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for Food and Agriculture**

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Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

TENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Rome, Italy, 20–24 November 2023

Annotated Provisional Agenda and Timetable

INTRODUCTION

1. This Session of the Governing Body is convened under the provisions of Article 19 of the International Treaty and is open to all Contracting Parties to the International Treaty, and observers.
2. In accordance with Rule 4.3 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body* (Rules of Procedure), the Session is convened by the Chairperson, in agreement with the Bureau, and in consultation with the Director-General of FAO and the Secretary. The meeting will be held from 20 to 24 November 2023.
3. In accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, the Secretary has notified those governmental or non-governmental bodies and agencies which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be admitted as observers. A list of such bodies and agencies will be made available to the Governing Body.
4. This document annotates the Provisional Agenda and provides a proposed timetable, as contained in the *Annex* of this document, for the consideration of the Governing Body.

Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Tenth Session of the Governing Body

5. At the end of its Ninth Session, the Governing Body elected the Bureau of its Tenth Session as follows: Ms Yasmina El Bahloul (Africa Region) was re-elected as Chairperson of the Tenth Session. Six Vice-Chairpersons were also elected: Sabnam Shivakoti Aryal (Asia Region), Ms Kim Van Seeters (Europe Region), Mr Joaquín Salzberg (Latin America and the Caribbean Region), Mr Ali Chéhadé (Near East Region), Ms Christine Dawson (North America Region) and Ms Alison Curran (Southwest Pacific Region).
6. In accordance with Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Procedure,¹ the Government of Argentina designated Ms María Antonella Parodi in place of Mr Joaquín Salzberg for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Opening of the Session

7. The Opening Session will begin at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 20 November 2023. The Governing Body will hear welcoming addresses by FAO Senior Management, high-level representatives of Contracting

¹ If a Bureau member resigns from his or her position or finds him or herself permanently unable to exercise his or her functions, the Contracting Party of that Bureau member shall designate another representative so that he or she may replace the said member during the remainder of the term.

Parties, as well as special and invited expert speakers representing various stakeholders of the International Treaty.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

8. Under this section of the Provisional Agenda, the Governing Body is invited to consider organizational matters for the Session, including the adoption of the Agenda and the Timetable, the election of the *Rapporteur*, the appointment of the Credentials Committee and the establishment of a Budget Committee.

ITEM 1 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable

9. The Provisional Agenda was prepared by the Secretary under the guidance of the Bureau, in accordance with Rule 5.1 of the Rules of Procedure. The agenda for this meeting has been organized in five parts, as follows:

- I. Organizational Matters
- II. Reports and General Policy Matters
- III. Implementation of the International Treaty
- IV. Programme of Work and Budget and Related Matters
- V. Administrative and Other Matters

10. The Governing Body is invited to consider the Provisional Agenda, as contained in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/1 Rev.1**, and the provisional timetable proposed in the *Annex* to this document, in order to adopt the Agenda and organize its work for the Session.

ITEM 2 Election of the Rapporteur of the Tenth Session of the Governing Body

11. In accordance with Rule 2.1 of the Rules of Procedure, “*the Governing Body shall elect [...] a Rapporteur from among the delegates, alternates, experts and advisers of the Contracting Parties*”. The Governing Body is invited to do so, under this Item.

ITEM 3 Appointment of the Credentials Committee

12. Article 19.4 of the International Treaty provides that each Contracting Party shall have one vote and may be represented at sessions of the Governing Body by a single delegate, which 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.

13. According to Rule 4.5 of the Rules of Procedure, “*...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*”.

14. Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure further states 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 3.3 and 3.4 of the General Rules of the FAO, a Credentials Committee shall be established to examine credentials.

15. The Governing Body may wish to establish a Credentials Committee, comprising one representative per Region, to examine the credentials at this Session and to report back to the Governing Body in Plenary.

ITEM 4 Establishment of the Budget Committee

16. According to Rule 2 of the *Financial Rules of the Governing Body* (Financial Rules), the financial period is two calendar years, coinciding with the financial period of FAO. Rule 3.4 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 Work Programme and Budget for the biennium 2024–2025 is contained in the

document, **IT/GB-10/23/18 Rev.2**, *Draft Work Programme and Budget for the 2024–2025 Biennium*, and in the related documentation.

