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### Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

## INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

### SECOND SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Rome, Italy, 29 October – 2 November 2007

## DRAFT PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIME-TABLE

### Introduction

The First Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty was held in Madrid, Spain, from 12 – 16 June 2006 at the kind invitation of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain. The session was preceded by a Ministerial Meeting of Contracting Parties and Contracting States on 13 June 2006, jointly convened by the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. At its First Session, the Governing Body adopted a number of Resolutions and requested Contracting Parties and observers, its Bureau as well as the Interim Secretariat to carry out a number of actions. The Governing Body also deferred a number of issues to its second session, in particular:

- some Rules of the Financial Rules of the Governing Body;
- priorities, eligibility criteria and operational procedures for the allocation of funds under the direct control of the Governing Body under the Funding Strategy for the Implementation of the Treaty; and
- procedures to promote compliance with the Treaty.

The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons of the Second Session of the Governing Body were elected at the end of the First Session and constitute its Bureau for this session.<sup>1</sup>

The Governing Body also established the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy,<sup>2</sup> which met in two sessions in Rome in March and June 2007.<sup>3</sup> The Bureau of the Second Session of the Governing Body, in accordance with the direction of the Governing Body, undertook the process of appointing the Secretary of the Governing Body.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 53 of Document IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Report of the First Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 1/2006 [paragraph 15], see IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Report of the First Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

<sup>3</sup> See Document IT/GB-2/07/7, *Report of the Chair of the Ad hoc Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy*.

<sup>4</sup> See Document IT/GB-2/07/4, *Report of the Chairperson of the Second Session of the Governing Body*.

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## 1. Adoption of agenda and time-table

The present document contains the *Draft provisional annotated agenda and time-table*, for the consideration of the Governing Body.

The agenda for this meeting is very heavy, reflecting the volume of work the Governing Body has to undertake at this session. It includes a number of issues arising from the First Session of the Governing Body or specifically deferred to this session as well as issues expressly requested by the Governing Body to be put on its agenda for this session.

## 2. Election of the *Rapporteur* for the Second Session

In accordance with Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Body at its First Session,<sup>5</sup> “*the Governing Body shall elect a Chairperson and one Vice-Chairperson per FAO region other than the region of the Chairperson (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Bureau”) and in addition, a Rapporteur from among the delegates, alternates, experts and advisers (hereinafter referred to as “representatives”) of the Contracting Parties*”.

As the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons for this session have already been elected at its First Session, the Governing Body may wish to elect the *Rapporteur* for the current session.

## 3. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

According to Rule IV.5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, “each Contracting Party shall communicate to the Secretary of the Treaty the name of its representatives on the Governing Body before the opening of each session of the Governing Body”. Rule XIII of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body further provides that “the provisions of the General Rules of the FAO shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to all matters not specifically dealt with under the Treaty or the present Rules”.

According to Rules III.3 and III.4 of the General Rules of the FAO, a Credentials Committee shall be set up to examine credentials. These Rules apply, *mutatis mutandis*, as the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body do not address the issue of credentials.

By Article 19.4 of the Treaty, each Contracting Party shall have one vote and may be represented at sessions of the Governing Body by a single delegate, who may be accompanied by an alternate, and by experts and advisers. Alternates, experts and advisers may take part in the proceedings of the Governing Body, but may not vote, except in the case of their being duly authorized to substitute for the delegate.

It is suggested that the Governing Body establish a Credentials Committee, which could comprise one representative per region, to examine the credentials at this session.

## 4. Establishment of the Budget Committee

According to Rule II of the Financial Rules of the Governing Body, the financial period is two calendar years, coinciding with the financial period of FAO, and Rule III.4 provides that the draft budget shall be prepared by the Secretary and circulated to Contracting Parties before regular sessions of the Governing Body. The draft Budget and Programme of Work for the

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<sup>5</sup> Appendix D of the Document IT/GB-1/06/Report, (Madrid, Spain, 12 – 16 June 2006), available on the Internet at <http://ftp.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/gb1/gb1repe.pdf>.

biennium 2008/2009 is contained in the document, IT/GB-2/07/20 *Draft work programme and budget for the biennium 2008/2009*.

The Governing Body may wish to establish a Budget Committee to review the draft Work programme and budget for the biennium 2008/2009 for the consideration of the Governing Body.

