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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its Eleventh Regular Session, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) adopted a Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW),¹ laying out the major outputs and milestones it aims to achieve over its next five sessions. The Commission, at its Eleventh Regular Session, stressed the need to develop a detailed plan, identifying the processes that would be needed to reach the MYPOW milestones and outputs. This should include the identification of the relevant international organizations with which to cooperate. It requested its Secretary and its Chair to develop such a plan, in consultation with the FAO Regional Groups, in the inter-sessional period, for consideration by the Commission. It requested its Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups on Plants and on Animals to provide inputs in their fields of expertise at their next meetings.²

2. The Commission's Secretariat and its Chair developed, in consultation with the Bureau, a *Draft Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work*, which details processes and international cooperation needed for the implementation of the MYPOW milestones and outputs. The draft Strategic Plan is given in the document *Draft Strategic Plan 2010-2017 for the implementation of the Multi-year Programme of Work*.³ The Commission's Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources, at its Fifth Session, already provided comments and recommendations regarding the *Draft Strategic Plan*. As requested by the Commission, the *Draft Strategic Plan* has also been circulated to the Chairs of the FAO Regional Groups, for comments. In addition, international organizations, in particular those to which the *Draft Strategic Plan* refers, have been requested to review it. The Bureau and its Secretariat will consolidate the *Draft Strategic Plan* on the basis of comments received, for consideration by the Commission, at its forthcoming session.

3. Annex 1 to this document contains the section of the draft Strategic Plan covering plant genetic resources. It details the processes and cooperation needed to achieve the MYPOW milestones and outputs in this sector.

II. GUIDANCE REQUESTED FROM THE WORKING GROUP

4. The Working Group may wish to give its advice and inputs on the section of the *Draft Strategic Plan* contained in Annex 1. It may, in particular, comment on

- (i) the indicative timetable proposing processes needed to achieve the milestones and outputs of the MYPOW, in relation to plant genetic resources;
- (ii) the international organizations with which FAO and its Commission should strengthen cooperation to achieve the milestones and outputs of the MYPOW, in relation to plant genetic resources.

¹ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 90

² CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 91

³ CGRFA/WG-PGR-4/09/Inf.4

ANNEX 1

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MYPOW (2010 -2017): DETAILED PROCESSES AND COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE THE AGREED MILESTONES AND OUTPUTS FOR PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

1. Since its establishment in 1983, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture deals with issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources. In order to advance future work in the field of plant genetic resources in close collaboration with the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (International Treaty), the Commission, at its Eleventh Regular Session, adopted the following set of outputs and milestones in the context of its MYPOW:

- presentation of the second *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA-12);
- consideration of the updated *Global Plan of Action* for adoption, and review of cooperation with the International Treaty (CGRFA-13); and,
- up-date of *The State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA-16).

3. The Commission, at its Eleventh Regular Session, also recommended that FAO review the relevance of the components of the FAO Global System for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.⁴ It further suggested that a cooperation mechanism be established between the Commission and the Governing Body of the International Treaty in relation to work on these components.⁵

4. Furthermore, the Commission,

at its Tenth Regular Session,

- (i) noted that consideration, including an update, of the Code of Conduct for Germplasm Collecting and Transfer remained on the Commission's agenda;⁶ and,

at its Eleventh Regular Session,

- (ii) requested its Secretariat to report on progress of the Facilitating Mechanism⁷ of the *Global Plan of Action*, at its next Regular Session. It emphasized that the activities undertaken in this area should also be reported to the Governing Body of the International Treaty, for its consideration in the context of the Funding Strategy;⁸
- (iii) requested that FAO submit to the Twelfth Regular Session a proposed plan for the process of updating the *Global Plan of Action*, to allow for consideration of the *Global Plan of Action* at the Commission's Thirteenth Regular Session;⁹

⁴ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 29

⁵ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 27

⁶ CGRFA-10/04/REP, paragraph 31

⁷ <http://www.globalplanofaction.org/>

⁸ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 30

⁹ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 41

- (iv) stated that the World Information and Early Warning System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (WIEWS) should be further developed in the context of developing the Global Information System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in the International Treaty. It expressed its willingness to work with the Governing Body of the International Treaty for this purpose. The Commission further invited the Governing Body to consider utilizing national information sharing mechanisms established through WIEWS, as contributions to the development of its Global Information System;¹⁰
- (v) requested FAO to prepare an options paper to strengthen plant breeding in developing countries, identifying new opportunities for effective partnerships between the public and the private sector, with the involvement of the CGIAR Centres;¹¹
- (vi) encouraged FAO to continue its work to strengthen seed systems at national, regional, and global levels, and reiterated its recommendation,¹² that a gap analysis of the seed sector be prepared. The analysis should consider, in a balanced way, both the formal and informal seed sectors, as well as the relationship between breeding and seed systems; and,¹³
- (vii) requested that attention be given to work on crops essential for food security, including underutilized crops, and that this be considered in the context of its MYPOW.¹⁴

