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<b>Item 3 of the Draft Provisional Agenda</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE</b>
<b>FIFTH MEETING OF THE <i>AD HOC</i> ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE FUNDING STRATEGY</b>
<b>Geneva, Switzerland, 26-27 May 2010</b>
<b>DRAFT PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND PROVISIONAL INDICATIVE TIMETABLE</b>

#### **Introduction**

1. The fifth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee is convened following Resolution 3/2009, *Implementation of the Funding Strategy of the Treaty*, of the Third Session of the Governing Body, which decided to reconvene the Advisory Committee with new terms of reference, as contained in *Annex 2* of the Resolution.<sup>1</sup> Two meetings of the Committee are foreseen during this biennium.
2. Following the generous offer of the FAO Liaison Office in Geneva, the fifth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland from 26 to 27 May 2010.

#### **ITEM 1. Opening of the meeting**

3. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 26 May 2010.

#### **ITEM 2. Election of the Co-chairs for the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy**

4. At its Third Session the Governing Body of the International Treaty agreed to reconvene the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy, which will comprise up to two members nominated by each Region. Two Co-chairs, one from a developing and one from a developed country Contracting Party, will be elected from the members of the Committee.

<sup>1</sup> IT/GB-3/09/Report/ Resolution 3/2009, Annex 2

**ITEM 3. Adoption of the agenda for the fifth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy**

5. The present document annotates the *Draft Provisional Agenda*,<sup>2</sup> and provides a proposed timetable for the consideration of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy.
6. The agenda for this meeting corresponds to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its Third Session, and the requests by the Bureau of the Governing Body to provide advice on the execution of the Benefit-sharing Fund's next project cycle (2010/2011), and to initiate discussions on the establishment of institutional arrangements and procedures for the oversight and implementation of future rounds of the project cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund.<sup>3</sup>

**ITEM 4. Report on the resource mobilization efforts, including on innovative approaches**

7. At its Third Session, the Governing Body welcomed the Strategic Plan for the implementation of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the Funding Strategy as developed by the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy during the last biennium.
8. The Governing Body requested the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy to advise the Bureau and the Secretary on resource mobilization efforts, including on innovative approaches.
9. A report on resource mobilization efforts undertaken in accordance with the Strategic Plan since the Third Session of the Governing Body is presented in the *Report on the resource mobilization efforts, including on innovative approaches*.<sup>4</sup>
10. The fundraising company (CCS) engaged by the Secretary of the International Treaty to assist with the implementation of the Strategic Plan will give a presentation during the meeting of the Committee.<sup>5</sup> The *Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the Funding Strategy* will also be at the disposal of Committee members.
11. It is expected that the information provided could serve the Committee as the basis for advising the Bureau and the Secretary on resource mobilization efforts, in particular in order to meet the 2010 target established in the Strategic Plan.

**ITEM 5. Execution of the Benefit-sharing Fund's project cycle (2010/2011): Second Call for Proposals**

12. The Governing Body at its Third Session requested the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee to advise the Bureau and the Secretary on the operation of the Benefit-sharing Fund. A main component of the operation of the Benefit-sharing Fund is the execution of its project cycle every biennium.
13. The Governing Body decided to delegate authority for the execution of the project cycle during the biennium 2010/2011 to the Bureau. The Bureau of the Fourth Governing Body at its first meeting held in February 2010 agreed on opening the next call for proposals for the next biennium (2010/2011), and requested the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy to advise on:

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<sup>2</sup> IT/ACFS-5/10/1

<sup>3</sup> *Report of the First Meeting of the Bureau of the Fourth Session of the Governing Body*

<sup>4</sup> IT/ACFS-5/10/3

<sup>5</sup> The presentation will be made available at the time of the meeting as IT/ACFS-5/10/Inf.3

- “the timeline for the next round of the project cycle;
- structure and design of the next call for proposals;
- size and types of projects to be funded within the next round of the project cycle;
- total amount of funds to be allocated under the next call for proposals, and the distribution to the different components or windows within the call, if applicable;
- possible additional criteria for the screening of pre-proposals, according to the type of projects sought; and
- any other issue it may consider relevant for the execution of the project cycle in the biennium 2010/2011.”