17. The Governing Body may wish to establish a Budget Committee, which may meet following Plenary proceedings, to consider the decisions taken by the Plenary and develop the related budgetary terms, review the draft budget accordingly, recommend a draft Budget for the 2024–2025 Work Programme.

18. In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Budget Committee, approved by the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, the Committee shall be composed of up to two members nominated by each region, who act as the spokespersons for their respective regions. Two Co-chairpersons, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, shall be elected separately from the Committee members. The Co-Chairpersons shall act in their personal capacity and shall not be from a Contracting Party that is already a member of the Budget Committee.²

II. REPORTS AND GENERAL POLICY MATTERS

19. Under this section, the Governing Body is invited to consider reports and general policy matters. The Governing Body is invited to take note of the reports and provide any further guidance it considers appropriate.

ITEM 5 Report of the Chairperson of the Governing Body

20. At its Ninth Session, the Governing Body requested the Bureau of this Tenth Session to undertake a range of tasks. In the intersessional period, the Bureau held regular virtual meetings and one in-person meeting. The Chairperson will present the report on actions taken in accordance with the requests of the Governing Body, as well as other activities undertaken in her capacity as the Chairperson. The report of the Chairperson is contained in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/5**.

ITEM 6 Report of the Secretary of the Governing Body

21. In accordance with Article 20 of the International Treaty, the Secretary will report to the Governing Body on activities undertaken in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Body. The report of the Secretary is contained in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/6 Rev.1**.

22. The Secretary will also introduce the document, **IT/GB-10/23/6.1**, *Draft Capacity Development Strategy of the International Treaty 2023–2030*, document, **IT/GB-10/23/6/Inf.1**, *Report on the Implementation of the Communication Strategy of the International Treaty*, and document **IT/GB-10/23/6/Inf.2**, *Results of the Survey on Capacity Development Initiatives, Gaps and Needs*.

ITEM 7 From Seeds to Innovative Solutions, Safeguarding our Future: Contributing to the Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework for Sustainable Food Systems

23. The Bureau agreed on the theme for the Session: “From Seeds to Innovative Solutions, Safeguarding our Future: Contributing to the Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework for Sustainable Food Systems”, and requested the Secretary to prepare a document, accordingly.

24. The Governing Body is invited to consider the document, **IT/GB-10/23/7**, which contains background information on the theme and elements for a possible Resolution.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY

25. Under this section, the Governing Body will be invited to review and adopt Resolutions on the implementation of the core systems, mechanisms and strategies of the International Treaty. In accordance with Articles 19.3a and 19.3b of the International Treaty, the Governing Body will “*adopt plans and programmes for the implementation of this Treaty*” and will “*provide policy direction and guidance to monitor, and adopt such recommendations as necessary, for the implementation of the Treaty, in particular for the operation of the Multilateral System*”. Through the Resolutions, the Governing Body will also carry out its function of “*establish[ing] and maintain[ing] cooperation with other relevant international*

² Annex 4 of Resolution 17/2022, www.fao.org/3/nk642en/nk642en.pdf

organizations and Treaty bodies, including in particular the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, on matters covered by this Treaty, including their participation in the Funding Strategy.” (Article 19.3g).

ITEM 8 Proposal for an Amendment of the International Treaty

26. Under Article 23 of the International Treaty, amendments may be proposed by any Contracting Party, for adoption at a Session of the Governing Body. Under this Item, the Governing Body is invited to consider the document, **IT/GB-10/23/8**, *Proposal by the Government of Switzerland for an Amendment of the International Treaty*, as transmitted by the Government of Switzerland to the Secretary on 21 April 2017. At the Ninth Session, the Government of Switzerland reaffirmed its proposal for the consideration of the Governing Body, at this Tenth Session.

ITEM 9 The Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing

9.1 Implementation and Operations of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing

27. Under this Item, the Governing Body is invited to consider issues related to the ongoing operations and general implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.

28. The Governing Body is invited to consider the document, **IT/GB-10/23/9.1**, *Report on Implementation and Operations of the Multilateral System*, which provides an overview of developments in the operation of the Multilateral System since the last Session. The document contains elements for a possible Resolution on the relevant matters, and also compiles the proposed elements in the other documentation presented under Item 9.1.

