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INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
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DRAFT PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIME-TABLE

Introduction

The FAO Conference, at its Thirty-first Session in November 2001, by Resolution 3/2001, adopted the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and mandated interim arrangements for the implementation of the Treaty. As part of these interim arrangements, the Conference mandated the *Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture acting as the Interim Committee for the Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (“Interim Committee”) with preparing for the consideration of the first Session of the Governing Body, in particular:

- draft Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules of the Governing Body;
- a proposal for a Budget;
- a draft Standard Material Transfer Agreement;
- procedures to promote compliance with the Treaty; and
- draft agreements with the International Agricultural Research Centres.¹

The Interim Committee met in two sessions, in October 2002 and in November 2004². The Interim Committee established two subsidiary bodies, the *Contact Group for the Drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement*³ and the *Open-ended Working Group on the Rules of*

¹ CGRFA/MIC-1/02/Inf.1, *FAO Conference Resolution 3/2001 Adoption of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Interim Arrangements for its Implementation*, para. 8(b) – (e).

² CGRFA/MIC-1/02/REPORT, *Report of the First Meeting of the CGRFA acting as Interim Committee for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*; CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, *Report of the Second Meeting of the CGRFA acting as Interim Committee for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

³ CGRFA/IC/CG-SMTA-1/05/REPORT, *Report of the First Meeting of the Contact Group for the drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement*; CGRFA/IC/CG-SMTA-2/06/REPORT, *Report of the Second Meeting of the Contact Group for the drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement*.

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*Procedure and the Financial Rules of the Governing Body, Compliance, and the Funding Strategy.*⁴

1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs and the *Rapporteur*

When the first session of the Governing Body opens, the Governing Body will not yet have adopted its Rules of Procedure. It may accordingly decide to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, the Rules of Procedure of the Interim Committee⁵, since these were agreed with the Treaty in mind, and the General Rules of the FAO to all matters not specifically dealt with under the Rules of Procedure of the Interim Committee.

In line with Rule II of the Rules of Procedure of the Interim Committee, the Governing Body may elect a Chairperson and not more than six Vice-Chairpersons (collectively referred to as “the Bureau”), as well as a *Rapporteur*, from among the delegates, alternates, experts and advisers.

2. Adoption of agenda and time-table and arrangements for the Working Groups

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 that the Treaty requires the Governing Body to consider at its first session, as well as those issues the Second Meeting of the Interim Committee considered appropriate for the draft agenda of this session.⁶

Provision has therefore been made in the draft provisional time-table, given in this document, for parallel sessions. Support for the participation of developing countries has been made available for up to two delegates per country, in order to facilitate this.

3. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

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 Governing Body will not yet have adopted its own Rules of Procedure, and as the Rules of Procedure of the Interim Committee 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.

⁴ CGRFA/IC/OWG-1/05/REPORT, *Report of the First Meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Rules of Procedure and the Financial Rules of the Governing Body, Compliance, and the Funding Strategy*.

⁵ Appendix C of the Document CGRFA/MIC-1/02/REP, *Report of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Acting as the Interim Committee for the International Treaty On Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 9 – 11 October 2002)*, available on the Internet at <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/docsic1.htm>.

⁶ CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, para. 26 referring to the draft agenda in Appendix II of the document, *Elements of Work Programme and Indicative Budget for Adoption by the Governing Body* (CGRFA/MIC-2/04/6).

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. Report on the status of ratification of the Treaty

The status of ratification of the Treaty is given in the document, *Report on the status of ratification of the International Treaty*.⁷

Article 28.2 of the Treaty provides that for each Contracting Party, the Treaty shall enter into force on the ninetieth day following the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession: 98 instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession were deposited before, or on 14 March 2006, *i.e.* 90 days before the opening of this session of the Governing Body.

5. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body

By Article 19.7 of the Treaty, the Governing Body shall adopt and, as required, amend its Rules of Procedure. FAO Conference Resolution 3/2001 requested the Interim Committee to prepare draft Financial Rules for consideration at the first session of the Governing Body.

The Interim Committee considered and revised, at its second meeting, draft Rules of Procedure for the Governing Body and decided that these should be forwarded to an Open-ended Working Group, prior to being submitted to the Governing Body.

The *Open-ended Working Group on the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules of the Governing Body, Compliance, and the Funding Strategy*, which met from 14-17 December 2005, reviewed and revised the draft Rules of Procedure, and recommended that these be submitted for consideration to the Governing Body at its first session. These are given in the document, *Draft Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body*.⁸

The Open-ended Working Group also requested the Secretariat of the Interim Committee, with the assistance of the Co-Chairs of the relevant Sub-Working Group of the Open-ended Working Group, to review the revised draft Rules of Procedure, and prepare an annotated text. This annotated text is given in the document, *Annotated Draft Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body*.⁹

The Open-ended Working Group further requested the Legal Counsel of FAO to prepare the document *Report by the FAO Legal Counsel on the consistency of the draft Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, the draft Financial Rules of the Governing Body, the draft procedures and mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance and the draft Funding Strategy, with FAO's administrative rules and procedures and the provisions of the International Treaty*,¹⁰ which is before the Governing Body.

The Governing Body is invited to finalize and adopt its Rules of Procedure, taking into account, as appropriate, the three documents mentioned above.

⁷ IT/GB-1/Inf.2.

⁸ IT/GB-1/06/3.

⁹ IT/GB-1/06/3Add1.

¹⁰ IT/GB-1/06/Inf. 10

6. Adoption of the Financial Rules of the Governing Body

By Article 19.7, the Governing Body shall adopt and amend, as required, its financial rules. The FAO Conference Resolution 3/2001 requested the Interim Committee to prepare draft Financial Rules for consideration at the first session of the Governing Body.

