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International Rice Commission

Twenty-second Session
Rome, Italy, 29-30 November 2012
Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The 22nd Session of the International Rice Commission (IRC) will be held from 29-30 November 2012 at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy. The Session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Thursday, 29 November 2012.
2. A representative of the Permanent Mission of Peru to FAO will preside on behalf of the Chairman of the 21st Session of the IRC until the 22nd Session has elected a new President.
3. Opening and welcoming statements will be made:
 - on behalf of the Chair of the 21st Session of the IRC;
 - on behalf of FAO.

Item 2: Organizational matters

a) Election of Officers

4. Subject to the rules of procedure, the 22nd Session of the Commission will elect its Chair and First and Second Vice-chairs.
5. The elected officers shall hold office from the time of their election to the time when their successors are elected at the next regular session of the Commission.
6. In preparing for the 22nd Session member countries may wish to consult among themselves as to the possible candidates for the position of Chair and Vice-chairs.

b) Adoption of the Agenda

7. The Commission may wish to adopt its Agenda, amended as appropriate, on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document IRC 2012/1.

c) Organization of work

8. The Commission may wish to establish special or standing committees and ad hoc subsidiary bodies as it may deem necessary, and to specify their mandates.

9. The Commission may wish to decide to meet from 10.00 to 13.00 hours and from 15.00 to 18.00 hours, subject to adjustments as necessary.

d) Report on the credentials of representatives to the 22nd Session

10. Rule III of the Rules of Procedure for the IRC provides that the credentials of representatives must be deposited with the Secretariat not later than the opening day of each session of the Commission. The credentials should be issued either by a Head of State or Government or by a minister for foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, or international organizations by the competent authority of that organization.

11. If credentials are submitted in copy or by fax, the original should be submitted upon registration. Submission of credentials prior to the Session would greatly facilitate the advance clearance of credentials by the Secretariat.

12. Representatives of members of the Commission may participate in the Session pending a decision of the Commission on their credentials.

13. The Secretariat, with the assistance of the FAO Legal Office, will examine the credentials of the representatives of the members of the Commission and report thereon to the Session which will consider the report.

Item 3: Matters related to the work of the Commission

14. The Commission will consider two sub-items under this agenda item.

a) Report on the work of the Commission

15. The Commission has before it a progress report of the work of the Commission since its last session prepared by the Secretariat in line with Rule II of the Rules of Procedure (IRC 2012/3).

16. The Commission may wish to note the information in document IRC 2012/3.

b) Discussion and decision on the future of the Commission

17. The Commission has before it a note by the Secretariat as the basis for a discussion and decision on the future of the International Rice Commission (IRC 2012/4).

18. The Commission may wish to take note of the information provided and consider the possible decisions proposed in document IRC 2012/4.

Item 4: Other matters

19. The Commission may wish to consider other matters raised during the course of the meeting.

Item 5: Date and place of the next Session of the Commission

20. If appropriate the Commission may wish to consider the date and venue of its 23rd meeting, taking into account Article V.6 of the Constitution and Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure.

Item 6: Adoption of the report

21. The Commission will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its work prepared by the Secretariat.

Item 7: Closure of the meeting

22. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chair by 18.00 hours on Friday, 30 November 2012.