29. The report from CGIAR concerning the status of the implementation of the CGIAR Principles on the Management of Intellectual Assets is contained in contained in **IT/GB-10/23/9.1 Add.1**.³

30. The CGIAR report and the report from other institutions that operate within the Multilateral System, which contains information relevant to this Item, is available in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.4.2**, *Reports from Institutions that have Concluded Agreements with the Governing Body under Article 15 of the International Treaty*.

31. The *Report on Possible Measures to Encourage Natural and Legal Persons to Include Material in the Multilateral System and other reviews under the Multilateral System*, **IT/GB-10/23/9.1.2**, will also be considered under this item, as well as the *Report on the Emergency Reserve for Germplasm Collections at Risk*, **IT/GB-10/23/9.1.3**.

Reviews and assessments under the Multilateral System

32. At its Ninth Session, the Governing Body decided to postpone the reviews and assessments under the Multilateral System to its Tenth Session.

33. The document, **IT/GB-10/23/9.1.2**, *Report on Possible Measures to Encourage Natural and Legal Persons to Include Material in the Multilateral System and other Reviews under the MLS*, contains a report on (1) the reviews and assessments under Article 11.4 of the International Treaty, and on possible measures to encourage natural and legal persons to include material in the Multilateral System, and (2) the reviews under Article 13.2d(ii) of the International Treaty regarding payment rates and mandatory payments. It provides an updated summary of the comprehensive reports in the document, **IT/GB-9/22/9.1.2**, *Report on Possible Measures to Encourage Natural and Legal Persons to Include Material in the Multilateral System and other Reviews and Assessments under the Multilateral System*.⁴

³The full text of the CGIAR Principles on the Management of Intellectual Assets is available at hdl.handle.net/10947/4486. The Implementation Guidelines for the CGIAR Principles on the Management of Intellectual Assets are available at hdl.handle.net/10947/4487.

⁴ **IT/GB-9/22/09.1.2 Rev.1**, *Report on Possible Measures to Encourage Natural and Legal Persons to Include Material in the Multilateral System and other Reviews and Assessments under the Multilateral System*.

34. The Governing Body is invited to consider the reports contained in these documents and adopt a Resolution on the reviews and assessments foreseen under Articles 11.4 and 13.2d(ii) of the International Treaty.

The Emergency Reserve for Germplasm Collections at Risk

35. The Ninth Session of the Governing Body welcomed the joint establishment of the Emergency Reserve for Germplasm Collections at Risk with the Global Crop Diversity Trust and requested the Secretary to provide a summary report on the Reserve at this Tenth Session. The document, **IT/GB-10/23/9.1.3**, *Report on the Emergency Reserve for Germplasm Collections at Risk*, provides the synthesis report and contains information on the financial status of the part of the Reserve as well as on emergency assistance that had been provided since the last Session. The Governing Body is invited to consider the report and the draft elements for a possible resolution contained in the Annex to the document.

The Third Party Beneficiary

36. Under this Item, the Governing Body is invited to consider the biennial report from FAO, acting as Third Party Beneficiary, on the implementation of the related Procedures.⁵ The document, **IT/GB-10/23/9.1.4**, *Report on the Operations of the Third Party Beneficiary*, includes information on the status of the Third Party Beneficiary Operational Reserve and the technical implementation of the Third Party Beneficiary Procedures through information technology tools.

37. The Governing Body is invited to consider the relevant document, including the draft elements of a Resolution, that are contained in the *Annex* to document, **IT/GB-10/23/9.1**.

9.2 Enhancement of the Multilateral System

38. At its Ninth Session, the Governing Body re-established the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (Working Group) with a view to finalize the enhancement of the functioning of the Multilateral System by the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body. The Governing Body also appointed the Co-Chairs of the Working Group and invited them to submit a checkpoint report to the Tenth Session.

39. The Governing Body is invited to consider the document, **IT/GB-10/23/9.2**, *Checkpoint Report of the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing*, providing reflections by the Co-Chairs on progress made so far and an outline of how they propose to guide the process up to the Eleventh Session, considering both the informal consultations they undertook and the deliberations of the Working Group at its tenth meeting. The Governing Body is invited to give any further guidance on the process to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System, taking into account elements of a possible resolution contained in the *Annex* to the document.