## **5. Report of the Chairperson**

Since the election of its members, the Bureau has met several times and the Chairperson reports on the major outcomes of their deliberations and actions taken in accordance with the requests of the Governing Body including:

- Appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body; and
- Nomination of the Governing Body's members on the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust.

The Chairperson also brings to the attention of the Governing Body, other issues the Bureau identified and considered significant for further deliberation of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body is invited to consider the Chairperson's report and may wish to give any further guidance it considers appropriate on any of the issues covered in the report.

## **6. Report of the Secretary**

According to Article 20 of the Treaty, the Secretary shall report to the Governing Body on its activities<sup>6</sup> and communicate to all Contracting Parties information received from Contracting Parties in accordance with the Treaty.<sup>7</sup> The Governing Body and the Bureau had, in their previous meetings, requested the Secretary to report on several issues, including:

- The status of ratification and implementation of the Treaty;
- The establishment of the Secretariat;
- Possible establishment of a Technical Advisory Committee;
- Facilitation of the participation of Civil Society Organisations, in particular farmers' organizations, in the implementation of Article 6 of the Treaty on sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture; and
- Actions taken by the Secretariat on the implementation of the Funding Strategy.

The Governing Body is invited to consider the Secretary's report and may wish to give any further guidance it considers appropriate on any of the issues covered in the report.

## **7. Financial Rules of the Governing Body**

By Article 19.7, the Governing Body shall adopt and amend, as required, its Financial Rules. At its First Session, the Governing Body adopted the Financial Rules, noting that some Rules remained in brackets, to be resolved at its Second Session. These are given in the document, IT/GB-2/07/6 *Financial Rules of the Governing Body*.

The Governing Body is invited to consider the Rules in brackets and finalize its Financial Rules.

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<sup>6</sup> Article 20.1 (c).

<sup>7</sup> Article 20.3 (b).

## **8. Implementation of the Funding Strategy for the implementation of the Treaty**

At its First Session, the Governing Body adopted the Funding Strategy for the Implementation of the International Treaty.<sup>8</sup> The Governing Body also decided to establish an *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee, composed of seven representatives of Contracting Parties, with one representative nominated by each of the FAO Regions to “*draft, on the basis of the preparatory work of the Secretariat and information provided by the Parties, priorities, eligibility criteria and operational procedures for the allocation of funds under the direct control of the Governing Body, for the consideration of the Governing Body*”.

The *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee, which met from 26 to 28 March 2007 and from 7 to 8 June 2007, prepared, on the basis of the preparatory work of the Secretariat, *draft procedures, priorities, eligibility criteria and operational procedures for the allocation of funds under the direct control of the Governing Body*, and requested that these be forwarded to the Governing Body for its consideration. These are contained in the document, IT/GB-2/07/7 *Report of the Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy*.

At its First Session, the Governing Body invited Contracting Parties, relevant international organizations, relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies as well as the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research to report to the Governing Body on their activities that support the Funding Strategy. As requested by the Governing Body, the Secretariat established contact with relevant organisations to promote the Funding Strategy, and invited such organisations to provide reports to the Second Session of the Governing Body. These are contained in document, IT/GB-2/07/09, *Compilation and Analysis of Submissions by Contracting Parties and Other Relevant Organizations Concerning the Implementation of the Funding Strategy* and in the document *Report by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) on its activities to support the implementation of the Funding Strategy of the Treaty*.

The Governing Body is invited to review and adopt the draft Procedures, Priorities, Eligibility Criteria and Operational Procedures for the Allocation of Funds under the Direct Control of the Governing Body.

## **9. Relationship between the Governing Body and the Global Crop Diversity Trust**

At its First Session, the Governing Body approved and entered into a *Relationship Agreement between the Global Crop Diversity Trust and the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*. The Governing Body also adopted Resolution 1/2006 in which it “*requests that the Global Crop Diversity Trust cooperate with the Governing Body on the basis of a Relationship Agreement, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution of the Global Crop Diversity Trust,*” including the reporting obligations of the Trust to the Governing Body and the Governing Body’s authority to provide overall policy guidance to the Trust on all matters within the purview of the Treaty.

