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## COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

### Third Extraordinary Session

Rome, 9-13 December 1996

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable for the session

The Commission, at its Second Extraordinary Session, decided to convene the Third Extraordinary Session, in order to continue the negotiations for the revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources.

#### 2. Continuation of negotiations for the revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources

There have, to date, been two sessions of the Commission which have included negotiations for the revision of the International Undertaking, in harmony with the Convention: the First Extraordinary and the Sixth Regular Sessions. The Sixth Session of the Commission requested the Secretariat to prepare "a single consolidated text", reflecting written comments by countries. This *Third Negotiating Draft* is attached.

The Second Extraordinary Session agreed that the Commission's Working Group, which would be meeting immediately before the current session, should prepare a simplified draft text, "which could, without in any way replacing the *Third Negotiating Draft*, provide more focus for the future negotiations, should the Commission so decide". The Commission "stressed that any simplified text resulting from the deliberations of its Working Group should be in addition to, and not in substitution for, the proposals already contained in the *Third Negotiating Draft*. It would be for the Commission itself to evaluate the usefulness of any such text, as a potential focus for future negotiations". The Chair of the Working Group will report on the meeting of the Working Group, and present the simplified text.

In addition, a number of other documents, dealing with technical, economic, legal and institutional matters of relevance in the revision of the International Undertaking, which have already been presented to the Commission, but not yet discussed, including one prepared by IPGRI at the request of the Commission, will also be available as information documents.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The following documents from earlier sessions, prepared to facilitate the negotiation of the International Undertaking, which have not yet been discussed by the Commission, are available. (The reference numbers of these documents remain those of the Commission's earlier sessions.)

## 2.1 Report of the Eleventh Session of the Working Group (5-6 December 1996)

## 2.2 Continuation of Negotiations

### 3. Other business

The secretariat will report on actions underway to follow-up on the International Technical Conference. Further information will be provided in document CGRFA-Ex3/96/Inf.1, *Follow-up to the International Technical Conference on Plant Genetic Resources*. The Conference requested the secretariat to refine its cost-estimates for the Global Plan of Action for the current Session; these are given in Annex 1 to the document. The *Report of the Conference* is available for information; Annex 1 contains the *Leipzig Declaration*, and Annex 2 the *Global Plan of Action*.

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*Revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources. Issues for consideration in Stage II: access to plant genetic resources, and Farmers' Rights* (CPGR-6/95/8); the document provides information on areas where countries have already reached consensus regarding the issues of access and the realization of Farmers' Rights, and identifies areas where consensus is still needed.

*Revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources. Analysis of some technical, economic and legal aspects for consideration in Stage II* (CPGR-6/95/8 Supp.); this analysis study, prepared by the Secretariat to facilitate negotiations, covers some key aspects of issues in discussion.

*Revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources. Stage III - Legal and institutional matters* (CPGR-6/95/9).

*Access to plant genetic resources and the equitable sharing of benefits: a contribution to the debate on systems for the exchange of germplasm*; the document was prepared by IPGRI at the request of the Commission's Fifth Regular Session and made available to its Second Extraordinary Session. It was agreed that the document should first be presented to the Working Group, before review at the Commission's Third Extraordinary Session.

In addition, document CPGR-EX1/94/3 provides information on the *Mandate, context, background and proposed process*.

#### Background Study Papers

Background Study Paper No. 1: *The appropriation of the benefits of plant genetic resources for agriculture: an economic analysis of the alternative mechanisms for biodiversity conservation* (only in English).

Background Study Paper No. 2: *Sovereign and property rights over plant genetic resources* (only in English).

Background Study Paper No. 3: *Providing Farmers' Rights through in situ conservation of crop genetic resources* (only in English).

Background Study Paper No. 4: *Identifying genetic resources and their origin: The capabilities and limitations of modern biochemical and legal systems* (only in English).

Background Study Paper No. 5: *Información sobre las colecciones ex situ conservadas en jardines botánicos* (This new Paper is only in Spanish).