ITEM 10 The Funding Strategy of the International Treaty

40. The document, **IT/GB-10/23/10**, *Report of the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization*, describes the work undertaken by the Funding Committee since the Ninth Session of the Governing Body. The Governing Body is invited to welcome the Report of the Funding Committee, and adopt a resolution, based on the draft elements provided in the document, in order to provide guidance on the further implementation of the Funding Strategy.

41. The Governing Body is also invited to consider the information contained in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/10/Inf.1**, *The Benefit-sharing Fund: 2022–2023 Report*.

ITEM 11 The Global Information System

42. Under this Item, the Governing Body is invited to consider the document, **IT/GB-10/23/11**, *Report on the Implementation of the Global Information System*, which provides an update on the implementation of the Programme of Work on the Global Information System since the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, including a synthesis of the guidance provided by the Scientific Advisory Committee at its Fifth meeting

⁵ The Governing Body approved the Third Party Beneficiary Procedures at its Third Session, through Resolution 5/2009.

held in May 2023. The report by the DivSeek International Network is available in document **IT/GB-10/23/11/Inf.1**

43. The Governing Body is invited to take note of the progress report and provide any further guidance it considers appropriate. *Annex 3* to document **IT/GB-10/23/11** contains elements for a possible Resolution.

ITEM 12 Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA

44. At its Ninth Session, the Governing Body reconvened the Ad Hoc Technical Committee on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The Governing Body is invited to consider the report of the Committee, as contained in the document **IT/GB-10/23/12.1**.

45. The document, **IT/GB-10/23/12**, *Report on the Implementation of Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, summarizes the activities undertaken to implement Articles 5 and 6 of the International Treaty since the last Session, and contains draft elements for a Resolution for consideration and adoption by the Governing Body.

46. Under this Item, the Governing Body is also invited to consider document, **IT/GB-10/23/12.2**, *Joint Programme on Biodiversity in Agriculture for Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, and the information document IT/GB-10/23/12/Inf.1, *Bottlenecks and challenges to the implementation of Articles 5 and 6: Summary and Update*.

ITEM 13 Farmers' Rights

47. The report on the activities related to the implementation of Farmers' Rights that the Secretary undertook or facilitated in the biennium, is contained in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/13**, *Implementation of Farmers' Rights*. The activities described include support to capacity building and outreach, partnerships and collaboration. The report also refers to developments and discussions within other relevant fora and processes. In its *Annex*, the document contains draft elements for a possible Resolution on Farmers' Rights, for the consideration of the Governing Body.

48. At its Ninth Session, the Governing Body requested the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to convene a Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights, and welcomed the offer of the Government of India to host it. The document, **IT/GB-10/23/13/Inf.1**, contains the summary of the discussions and outcomes from the Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights, successfully held in September 2023 in New Delhi, India.

ITEM 14 Compliance

49. The Compliance Committee held its fifth meeting in March 2023, in Rome. The document, **IT/GB-10/23/14**, *Report of the Compliance Committee*, describes the work undertaken by the Committee during the current biennium to assist the Governing Body in monitoring the implementation of obligations under the International Treaty by Contracting Parties, on the basis of reports provided by Contracting Parties. The Committee prepared the synthesis and analysis of its findings.

50. The Governing Body is invited to consider the Report and the draft Resolution on Compliance that the Committee prepared, as contained in *Appendix 3* to the Report. The Governing Body is also invited to elect the members of the Compliance Committee in accordance with Section III.4 of the *Compliance Procedures*, noting the information on membership that is contained in *Appendix 4* to the Report.

ITEM 15 Contribution of FAO to the Implementation of the International Treaty

51. The document, **IT/GB-10/23/15**, *Report from FAO on its contribution to the Implementation of the International Treaty*, has been prepared by the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB) of FAO. Under this Item, FAO is also presenting the document, **IT/GB-10/23/15/Inf.1**, *Progress Report on the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors*.

52. The Governing Body is invited to take note of the information provided in the documents, as well as consider the draft elements for a possible Resolution contained in the *Annex* to the document.

ITEM 16 Cooperation with International Instruments and Organizations

16.1 Cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

53. The document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.1**, *Cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, was prepared jointly by the Secretaries of the International Treaty and the Commission. It provides updates on progress with cooperation in the biennium. The report from the Secretariat of the Commission is available in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.1/Inf.1**, *Report from the Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, including on FAO activities related to the supporting components of the International Treaty*.

