activities.
2. In order for the Working Group to carry out this mandate, the Commission will assign specific tasks to the Working Group.

### **Article II - Composition**

The Working Group shall be composed of twenty-seven Member Nations from the following regions:

- 5 from Africa
- 5 from Europe
- 5 from Asia
- 5 from Latin America and the Caribbean
- 3 from Near East
- 2 from Northern America
- 2 from South West Pacific.

### **Article III - Election and term of office of Members**

The Members of the Working Group shall be elected at each regular session of the Commission and serve until the next regular session of the Commission. They shall be eligible for re-election.

### **Article IV - Officers**

1. The Working Group shall elect its Chairperson and one or more Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives of Members of the Working Group at the beginning of each session. These officers shall remain in office until the next session of the Working Group and be eligible for re-election.
2. The Chairperson, or a Vice-Chairperson in the absence of a Chairperson, shall preside over the meetings of the Working Group and exercise such other functions as may be required to facilitate its work.

### **Article V - Sessions**

The Commission shall decide on the timing and duration of the sessions of the Working Group, when required. In any case, the Working Group shall hold no more than one regular session annually.

**Article VI - Observers**

1. Members of the Commission which are not Members of the Working Group may participate, upon request to the Commission Secretariat, in the work of the Working Group in an observer capacity.
2. The Working Group, or the bureau on behalf of the Working Group, may invite experts, as well as representatives of specialized international organizations, to attend its meetings.

**Article VII - Application of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

1. The provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to all matters not specifically dealt with under the present Statutes.

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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP  
ON FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES, ELECTED BY THE TWELFTH REGULAR  
SESSION OF THE CGRFA**

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<i>Composition (no. of countries per region)</i>	<i>Country</i>
<b>Africa</b> (5)	Burundi Côte d'Ivoire Democratic Republic of the Congo Tunisia Zambia
<b>Asia</b> (5)	Bhutan India Indonesia Myanmar Philippines
<b>Europe</b> (5)	Finland France Italy Norway Spain
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b> (5)	Brazil Chile Cuba Ecuador El Salvador
<b>Near East</b> (3)	Islamic Republic of Iran Lebanon Yemen
<b>North America</b> (2)	Canada United States of America
<b>Southwest Pacific</b> (2)	Papua New Guinea Vanuatu