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INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

1. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair(s)

In accordance with its statutes, “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 shall be eligible for re-election”. The Working Group may also wish to appoint a *Rapporteur*.

2. Adoption of the agenda and timetable

A provisional timetable is given in Appendix 1 to the present document, for consideration by the Working Group.

3. Preparation of the second State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

At its Eleventh Regular Session, the Commission requested its Working Group to review and guide the finalization of the draft of the second *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (second *Report*), and recommended that FAO make available the draft second *Report* at the Twelfth Regular Session of the Commission in 2009, to consider its finalization. The second *Report* would provide a basis for updating the *Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (*Global Plan of Action*). Document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/2 gives information on the preparation of the draft second *Report*. It provides information on the background and context of this process and outlines the different steps taken in the preparation of the *Report*. The information document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/Inf.1 provides the draft second *Report*. The information document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/Inf.2 provides information on the Technical

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Expert Meeting held as part of the preparatory process. The Working Group is invited to note and review the progress made with regard to the draft second *Report* and recommend the Commission to review, at its forthcoming Twelfth Regular Session, the consolidated draft *Report*, and to recommend that FAO make available the finalized report as soon as possible, to ensure that the updating of the *Global Plan of Action* may be considered on the basis of the second *Report*. The Working Group is invited to recommend to the Commission to request FAO to publish the finalized report in all languages of the Organization and invite Governments and donors to make available the financial resources necessary to translate the report.

4. Process for updating the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

At its Eleventh Regular Session, the Commission requested to FAO to submit to the Commission's Twelfth Regular Session a proposed plan for the process of updating the *Global Plan of Action*, and to its Working Group to consider elements of a plan for updating the *Global Plan of Action*. The Commission also requested and agreed that the updated rolling *Global Plan of Action* would be considered at the Thirteenth Regular Session of the Commission, on the basis of the updated *Report*. Document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/3 provides a brief overview of the rolling *Global Plan of Action*. The overview includes a description of the process through which the *Global Plan of Action* was developed and identifies the efforts to support its implementation, including the establishment of the new monitoring approach and the Facilitating Mechanism. It also provides a suggested process and timeline for the review and update of the *Global Plan of Action*, for consideration by the Working Group, to assist it to recommend to the Commission a process for updating the *Global Plan of Action*. Within this context, the information document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/Inf.3 provides information on the two regional consultations held for the Near East and the North African region and for the Latin America and Caribbean region. The Working Group may wish to recommend that the Commission request FAO to update the *Global Plan of Action*, according to the suggested process, and that the Commission requests FAO to prepare the updated *Global Plan of Action* based primarily on the updated *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and the advice received during regional meetings, and consultations of relevant stakeholders. The Working Group may also recommend that the Commission encourages relevant organizations and stakeholders to provide advice and views to FAO in a timely manner to facilitate updating of the *Global Plan of Action*, and Governments make available the necessary resources for updating of the *Global Plan of Action* in a timely manner.

5. Follow-up to other recommendations of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

At its Eleventh Session, the Commission encouraged follow-up activities in relation to the Facilitating Mechanism for the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*; the monitoring of the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action* and the World Information and Early Warning System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (WIEWS); and the sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture through strengthening capacity building in plant breeding and seed system development. The document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/4 provides a summary of the on-going work and progress made in those areas since the last Session. Guidance is sought from the Working Group on their further development noting that these areas of work, are included in the *Draft strategic plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the multi-year programme of work of the commission on genetic resources for food and agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/Inf.4).

6. Draft Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work

At its Eleventh Regular Session, the Commission adopted a Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW), laying out the major outputs and milestones it aims to achieve over its next five sessions, and stressed the need to develop a detailed plan, identifying the processes that would be

needed to reach the MYPOW milestones and outputs. It also requested its Working Groups on Plants and on Animals to provide inputs at their next meetings to the Draft Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the MYPOW that has been developed by the Commission's Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau. Document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/5 contains in its Annex 1 the section of the draft Strategic Plan covering plant genetic resources.

The Draft Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the MYPOW implementation is presented in the information document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/Inf.4. The Working Group is invited to give its advice and inputs on the section of the Draft Strategic Plan contained in Annex 1, and in particular to comment on the indicative timetable proposing processes needed to achieve the milestones and outputs of the MYPOW, in relation to plant genetic resources; and on the international organizations with which FAO and its Commission should strengthen cooperation to achieve the milestones and outputs of the MYPOW, in relation to plant genetic resources.

7. Reports from international organizations and instruments

At its Eleventh Regular Session, the Commission identified and adopted the major outputs and milestones to be addressed in the MYPOW over its next five sessions and emphasized the importance of cooperation with the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in order to facilitate the planning of the work of the two bodies. Document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/6 provides information on the report from the Global Crop Diversity Trust that is presented in information document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/Inf.5 and that the Secretary of the International Treaty has been invited to inform the Working Group on the main outcomes of the third meeting of the Governing Body, with regards to implementation of the International Treaty. The Working Group is invited to recommend to the Commission that it continue to receive reports from organizations and instruments related to plant genetic resources within the context of the implementation of its MYPOW for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

APPENDIX 1

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Date and Time	Agenda Item	Title	Working Documents
Wednesday, 15 July, 2009			
10:00 – 10:15		Introductory remarks from ADG, AG	
	1.	Election of the Chair, the Vice-Chair(s) and the <i>Rapporteur</i>	
10:15 – 11:00	2.	Adoption of the agenda and timetable	CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/1 CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/1Add.1
11:00 – 13:00	3.	Preparation of the second <i>State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/2
14:30 – 16:00	3.	<i>Contd...</i> Preparation of the second <i>State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/2
16:00 – 17:30	3.	<i>Contd....</i> Preparation of the second <i>State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/2

Thursday, 16 July, 2009			
9:30 – 11:00	3.	<i>Contd...</i> Preparation of the second <i>State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/2
11:00 – 12:30	4.	Process for updating the <i>Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/3
14:00 – 15:30	5.	Follow-up to other recommendations of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/4
15:30 – 16:30	6.	Draft Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work	CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/5
16.30 -17.00	7.	Reports from international organizations and instruments	CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/6
17.00- 17.30	8.	Other Business	
Friday, 17 July, 2009			
9:30 – 12:30	9.	Preparation of the Report of the Working Group	
14:30 – 17:30	10.	Adoption of the Report of the Working Group	