



COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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STATUTES OF THE AD HOC EXPERT TEAM ON BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Article I – Terms of Reference

The Ad Hoc Expert Team on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture (Ad Hoc Expert Team) shall:

- review the situation and issues related to biodiversity for food and agriculture (BFA) and advise and make recommendations to the Commission on these matters;
- consider the progress made in implementing the Commission's programme of work on BFA as well as any other matters regarding BFA referred to the Ad hoc Expert Team by the Commission; and
- report to the Commission on its activities.

Article II – Composition

Each region may appoint through its Bureau Member up to five representatives with broad knowledge of BFA as Members of the Ad Hoc Expert Team.

Article III – Officers

The Ad Hoc Expert Team shall elect two Co-Chairs from among the representatives of Members of the Expert Team at the beginning of each session. Both Co-Chairs shall preside over the meetings of the Ad Hoc Expert Team and exercise such other functions as may be required to facilitate its work.

Article IV – Observers

The Ad Hoc Expert Team or the Bureau on behalf of the Ad Hoc Expert Team may invite experts, as well as representatives of specialized international organizations, to attend its meeting as observers.

Article V – Application of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and- Agriculture

The provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to all matters not specifically dealt with under the present Statutes.