14. It also considered modalities for the next round of the project cycle and the possibility of opening more than one call or different windows within the same call, and also requested the Committee to advise the Bureau and the Secretary on the execution of the Benefit-sharing Fund’s next project cycle, on the basis of preparatory work done by the Secretary, including the engagement of the necessary expert advice.

15. The document *Execution of the Benefit-sharing Fund’s project cycle (2010/2011): Call for Proposals 2010* seeks the advice of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the execution of the next project cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund, and in particular on the call for proposals 2010. It considers the main elements, thematic focus and programmatic approach of the next call for proposals, as well as a draft call for proposals and a draft format for the submission of pre-proposals.

16. The document *Expert advice on the second call for proposals, including a strategy and programme for the Benefit-sharing Fund*<sup>6</sup> provides the expert advice on the next call. It contains the expert advice which was sought by the Secretary in accordance with the guidance from the Bureau of the Fourth Session of the Governing Body for the preparatory work on the execution of the Benefit-sharing Fund’s project cycle during the 2010/2011 biennium. It has constituted the basis of the preparatory work done by the Secretariat. Other relevant information documents are: *Policy Seminar on the International Treaty: Global Challenges and Future Direction- Summary of Working Group*,<sup>7</sup> and *Report of a meeting with collaborating international organizations on the next call for proposals*.<sup>8</sup>

## **ITEM 6. Operation of the Benefit-sharing Fund: Institutional Arrangements and Procedures**

17. At its Third Session, the Governing Body of the Treaty requested the Secretary to develop disbursement, reporting and monitoring procedures for the operation of future project cycles, for consideration and approval by the Governing Body at its Fourth Session.<sup>9</sup>

18. The Governing Body also requested the Secretary to continue collaborating with international organizations, including in particular the Global Crop Diversity Trust, in the further development and implementation of operational procedures of the Benefit-sharing Fund.<sup>10,11</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> IT/ACFS-5/10/Inf 5

<sup>7</sup> IT/ACFS-5/10/Inf 4

<sup>8</sup> IT/ACFS-5/10/Inf 6

<sup>9</sup> IT/GB-3/09/Report/ Resolution 3/2009, para. 10

<sup>10</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>11</sup> By Articles 19 and 20 of the International Treaty, the Secretary assists the Governing Body to establish and maintain cooperation with other relevant international organizations on matters covered by the Treaty, including “their participation in the Funding Strategy”

19. At its first meeting, the Bureau of the Fourth Governing Body requested the Committee to provide advice to the Secretary on the development of disbursement, reporting and monitoring procedures for the operation of future rounds of the project cycle, for consideration and approval by the Governing Body at its Fourth Session.
20. In doing so, the Bureau requested the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee to examine all possible options for the establishment of institutional arrangements to be put in place for the oversight and implementation of the projects to be funded under the Benefit-sharing Fund. The Bureau further requested the Secretary to survey and prepare those options in preparation of the work of the Committee.
21. Following the request by the Governing Body and the Bureau to survey all possible options, the Secretary invited relevant international organizations to submit information on their mandates and work; technical and financial capacity to implement projects; as well as possible areas and innovative approaches for partnerships to support the further operationalization of the Benefit-sharing Fund.
22. The information gathered from the submissions by relevant international organizations and the engagement of the necessary expert advice will be valuable inputs in surveying and preparing all possible options for the establishment of institutional arrangements and operational procedures for the Benefit-sharing Fund. Submissions received before the fifth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy will be presented and considered by the Committee at this meeting. Other submissions will be considered at the sixth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee.
23. The document *Operation of the Benefit-sharing Fund: Institutional Arrangements and Procedures*<sup>12</sup> seeks advice from the Committee on preparatory work to be carried out for an in-depth discussion at its sixth meeting on the establishment of institutional arrangements and operational procedures for the oversight and implementation of future rounds of the Benefit-sharing Fund and provides the basis for any additional appropriate steps the Committee may wish to take.