As part of this cooperation on the basis of the Relationship Agreement, the Global Crop Diversity Trust submitted document IT/GB-2/07/10, *Report from the Global Crop Diversity Trust*.

The Governing Body is invited to take note of the contents of the Report and provide relevant guidance within the purview of the International Treaty and the *Relationship Agreement*.

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<sup>8</sup> Resolution 1/2006.

## 10 Implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing

At its First Session, the Governing Body adopted the Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA) and requested the Secretary “to review the implementation and operation of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement, and report to the Governing Body at its third session, in particular on the benefit-sharing provisions and the modalities of payment”.<sup>9</sup>

As requested by the Governing Body, the Secretary reviewed the implementation of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement and the possible future needs for the effective implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing. In accordance with transaction analyses undertaken by the *Interim* Secretariat, it was evident that a robust but simple information technology support will be required in order to simplify the process and facilitate the ease of use of the SMTA, taking into account the Treaty’s stipulation that it should be transparent and accessible as well as the fact that providers and recipients are to provide certain information to the Governing Body under the SMTA.

At its meetings held from 5 to 6 February 2007 and from 16-17 June 2007, the Bureau of the Second Session of the Governing Body also considered the issue and agreed that the *Interim* Secretariat and Secretariat should continue in their development of the information technology support for the implementation of the Multilateral System. Accordingly, the *Interim* Secretariat convened a consultative meeting of representatives and participants drawn from major stakeholders and from the regions from 11 to 13 February 2007, to seek inputs and advice on the operation of the information system. The report of the meeting and the assessment of the technical and financial requirements for the information technology support are contained in the *annexes* to the document, IT/GB-2/07/Inf.4, *Technologies to support the implementation of the Multilateral System*. At its most recent meeting, the Bureau of the Governing Body heard a Progress Report on the on-line SMTA management work initiated by the *Interim* Secretariat and expressed its satisfaction with the proposed system as demonstrated and agreed that it would enhance the management of material transfer agreements and the operation of the Multilateral System.

Under Article 11.4 of the Treaty, “within two years of the entry into force of the Treaty, the Governing Body shall assess the progress in including the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture referred to in paragraph 11.3 in the Multilateral System”. At its First Session, the Governing Body considered the issue of inclusion of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in the Multilateral System and “decided to defer the assessment of progress in the inclusion of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture held by natural and legal persons in the Multilateral System until its third session”.<sup>10</sup> Preparations would therefore need to be made in preparation for such an assessment.

At its First Session, when discussing the Third Party Beneficiary under the Standard Material Transfer Agreement, the Governing Body invited the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations “to carry out the roles and responsibilities as identified and prescribed in the Standard Material Transfer Agreement, under the direction of the Governing Body, in accordance with the procedures to be established by the Governing Body at its next session”. The establishment of procedures and carrying out of roles and responsibilities is addressed in document IT/GB-2/07/12.

The Governing Body is invited to note the above documents and to give any further guidance it considers appropriate for the implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and

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<sup>9</sup> Resolution 2/2006.

<sup>10</sup> Paragraph 28, IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Report of the First Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

Benefit-sharing, including for the preparation of the assessment required by Article 11.4 or the Treaty.

**11. Consideration of the Material Transfer Agreement to be used by the International Agricultural Research Centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture not included in Annex I of the Treaty**

According to Article 15.1(b) of the Treaty;

*Plant genetic resources for food and agriculture other than those listed in Annex I of this Treaty and collected before its entry into force that are held by IARCs shall be made available in accordance with the provisions of the MTA currently in use pursuant to agreements between the IARCs and the FAO. This MTA shall be amended by the Governing Body no later than its second regular session, in consultation with the IARCs, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Treaty*

Pursuant to this provision of the Treaty, the Secretary invited Bioversity International on behalf of the International Agricultural Research Centres (IARCs) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) to provide a working document on proposals for the implementation of this Article. The IARCs of the CGIAR conferred amongst each other on this issue during the intersessional period and on 4 September 2007 the Secretary received the outcome of those consultations from Bioversity International stating a clear preference of the IARCs. The Report and the preferred amendment to the MTA foreseen in Article 15.1(b) of the Treaty are contained in document IT/GB-2/07/13. The Governing Body is invited to review the preferred amendment of the MTA and to take any decisions necessary.