54. The Governing Body is invited to consider the draft elements for a possible Resolution, as contained in the *Annex* to document **IT/GB-10/23/16.1**.

16.2 Cooperation with the Global Crop Diversity Trust

55. The Governing Body is invited to consider document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.2**, *Cooperation with the Global Crop Diversity Trust*, summarising the collaborative activities and initiatives undertaken by the Secretary with the Global Crop Diversity Trust (Crop Trust) since the last Session of the Governing Body, based on Resolution 12/2022, *Policy Guidance to the Global Crop Diversity Trust*.

56. Under this Item, the Crop Trust will present a report from its Executive Board, which is available in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.2.2**, *Report of the Global Crop Diversity Trust to the Governing Body*. The Report, which is submitted to the Governing Body pursuant to Article 3 of the *Relationship Agreement with the Global Crop Diversity Trust*, provides updates on the institutional and programmatic developments that occurred during the current biennium. Additionally, document, **IT/GB-10/23/9.1.3**, *Report on the Emergency Reserve for Germplasm Collections at Risk*, has been presented under this Item, and document **IT/GB-10/23/16.2/Inf.1**, will contain the *White paper on Mainstreaming Global Crop Conservation Strategies in Plant Treaty Processes*. Additionally, document **IT/GB-10/23/16.2/Inf.2** makes available the final version of the joint publication, *The Plants that Feed the World: Baseline Information to Underpin Strategies for their Conservation and Use*.

57. The Governing Body is invited to review these documents and consider the draft elements of a Resolution on policy guidance to the Crop Trust, as contained in the *Annex* to document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.2**

16.3 Cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity, including its Nagoya Protocol

58. Under this Item, the Governing Body is invited to consider the document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.3**, *Report on Cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity*, which provides a summary of key areas for decision-making by the Governing Body on cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), including in relation to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; the Convention's Financial Mechanism - the Global Environment Facility; Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources; and synergies among the Biodiversity-related Conventions. The document also describes recent developments in the continuing close cooperation between the Secretariats of the International Treaty and the CBD.

59. The report of the Executive Secretary of the CBD on cooperation with the International Treaty is provided in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.3/Inf.1**, *Report of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on Cooperation with the International Treaty*.

60. The Governing Body is invited to take note of the reports and provide further guidance on the continuing close cooperation of the International Treaty with the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol, taking into account the elements for a possible Resolution that are provided in document **IT/GB-10/23/16.3**.

16.4 Cooperation with Other International Bodies and Organizations

61. In accordance with the provisions of the International Treaty and the Resolutions of the Governing Body, collaboration and partnerships with other international bodies and organizations are essential to support and advance the implementation of the International Treaty. The document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.4**, *Report on Cooperation with Other International Bodies and Organizations*, provides a summary report on cooperation and collaborative activities that have taken place since the Ninth Session of the Governing Body and contains draft elements for a possible Resolution for consideration by the Governing Body.

62. The Governing Body is also invited to consider the document, **IT/GB-10/23/16.4.2**, *Reports from Institutions that have Concluded Agreements with the Governing Body under Article 15 of the International Treaty*.

63. Furthermore, document **IT/GB-10/23/16.4.3**, *Report of Norway on the Management and Operations of the Svalbard Global Seed Vault*, contains the report on the management and operation of the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, as submitted by the Government of Norway to the Governing Body, including draft elements for a possible Resolution.

64. The Governing Body is invited to take note of the information contained in these reports and to provide any further guidance it considers appropriate for the continued and effective cooperation with relevant international organizations and treaty bodies, taking into account the draft elements for a Resolution that are contained in the relevant documents.

IV. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET AND RELATED MATTERS

65. Under this Section, and in accordance with Article 19.3 of the International Treaty, the Governing Body is invited to adopt the Work Programme and Budget of the International Treaty for the biennium 2024–2025 and to consider related matters, including a Multi-Year Programme of Work.

ITEM 17 Multi-Year Programme of Work of the International Treaty

17.1 Review of the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the International Treaty

66. The Governing Body is invited to consider the document, **IT/GB-10/23/17.1**, *Review of the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the International Treaty*, which contains the draft updated Multi-Year Programme of Work for the Governing Body, developed and revised on the basis of outcomes of the work by relevant subsidiary bodies and the implementation of the International Treaty since the Ninth Session of the Governing Body.

