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**COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE ACTING AS INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**CONTACT GROUP FOR THE DRAFTING OF THE STANDARD
MATERIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

Hammamet, 18-22 July 2005

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Scope of the work

- To develop a draft of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) referred to in Article 12.4 of the International Treaty, on the basis of the first draft prepared as described below, for submission to the first session of the Governing Body, for its consideration with a view to adoption, taking into account the report of the Expert Group on the Terms of the Standard MTA, with the guidance given in the report of the Second Meeting of the Interim Committee, as well as inputs from regional groups
- The whole process and the draft will be consistent with the International Treaty

Composition of the Contact Group

- Twelve countries per region or twelve representatives per region, depending on regional decisions, except for the North America and the South West Pacific regions, which will have six representatives each. A maximum of three advisers per country may be present in the meeting room, at any one time. Advisers will have no speaking rights. There should be a video link to make it possible for those advisers outside the room to follow the meeting of the Contact Group.

Chair of Contact Group

- The chair of the Expert Group shall be the chair of the Contact Group. There will be Vice-Chairs representing the regions. The Chair and the Vice-Chairs will constitute the Bureau.

Relevant Organizations to be invited

- The CGIAR is invited to nominate one representative to participate in his or her technical capacity in the work of the Contact Group.
- The CBD, WIPO and UPOV will be invited to send one representative each, to provide technical assistance at the request of the Contact Group.

Preparing the first draft of the standard MTA for consideration by the first meeting of the Contact Group

- The Secretariat of the Commission, with the support of the Legal Office, under the guidance and supervision of the chair of the Contact Group in consultation with the chairs of the regional groups and the chair of the Second Meeting of the Interim Committee, shall prepare the first draft of the Standard MTA, for consideration by the first meeting of the Contact Group.
- The draft text for the Standard MTA will be made available to members of the Contact Group, at least eight weeks before it meets.

Schedule for completion by the Contact Group of its functions

- The regional groups are requested to nominate their representatives on the Contact Group before the end of February 2005, so that the meeting(s) of the Contact Group may be held if possible, within the first half of 2005, subject to availability of adequate extra-budgetary resources, especially to finance the participation of representatives of the Contact Group from developing countries.
- The Contact Group will report to the Governing Body at its first session.