**12. Adoption of procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and to address issues of non-compliance**

According to Article 21 of the Treaty “*the Governing Body shall, at its first meeting, consider and approve cooperative and effective procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance with the provisions of this Treaty and to address issues of non-compliance.*”

At its First Session, the Governing Body reviewed the document, *Draft procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and to address issues of non-compliance*.<sup>11</sup> The Governing Body decided, *inter alia*, “*to consider and approve procedures and operational mechanisms on compliance at its second session, on the basis of the draft procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance, which are contained in Appendix I to [the] Report,*<sup>12</sup> *and the submissions made by Parties and observers*”.

On 3 November 2006, a Circular State Letter was issued, inviting Contracting Parties and observers to make submissions, *inter alia*, on the procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance. These are reflected in document, IT/GB-2/07/Inf.5 *Compilation and analysis of submissions made by Contracting Parties and observers on compliance*

The Governing Body is invited to finalize and adopt the draft Resolution and its *Annex*, taking into account, as appropriate, the documents referred to in the preceding paragraphs.

<sup>11</sup> IT/GB-1/06/7.

<sup>12</sup> IT/GB-1/06/Report

### **13. Implementation of Article 6, Sustainable use of plant genetic resources**

At its First Session, the Governing Body considered the document *Implementation of Article 6 of the International Treaty: Sustainable use of plant genetic resources*<sup>13</sup> and “decided that the implementation of Article 6 should be a component of its programme of work, and a standing item on its agenda, as a priority. It decided to engage in an in-depth consideration of the sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture following a staged approach, beginning from its next session”.

The Governing Body further “invited Contracting Parties, other governments, and relevant institutions and organisations to support the further examination and elaboration of the issues, and undertake other practical measures that could contribute to the implementation of Article 6 and related provisions, including through capacity-building and organising or hosting consultations, workshops and related studies”.

Pursuant to the invitation, Contracting Parties submitted information to support the further examination and elaboration of the issues. This information is contained in document IT/GB-2/07/15, *Compilation and analysis of submissions by Contracting Parties and other relevant organizations concerning the implementation of Article 6*. Besides the Contracting Parties, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Bioversity International on behalf of the International Agricultural Research Centres (IARCs) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) have made submissions for the information of the Governing Body. These are circulated as document IT/GB-2/07/Inf.8 in the language in which they were received.

The Governing Body is invited to take note of the submissions received and provide further guidance on a staged approach to the implementation of Article 6.

### **14. Implementation of Article 9, Farmers’ Rights**

At the First Session of the Governing Body, Norway requested that the issue of Farmers’ Rights be included in the Agenda of the Second Session of the Governing Body. Consequently, the Bureau of the Second Session of the Governing Body at its first meeting included the item on the Draft Provisional Agenda for the Second Session of the Governing Body. At the request of the Bureau at its third meeting, the Secretariat prepared document IT/GB-2/07/Inf.6, *Information document on the development of Farmers’ Rights in the context of the International Undertaking and Article 9*. In addition, Norway and Zambia have made a joint submission on this issue to the Governing Body, following an inter-sessional consultation on the subject which they jointly convened in September 2007. The joint submission is circulated as document IT/GB-2/07/Circ.1, *Implementation of Article 9 of the FAO International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture: Farmers’ Rights*, in the original language it was received.

The Governing Body is invited to give further guidance on how it wishes to proceed in relation to Article 9 and related provisions of the Treaty, taking into account, as appropriate, the above documents.

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<sup>13</sup> IT/GB-1/06/10.

**15. Relationship between the Governing Body and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

At its First Session,

*The Governing Body stressed the need to develop close cooperation with the Commission, underlining the need to promote coherence and mutual supportiveness between the two bodies, including through the exchange of information. The Governing Body emphasized the need for close cooperation between the two Secretariats in the future.*<sup>14</sup>

The Commission, at its eleventh regular session, considered the document, *Mechanisms for cooperation between the Commission and the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.<sup>15</sup> The Commission, *stressed the importance of supporting the activities of the Governing Body, especially in its early phases of work. It welcomed the excellent cooperation between its Secretariat and the Secretariat of the International Treaty. Furthermore, it supported the development of a joint statement of intention regarding long-term cooperation between the two secretariats.*<sup>16</sup>

The document, IT/GB-2/07/16, *Mechanisms for Cooperation with the Commission On Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, provides summary information on the areas of cooperation between the Secretariats of the two bodies and an update on current developments in areas of common interest, with particular reference to the Treaty and the work programme of the Commission.