#### **ITEM 7. Business Plan of the Governing Body**

24. The Governing Body at its Third Session noted that the Business Plan of the Governing Body is expected to play multiple roles, including as a planning, fund-raising and a communication tool. The Governing Body also agreed that the Draft Business Plan needed to be further developed. It also requested the Bureau working with the Secretary to revise the Draft Business Plan based on the comments received from Contracting Parties, for consideration of the Governing Body at its Fourth Session.<sup>13</sup>
25. The Bureau at its meeting recommended that, in order to receive the widest possible expert input into the preparation of the Business Plan, it should be included as a standing item on the agenda of relevant subsidiary bodies of the Governing Body, in particular the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy and the *Ad Hoc* Technical Advisory Committee on the Multilateral System and the SMTA.<sup>14</sup>
26. The document *Business Plan for the Governing Body*<sup>15</sup> includes the *Draft Business Plan* for the review and further inputs by the Committee, particularly on Chapter II, Target 2 “*Implementing the Funding Strategy*”, Goals 1 to 3.

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<sup>12</sup> IT/ACFS-5/10/5

<sup>13</sup> IT/GB-3/09/Report, paragraph 32

<sup>14</sup> IT/GB-4 Bureau 1/10/Report, paragraph 27

<sup>15</sup> IT/ACFS-5/10/6.

**ITEM 8. Other business**

27. Under this item, the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy may address any other business requested by the Governing Body at its Third Session. In particular, the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee may discuss how to address remaining issues within the full remit of the Funding Strategy, in particular on the monitoring of its implementation.

**ITEM 9. Date and place of the sixth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy**

28. Under this item, the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy will decide on the date and place of its sixth meeting.

**ITEM 10. Adoption of the Report**

29. At each meeting, the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy shall approve a report embodying its views and recommendations on the advice requested. This final agenda item therefore provides for the approval of the *Report of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy*.

**PROVISIONAL INDICATIVE TIME-TABLE**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Documents</b>
<b>Wednesday, 26 May 2010</b>			
<b>10:00- 10:15</b>	1	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>	
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	2	Election of the Co-chairs for the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy	
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	3	Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable	IT/ACFS-5/10/1 IT/ACFS-5/10/2
<b>10:45-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11:00-11:20</b>	4	Presentation by CCS on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the implementation of the Benefit-Sharing Fund of the Funding Strategy	IT/ACFS-5/10/Inf. 3
<b>11:20- 12:00</b>	4	Report on the resource mobilization efforts, including on innovative approaches	IT/ACFS-5/10/3
<b>12:00-13:15</b>	<b>Lunch at at the Palais des Nations</b>		
<b>13:15- 15:30</b>	5	Execution of the Benefit-sharing Fund's project cycle (2010/2011): Call for Proposals 2010	IT/ACFS-5/10/4 IT/ACFS-5/10/Inf.4 IT/ACFS-5/10/Inf. 5 IT/ACFS-5/10/Inf. 6
<b>15:30-15:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>15:45-17:00</b>	5	Continuation of discussions	
<b>Thursday, 27 May 2010</b>			
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	5	Continuation of discussions	
<b>10:00-10:45</b>	6	Operation of the Benefit-sharing Fund: Institutional Arrangements and Procedures	IT/ACFS-5/10/5
<b>10:45-11:15</b>	7	Business Plan of the Governing Body	IT/ACFS-5/10/6
<b>11:15-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	8	Other business	
<b>12:00-12:30</b>	9	Date and place of the sixth meeting of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy	
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>14:00- 16:00</b>	10	Adoption of the Report	

