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Appendix 1: First draft of *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

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## REVIEW OF *THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES*

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### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission), at its Tenth Regular Session, decided that *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* should be finalized at the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources in 2007.<sup>1</sup> The Commission also endorsed a time schedule that indicated that a first draft of *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources* would be available for consideration by the Working Group in 2006, and, upon review by the Working Group, would be made available to the Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission.<sup>2</sup>
2. The first draft of *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* is provided to the Working Group in Appendix 1 in English only. Because of its size, substantial additional resources would need to be mobilized for its translation and publication in other languages. However, an extensive executive summary will be prepared and published in all official FAO languages. The executive summary will be presented for final review to the Commission at its Eleventh Regular Session.

### II. GUIDANCE REQUESTED FROM THE WORKING GROUP

3. The Working Group is invited to:
  - i) consider and review the draft of *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*;
  - ii) request the Secretariat to finalize the draft document for the Eleventh Regular Session of the Commission, based on comments received; and
  - iii) recommend the publication of *The State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* on the occasion of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources in Interlaken, Switzerland in September 2007.

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<sup>1</sup> CGRFA-10/04/REP, paragraph 56.

<sup>2</sup> CGRFA-10/04/REP, paragraph 55.