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CONFERENCE

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FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (COMMISSION I)

Items 9 and 13

1. At its first and second meetings held on 21 and 23 October 1995 respectively, the Resolutions Committee examined the following draft Conference Resolutions:

Agenda Item

Title of Draft Resolution

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| 9 | Broadening the mandate of the FAO Commission on Plant Genetic Resources to cover all aspects of genetic resources relevant to food and agriculture |
| 13 | Target for WFP pledges for the period 1997-98 |

2. The texts of the aforementioned draft Conference Resolutions are contained in documents C 95/19 and C 95/LIM/15.

3. With regard to the draft Conference Resolution on "Broadening the mandate of the FAO Commission on Plant Genetic Resources to cover all aspect of genetic resources relevant to food and agriculture", the Committee recommended that the words "Basic Texts" and "Appendix R of the Basic Texts of the Organization" appearing in the third paragraph of the Resolution and in the last paragraph of the Annex thereto, be amended to read: "Basic Texts" and "Part R of the Basic Texts of the Organization" in order to bring it in line with the terminology normally used.

4. The Committee also recommended the deletion of the last paragraph of the draft Conference Resolution since the matter was already covered in substance in the preceding paragraph. Pursuant to paragraph c) of its Operating Procedures, the Committee suggested that the request to include animal genetic resources in the agenda for the next regular session of the Commission could be incorporated into the narrative text of the Conference Report.

5. The Committee noted that paragraph 3 of the Annex to the draft Conference Resolution did not indicate the authority that should establish the Sectoral Working Groups referred to therein.

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The Committee considered that the draft Conference Resolution should be amended to make this point clear and, in line with the authority given to the Commission to establish subsidiary bodies under paragraph 6 of the Annex, suggested that paragraph 3 could be amended to read as follows:

"The Commission may establish Sectoral Working Groups, with appropriate geographical balance, to assist it in the areas of plant, animal, forestry and fishery genetic resources".

6. The Committee also noted that the Council at its 108th Session agreed "that a broadened Commission should be assisted by Sectoral Working Groups, with appropriate geographical balance, for plant, animal, forestry and fishery genetic resources". However, the Council decided that "in the absence of a consensus on the nature and composition of the working groups and due to the budgetary implications associated thereto", the matter should be referred to the Conference.

7. The Committee further noted that it did not appear that all substantive issues covered in the Annex to the draft Conference Resolution had been examined by previous sessions of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources or the Council. Accordingly, the Committee invited the attention of Commission I to the foregoing issues; any decision in this regard by the Conference could be incorporated, as appropriate, in the text of the draft Resolution.

8. Subject to the foregoing, the draft Conference Resolutions were found receivable and are submitted to Commission I.