17.2 Consideration of "Digital Sequence Information/Genetic Sequence Data" on Genetic Resources for the Objectives of the International Treaty

67. In accordance with the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Governing Body, the Governing Body is invited to consider DSI/GSD, based on the Report of the Secretary contained in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/17.2**, *Consideration of "Digital Sequence Information/Genomic Sequence Data" on PGRFA for the Objectives of the International Treaty*. The report provides updates and developments in all relevant international fora, information on capacity building needs and draft elements for a Resolution for the consideration by the Governing Body.

68. Under this Item, the Secretary has also prepared the document, **IT/GB-10/23/17.2/Inf.1**, *Compilation of submissions on capacity building needs for accessing and using digital sequence information / genetic sequence data*.

ITEM 18 Adoption of the Work Programme and Budget

69. Article 19.3 of the International Treaty provides for the Governing Body to develop plans and programmes to implement the International Treaty and to adopt a budget for the International Treaty. By Resolution 17/2022, the Governing Body requested the Secretary to submit a draft Work Programme and Budget for the Biennium 2024–2025, including a Secretariat staffing table and a Draft Resolution, which are contained in document **IT/GB-10/23/18 Rev.2**.

70. The addendum to the document, **IT/GB-10/23/18 Add.1**, provides a summary of possible supporting projects to be carried out during the next biennium with additional financial contributions outside the Core Administrative Budget. The Governing Body is invited to recommend the proposed activities and, should it so wish, suggest priority areas for the consideration of donors.

71. Two other working documents for this Item are: **IT/GB-10/23/18.1**, *Implementation Report of the Work Programme for the 2022–2023 Biennium* and **IT/GB-10/23/18.2 Rev.1**, *Financial Report on Progress of the Work Programme and Budget for the 2022–2023 Biennium*. Together, these documents provide a summary report on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for the 2022–2023 biennium and

serve as a useful reference for the Governing Body in considering and deciding the Work Programme and Budget for the biennium 2024-2025.

72. The Core Work Programme, as presented in the document, **IT/GB-10/23/18 Rev.2**, may be subject to variation, depending on the decisions taken by the Governing Body during the Session. Accordingly, the Budget Committee is invited to ensure that any eventual variations and the ensuing financial implications are correctly reflected in the Core Administrative Budget. Based on the recommendations that the Budget Committee will make during the Session on the Core Administrative Budget, the Governing Body is invited to adopt the Core Work Programme and Core Administrative Budget for the 2024–2025 biennium.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS

73. Under this final section of the Provisional Agenda, the Governing Body is invited to consider several administrative matters as well as any other matters arising from the Session, and approve the Report of its Tenth Session, embodying “*its decisions, views, recommendations and conclusions*”.⁶ The Report will include all the Resolutions adopted at its Tenth Session.

ITEM 19 Proposal for the renewal and term of office of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

74. The Governing Body is invited to note the information contained in the document, IT/GB-10/22/19.1, *Appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Body*.

75. The Ninth Session of the Governing Body requested the Bureau to develop a proposal for the renewal of the term of office of its Secretary, in consultation with FAO, and make recommendations to the Governing Body at its Tenth Session.

76. The Governing Body is invited to consider the document, **IT/GB-10/23/19**, *Proposal for the renewal and term of office of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

ITEM 20 Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Eleventh Session

77. In accordance with Rule 2.1 of its Rules of Procedure,

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.

78. The Governing Body is invited to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body. In accordance with Rule 2.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the term of office of the Bureau of the Eleventh Session will commence with immediate effect upon the closure of this Tenth Session.

Any Other Matters

79. Before the adoption of its Report, the Governing Body may wish to consider any other matters of relevance to this Session.

ITEM 21 Date and Place of the Eleventh Session

80. The Governing Body is requested to indicate the place and date of the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body.

ITEM 22 Adoption of the Report

81. According to Rule 8.1 of the Rules of Procedure,

⁶ Rule 8.1, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body.

[a]t each session, the Governing Body shall approve a report embodying its decisions, views, recommendations and conclusions.

82. The Chairperson of the Credentials Committee will be invited to present the report of the Committee before the adoption of the Report.