¹⁰ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 37

¹¹ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 33

¹² CGRFA-10/05/Report, paragraph 32

¹³ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 34

¹⁴ CGRFA-11/07/Report, paragraph 28

**INDICATIVE TIMETABLE AND PROCESSES FOR
PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

Time Frame	Process
CGRFA-12 / 2009	<p>PRESENTATION OF <i>THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES</i></p> <p>UPDATING THE GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for the process of updating the <i>Global Plan of Action</i>, including consideration of options for the adoption of the updated <i>Global Plan of Action</i> • Consideration of Progress Report on the Facilitating Mechanism for the implementation of the <i>Global Plan of Action</i> <p>COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of Joint Statement of intent for cooperation between the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture • Review of the analysis of possible areas of collaboration among the International Treaty, the Global Crop Diversity Trust, the CGIAR and the Commission • Review of the relevance of the components of the Global System on Plant Genetic Resources, including in the light of further cooperation with the Treaty <p>FUTURE WORK ON SELECTED TECHNICAL AREAS</p> <p>Consider options to deal with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening plant breeding in developing countries • Plant genetic resources and seeds systems • Crops essential for food security, including underutilized crops
2010	<p>UPDATING THE <i>GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional meetings to consider the update of the <i>Global Plan of Action</i> • Consultation with partners on the update of the <i>Global Plan of Action</i> • Preparation of first draft of the updated <i>Global Plan of Action</i>
2011	<p>UPDATING THE <i>GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint meeting of the Bureau of the Commission and the Bureau of the Treaty Governing Body to review first draft of the updated <i>Global Plan of Action</i> • Review of draft updated <i>Global Plan of Action</i> by ITWG-PGRFA, at its Fifth Session <p>COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up to the analysis of areas of collaboration with other partners and the review of the Global System on Plant Genetic Resources: Preparation of joint report with Treaty Secretariat on future cooperation between the Commission and the Treaty's Governing Body • Joint meeting of the Bureau of the Commission and the Bureau of the Treaty Governing Body to identify areas of collaboration and review the Global System. <p>FUTURE WORK ON SELECTED TECHNICAL AREAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITWG-PGRFA to provide recommendations for future work on plant breeding, seed systems and crops essential for food security

CGRFA-13 / 2011	CONSIDERATION OF THE UPDATED GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR ADOPTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide guidance with regard to the implementation and monitoring of the implementation of the <i>Global Plan of Action</i>
	REVIEW OF COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the relevance of the components of the Global System on Plant Genetic Resources and provide guidance on future work • Review / repartition fields of intergovernmental work of the Commission and the Treaty's Governing Body and future cooperation with Treaty Governing Body
	FUTURE WORK ON SELECTED TECHNICAL AREAS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider future work on plant breeding, seed systems and crops essential for food security
2012	REVIEW POSSIBLE OPTIONS TO UPDATE <i>THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES</i> , IN PREPARATION OF SIXTEENTH SESSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review by ITWG-PGRFA • Review report on repartitioned intergovernmental work on plant genetic resources
CGRFA-14 / 2013	REVIEW POSSIBLE OPTIONS TO UPDATE <i>THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES</i> , IN PREPARATION OF SIXTEENTH SESSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree upon process for the updating of <i>The State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i> • Consider follow-up to the Commission's Thirteenth and the Governing Body's Fourth Sessions regarding future work on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture
2014	PREPARATION OF THE UPDATED <i>STATE OF THE WORLD'S PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite countries to submit Country and Regional Reports (submission deadline March 2016) • ITWG-PGRFA to review progress report on the implementation of the updated <i>Global Plan of Action</i>
CGRFA-15 / 2015	REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN PREPARATION OF THE UPDATED <i>STATE OF THE WORLD'S PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider progress report
	REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE <i>GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider progress report on the implementation of the updated <i>Global Plan of Action</i>
2016	REVIEW OF DRAFT UPDATED <i>STATE OF THE WORLD'S PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review by ITWG-PGRFA • Consideration of proposal for the process of up-dating the <i>Global Plan of Action</i>
CGRFA-16 / 2017	UPDATE OF <i>THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider process of up-dating the <i>Global Plan of Action</i>

COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

5. To support the planning process regarding the updating of *The State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, and of the *Global Plan of Action*, FAO may in particular wish to strengthen collaboration with:

- Other UN and Inter-Governmental Organizations, such as the CBD, UNFCCC, UNEP, UNDP, WIPO and WTO;
- International Agricultural Research Centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, including Bioversity International, CIMMYT, ICARDA and IITA, and other International Research Institutes;
- International Non-Governmental Organizations, including civil society and the private sector;
- Existing *Global Plan of Action* Focal Points on plant genetic resources and other relevant regional networks;
- The global network of national and regional scientific organizations and relevant consortia or strategic partnerships; and
- Relevant funding agencies, such as GEF, and Regional Banks, including the Asian Development Bank (ADB).