The Governing Body is invited to consider possibilities to strengthen cooperation with the Commission and to take decisions, as appropriate.

**16. Report on the status of cooperation with other international organizations, including Agreements between the Governing Body and the International Agricultural Research Centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and other relevant international institutions**

At its First Session, the Governing Body “noted that cooperation with other international organizations was of particular importance for the Treaty, in many aspects of its work. It acknowledged the ongoing fruitful collaboration with, in particular, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the World Intellectual Property Organization, and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research”. Additional relevant international organizations include the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations University and the World Trade Organization.

A number of decisions of the First Session of the Governing Body were addressed to other international organizations, in particular on the Funding Strategy, the Standard Material Transfer Agreement, the implementation of Article 6 and on the Programme of Work and Budget. The Secretary has written to relevant organizations, bringing their attention to these decisions, and requesting comments on any actions they intend to undertake as a result. Relevant organizations have also been asked to provide written reports to the Second Session.

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<sup>14</sup> Paragraph 43, IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Report of the First Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

<sup>15</sup> CGRFA-11/07/16.

<sup>16</sup> CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraphs 75 and 76



The document, IT/GB-2/07/17 *Report on the status of cooperation with other International Organizations including Agreements between the Governing Body and the International Agricultural Research Centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and other relevant international institutions*, provides information on a number of cooperative activities and initiatives that have been undertaken or are ongoing in the context of the Treaty since the First Session of the Governing Body. Relations with the CGIAR Centres, which have signed agreements with the Governing Body, to bring their *ex situ* collections under the Treaty, are also dealt with in this document. Other contacts made with Non-Governmental Organizations since the First Session of the Governing Body, are described in the document, IT/GB-2/07/5, *Report of the Secretary of the Governing Body*.

The Governing Body may wish to take note of these activities and give further guidance on how further cooperation with relevant international organizations may proceed.

#### **17. Adoption of Budget and Programme of Work for 2006/2007**

Article 19.3 of the Treaty requires the Governing Body to develop plans and programmes for implementation of the Treaty and to adopt a budget for the Treaty. At its First Session, the Governing Body requested “the Secretary to prepare and submit a budget for the biennium 2008/09 for the consideration of the Governing Body at its second session, and to report on progress on income and expenditures, as well as any adjustments made to the budget for the biennium 2006-2007”.

As requested, the Secretary has prepared for the consideration of the Governing Body the document, IT/GB-2/07/20, *Draft Work Programme and Budget for the biennium 2008/2009*. The requested document has been circulated to the Bureau during its preparation and incorporates comments received from the Chair and the Bureau members.

The Governing Body is invited to review the draft Work Programme and Budget for the biennium 2008/2009, with a view to its adoption, and provide guidance on how the resources necessary to implement the work programme and budget it decides upon should be mobilized. It may also wish to decide upon priorities for its work programme, in the event that the necessary financial resources are not immediately available.

#### **18. Date and place of the third session of the Governing Body**

The Governing Body may wish to recommend when and where the Third Session of the Governing Body should be convened.

#### **19. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the third session of the Governing Body**

In accordance with Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Body at its First Session, “the Governing Body shall elect a Chairperson and one Vice-Chairperson per FAO region other than the region of the Chairperson (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Bureau”) and in addition a *Rapporteur* from among the delegates, alternates, experts and advisers (hereinafter referred to as “representatives”) of the Contracting Parties”. The Rules provide that members of the Bureau may be reelected for a second consecutive term, but “no member of the Bureau may be re-elected for a third consecutive term.”

According to Rule 2.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, the terms of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Third Session of the Governing Body will commence with immediate effect upon the closure of the Second Session.

The Governing Body may wish to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Third Session of the Governing Body.

**20. Other business**

The Governing Body may wish to address any other business identified by the Contracting Parties.

