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COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

EXTRAORDINARY JOINT INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP (IGG) ON GRAINS AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON RICE

Rome, Italy, 24 September 2010
Red Room

PROVISIONAL AGENDA, AGENDA NOTES AND TIMETABLE

Morning Session: 09.30 – 12.30

- I. Organizational Matters
- II. Market Developments and Short-Term Outlook for Wheat, Rice and Coarse Grains
- III. National Actions: Lessons Learnt

Briefing from delegates on their countries' strategies to cope with food price instability –
Lessons learnt from the 2007/08 food crisis

Afternoon Session: 14.30 - 17.30

- IV. International Actions: Institutional Framework
 - a) Information and market transparency
 - b) Globally coordinated actions
 - c) Role of FAO and of the IGGs
- V. Other Matters

AGENDA NOTES

An extraordinary Inter-sessional Meeting of the Intergovernmental Group on Grains and of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Rice will be convened in Rome, Italy, on Friday 24 September 2010. Discussions will be held from 09:30 to 12:30 and from 14:30 to 17:30.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. The Session will retain the same Bureau as elected in its previous Session in Chile, in November 2009, namely Mr Carlos Fernandez (Chile), as Chairperson, Mr Rudiger Ohst (Germany) as first Vice-Chairperson and Mr Gabriel Taboada (Argentina) as Second Vice-Chairperson.

II. MARKET DEVELOPMENTS AND SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT, RICE AND COARSE GRAINS

2. The Secretariat will make a presentation on the situation and short term outlook for the wheat, coarse grains and rice markets in 2010/11.

III. NATIONAL ACTIONS: LESSONS LEARNT

3. Following the 2007/08 food price surge, several countries adopted a set of short and long term measures to reduce the effects of sudden rises in world food prices. Delegates will be invited to brief the meeting about these strategies and, whenever possible, provide an indication about their cost and effectiveness.

IV. INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS: INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

4. Cereal markets are undergoing major structural changes that are giving rise to much wider fluctuations in prices and increasing the chances for recurring food crises. So far, responses have been national in nature, with little, if any, institutional action taken at the international level. Delegates are invited to discuss possible approaches to promote coordinated international initiatives, either to reduce world cereal price instability itself or to mitigate its impacts. The Secretariat looks forward to recommendations on practical ways to address these issues, with advice particularly sought in respect of:

- a) market information and transparency
- b) globally coordinated actions
- c) role of FAO and of the IGGs

V. OTHER MATTERS

5. The Groups will consider the topics for discussion and the dates of the next Joint Session of the IGG on Grains and the IGG on Rice.