83. Under this final Item, therefore, the Governing Body is invited to approve the Report of the Tenth Session and the resolutions it contains.

Provisional Timetable

PLENARY			
Time	Agenda Item	Title	Documents
Monday, 20 November 2023			
Morning			
10:00-13:00	Opening Ceremony of the Tenth Session of the Governing Body		
	I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS		
	1	Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable	IT/GB-10/23/1 Rev.1 IT/GB-10/23/1.2 IT/GB-10/23/1.3 IT/GB-10/23/1/Inf.1 IT/GB-10/23/1/Inf.2 IT/GB-10/23/1/Inf.3
	2	Election of the <i>Rapporteur</i>	None
	3	Appointment of the Credentials Committee	None
	4	Establishment of a Budget Committee	None
	II. REPORTS AND GENERAL POLICY MATTERS		
	5	Report of the Chairperson of the Governing Body	IT/GB-10/23/5
	6	Report of the Secretary of the Governing Body	IT/GB-10/23/6 Rev.1 IT/GB-10/23/6.1 IT/GB-10/23/6/Inf.1 IT/GB-10/23/6/Inf.2
	7	From Seeds to Innovative Solutions, Safeguarding our Future: Contributing to the Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework for Sustainable Food Systems	IT/GB-10/23/7

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14:30-17:30	III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY		
	8	Proposal for an Amendment of the International Treaty	IT/GB-10/23/8
	9	The Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing	
	9.1	Implementation and Operations of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing	IT/GB-10/23/9.1 IT/GB-10/23/9.1 Add.1 IT/GB-10/23/9.1.2 IT/GB-10/23/9.1.3 IT/GB-10/23/9.1.4 IT/GB-10/23/16.4.2 IT/GB-10/23/9.1/Inf.1
	9.2	Enhancement of the Multilateral System	IT/GB-10/23/9.2
	10	The Funding Strategy of the International Treaty	IT/GB-10/23/10 IT/GB-10/23/10/Inf.1
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10:00-13:00	13	Farmers' Rights	IT/GB-10/23/13 IT/GB-10/23/13/Inf.1
	11	The Global Information System	IT/GB-10/23/11 IT/GB-10/23/11/Inf.1
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15:00-18:00	12	Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA	IT/GB-10/23/12 IT/GB-10/23/12.1 IT/GB-10/23/12.2 IT/GB-10/23/12/Inf.1
	14	Compliance	IT/GB-10/23/14

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10:00-13:00	15	Contribution of FAO to the Implementation of the International Treaty	IT/GB-10/23/15 IT/GB-10/23/15/Inf.1
	16	Cooperation with International Instruments and Organizations	
	16.1	Cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	IT/GB-10/23/16.1 IT/GB-10/23/16.1/Inf.1
	16.2	Cooperation with the Global Crop Diversity Trust	IT/GB-10/23/16.2 IT/GB-10/23/16.2.2 IT/GB-10/23/9.1.3 IT/GB-10/23/16.2/Inf.1 IT/GB-10/23/16.2/Inf.2
	16.3	Cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the Nagoya Protocol	IT/GB-10/23/16.3
	16.4	Cooperation with other International Bodies and Organizations	IT/GB-10/23/16.4 IT/GB-10/23/16.4.2 IT/GB-10/23/16.4.3
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15:00-18:00	IV. PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET AND RELATED MATTERS		
	17	Multi-Year Programme of Work of the International Treaty	

	17.1	Review of the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the International Treaty	IT/GB-10/23/17.1
	17.2	Consideration of "Digital Sequence Information" on Genetic Resources for the Objectives of the International Treaty	IT/GB-10/23/17.2
	Continuation of outstanding items		
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19:30-22.00	Contact groups		
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10:00-13:00	V. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS		
	19	Proposal for the renewal and term of office of the Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	IT/GB-10/23/19.1 IT/GB-10/23/19.2
	Continuation of outstanding items and draft resolutions		
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15:00-18:00	Continuation of outstanding items		
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15:00- 18:00		Any other matters	
	18	Adoption of the Work Programme and Budget	IT/GB-10/23/18 Rev.2 IT/GB-10/23/18 Add.1 IT/GB-10/23/18.1 IT/GB-10/23/18.2 Rev.1
	20	Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Eleventh Session	
	21	Date and place of the Eleventh Session	
	22	Adoption of the Report	