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## Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda

### COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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

#### Fourth Session

Rome, 15-17 July 2009

### REPORTS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTRUMENTS

1. At its Eleventh Regular Session, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) identified and adopted the major outputs and milestones to be addressed in the Multi-Year Programme of Work over its next five sessions. It also emphasized the importance of cooperation with the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture<sup>1</sup> in order to facilitate the planning of the work of the two bodies.

2. The Third Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty was held from 1-5 June 2009, in Tunis, Tunisia. Given the link between the work of the International Treaty and the Commission and its Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Working Group), including areas related to *The Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, the Secretariat of the International Treaty has been invited to inform the Working Group on the main outcomes of the meeting, with regards to implementation of the Treaty.

<sup>1</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 93.

3. The Working Group has also received a report from the Global Crop Diversity Trust. At its Eleventh Session, the Commission, while stressing the critical importance of attracting financial resources to support the development and implementation of all elements of the *Global Plan of Action*, noted that the Global Crop Diversity Trust had been successful in mobilizing resources for activities related to ex situ collections<sup>2</sup>. Members are invited to consider information document CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/Inf.5 entitled *Report from the Global Crop Diversity Trust* prepared for the Working Group by the Trust.

4. Given the importance of many ongoing issues and activities of relevance to plant genetic resources, the Working Group may wish to recommend to the Commission that it continues to receive reports from organizations and instruments related to plant genetic resources within the context of the implementation of its Multi-Year Programme of Work.

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<sup>2</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 36