**21. Adoption of the Report**

According to Rule 8.1 of the Rules of Procedure, “at each session, the Governing Body shall approve a report embodying its decisions, views, recommendations and conclusions.” Accordingly, under this final agenda item, the Governing Body may wish to approve the report of its Second Session.

**PROVISIONAL TIME-TABLE**

<b>PLENARY</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Documents</b>
<b>Monday, 29 October 2007</b>			
<b>Morning</b>			
<b>10:00-13:00</b>	Opening Ceremony of the Second Session of the Governing Body		
	1	Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable	IT/GB-2/07/1 IT/GB-2/07/2 IT/GB-2/07/Inf.1
	2	Election of the <i>Rapporteur</i>	
	3	Appointment of the Credentials Committee	
	4	Establishment of the Budget Committee	
	5	Report of the Chair	IT/GB-2/07/4
	6	Report of the Secretary	IT/GB-2/07/5
<b>Monday, 29 October 2007</b>			
<b>Afternoon</b>			
<b>15:00-18:00</b>	7	Financial Rules of the Governing Body	IT/GB-2/07/6
	8	Implementation of the Funding Strategy of the Treaty	IT/GB-2/07/7 IT/GB-2/07/7.1 IT/GB-2/07/8 IT/GB-2/07/9 IT/GB-2/07/Inf.9

<b>Tuesday, 30 October 2007</b>			
<b>morning</b>			
<b>10:00-13:00</b>	8	Implementation of the Funding Strategy <i>Continued</i>	IT/GB-2/07/7 IT/GB-2/07/7.1 IT/GB-2/07/8 IT/GB-2/07/9 IT/GB-2/07/Inf.9
	9	Relationship between the Governing Body and the Global Crop Diversity Trust	IT/GB-2/07/10
<b>Tuesday, 30 October 2007</b>			
<b>afternoon</b>			
<b>15:00-18:00</b>	10	Implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing	IT/GB-2/07/11 IT/GB-2/07/12 IT/GB-2/07/Inf.4 IT/GB-2/07/Inf.11
<b>Wednesday, 31 October 2007</b>			
<b>morning</b>			
<b>10:00-13:00</b>	11	Consideration of the MTA to be used by IARCs of the CGIAR for PGRFA not included in <i>Annex 1</i> of the Treaty	IT/GB-2/07/13
	12	Adoption of procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and to address issues of non-compliance	IT/GB-2/07/14 IT/GB-2/07/Inf.5 IT/GB-1/06/Inf.7
<b>Wednesday, 31 October 2007</b>			
<b>Afternoon</b>			
<b>15:00-18:00</b>	13	Implementation of Article 6, <i>Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources</i>	IT/GB-2/07/15 IT/GB-2/07/Inf.8
	14	Implementation of Article 9, <i>Farmers' Rights</i>	IT/GB-2/07/Inf.6

<b>Thursday, 1 November 2007</b>			
<b>morning</b>			
<b>10:00-13:00</b>	15	Relationship between the Governing Body and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	IT/GB-2/07/16 IT/GB-2/07/Inf.7
	16	Report on the status of cooperation with other international organizations, including Agreements between the Governing Body and the IARCs of the CGIAR and other relevant international institutions	IT/GB-2/07/17
	17	Possible establishment of a permanent Technical Advisory Committee	IT/GB-2/07/18
<b>Thursday, 1 November 2007</b>			
<b>Afternoon</b>			
<b>15:00-18:00</b>	18	Adoption of the Programme of Work and Budget for 2008/09	IT/GB-2/07/19 IT/GB-2/07/20
	19	Date and place of the Third Session of the Governing Body	
	20	Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Third Session of the Governing Body	
	21	Other Business	IT/GB-2/07/Inf.13 IT/GB-2/07/Inf.9

<b>Friday, 2 November 2007</b>			
<b>morning</b>			
<b>10.00 - 13.00</b>		Free – (Preparation of the Report)	
<b>Friday, 2 November 2007</b>			
<b>afternoon</b>			
<b>15.00 - 18.00</b>	22	Adoption of Report	
<b>16.00 – 16.30</b>		Special Address by the Director General of the FAO and the Executive Secretary of the CBD	
<b>16.30 - 18.00</b>	22	Adoption of Report <i>Continued</i>	
		Closing of the Meeting	