



COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON MICROORGANISM AND INVERTEBRATE GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

First Session

Rome, 25–27 September 2024

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON(S) AND RAPPORTEUR

1. In accordance with Section V of its Statutes, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission), at its last session, established the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Microorganism and Invertebrate Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Working Group) and adopted the Statutes for the Working Group.¹ The Council endorsed the establishment of the Working Group at its 174th Session.²
2. According to 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 Chairperson, or a Vice-Chairperson in the absence of a Chairperson, shall preside over the meetings of the Working Group and exercise such other functions as may be required to facilitate its work.³
3. The Working Group usually elects a Chairperson and six Vice-Chairpersons (collectively referred to as “the Bureau”), each coming from one of the following geographic regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific. In electing the Chairperson, the Working Group should have due regard to the principle of rotation.
4. The Working Group also elects a *Rapporteur* from among the Members of the Bureau.

¹ 1 CGRFA-19/23/Report, paragraph 128.

² CL 174/REP, paragraph 33.

³ CGRFA/WG-MIGR-1/24/1/Inf.1.

5. The Working Group is invited to elect the Chairperson and one Vice-Chairperson from each of the other regions and the *Rapporteur* from among the Members of the Bureau.