The Interim Committee considered and revised, at its second meeting, draft Financial Rules for the Governing Body. The Interim Committee decided that the revised rules should be forwarded to an Open-ended Working Group prior to being submitted to the Governing Body.

The *Open-ended Working Group on the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules of the Governing Body, Compliance, and the Funding Strategy*, which met from 14-17 December 2005, reviewed and revised the draft Financial Rules and recommended that these be submitted for consideration to the Governing Body at its first session. These are given in the document *Draft Financial Rules of the Governing Body*.¹¹

The Open-ended Working Group also requested the Secretariat of the Interim Committee, to review the revised draft Financial Rules, and prepare an annotated text. This annotated text is given in the document, *Annotated Draft Financial Rules of the Governing Body*.¹²

The Open-ended Working Group further requested a *Report by the FAO Legal Counsel on the consistency of the draft Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, the draft Financial Rules of the Governing Body, the draft procedures and mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance and the draft Funding Strategy, with FAO's administrative rules and procedures and the provisions of the International Treaty*,¹³ which is before the Governing Body.

The Governing Body is invited to finalize and adopt its Financial Rules, taking into account, as appropriate, the three documents mentioned above.

7. Adoption of the Funding Strategy for the implementation of the Treaty

By Article 19.3c of the Treaty, the Governing Body “shall adopt, at its first session, and periodically review the funding strategy for the implementation of this Treaty, in accordance with the provisions of Article 18.” Moreover, according to Article 13.4 of the Treaty, “the Governing Body shall, at its first meeting, consider relevant policy and criteria for specific assistance under the agreed funding strategy established under Article 18 for the conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in developing countries, and countries with economies in transition whose contribution to the diversity of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in the Multilateral System is significant and/or which have special needs.”

The Interim Committee considered the Funding Strategy for the implementation of the Treaty at its second meeting, requested the Secretariat to consult Members on their view on all issues related to the Funding Strategy,¹⁴ and decided that the draft Funding Strategy should be forwarded to an Open-ended Working Group, prior to being submitted to the Governing Body, for consideration at its first session.¹⁵ The Interim Committee also welcomed the establishment and operation of the Global Crop Diversity Trust and recommended that the Governing Body should

¹¹ IT/GB-1/06/4.

¹² IT/GB-1/06/4Add1.

¹³ IT/GB-1/06/Inf. 10

¹⁴ see CGRFA/IC/OWG-1/05/6, *Compilation and analysis of Government's views on the Funding Strategy of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and CGRFA/IC/OWG-1/05/6 Add.1, *Additional submission*; see also <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/fs.htm>

¹⁵ CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, para. 18

formalise its relationship with the Trust, so that the Trust operates as an element of the Funding Strategy (*see* agenda item 15).

The *Open-ended Working Group on the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules of the Governing Body, Compliance, and the Funding Strategy*, which met from 14 to 17 December 2005, reviewed and revised a draft Resolution on the Funding Strategy and the draft Funding Strategy in annex, and recommended that these be submitted to the Governing Body for consideration at its first session. They are contained in the document, *Draft Funding Strategy of the International Treaty*.¹⁶

The Open-ended Working Group further requested a *Report by the FAO Legal Counsel on the consistency of the draft Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, the draft Financial Rules of the Governing Body, the draft procedures and mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance and the draft Funding Strategy, with FAO's administrative rules and procedures and the provisions of the International Treaty*,¹⁷ which is before the Governing Body.

The Open-ended Working Group also agreed that further views on, and suggested text for, the Funding Strategy could be submitted, and requested the Secretariat of the Interim Committee to compile such views and suggested text. These submissions are available on Internet at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/comp&FS.htm> and are reflected in the document, *Compilation of comments on and suggested text for the draft Funding Strategy*.¹⁸

The Open-ended Working Group further requested information on how the Governing Body might set priorities for the use of resources under the Funding Strategy and on the practices of other relevant bodies regarding priority-setting, eligibility criteria and operational procedures. This information is given in the document, *Information on the practices of other relevant bodies regarding priority setting, eligibility criteria and operational procedures and on how the Governing Body might set priorities for the use of resources under the Funding Strategy*.¹⁹

As requested by the Open-ended Working Group, the Secretariat of the Interim Committee established contact with relevant organisations to promote the Funding Strategy, and invited such organisations to participate in the first session of the Governing Body, as described in the document, *Report on contacts made by the Interim Secretariat with relevant organisations, in order to promote the Funding Strategy*.²⁰

The Governing Body is invited to review and adopt the draft Resolution on the Funding Strategy and the draft Funding Strategy, taking into account, as appropriate, the documents mentioned in the preceding paragraphs.

8. Adoption of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement

The FAO Conference Resolution 3/2001 requested the Interim Committee to prepare for consideration at the first session of the Governing Body the draft Standard Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) provided for in Article 12.4 of the Treaty. According to Article 13.2d(ii) of the Treaty, "*the Governing Body shall, at its first meeting, determine the level, form and manner of payment, in line with commercial practice.*"

¹⁶ IT/GB-1/06/5

¹⁷ IT/GB-1/06/Inf. 10

¹⁸ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.8.

¹⁹ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.11.

²⁰ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.9.

The *Contact Group for the Drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement*, which was convened by the second meeting of the Interim Committee for the Treaty,²¹ established the text of the draft Standard Material Transfer Agreement and an accompanying draft Resolution, and recommended that the Governing Body review and adopt them. The draft Resolution and the draft Standard Material Transfer Agreement are contained in the document, *Draft Standard Material Transfer Agreement*.²²

The Contact Group also made a number of recommendations regarding the implementation of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement and related matters. The Governing Body is invited to refer to the document, *Report of the second meeting of the Contact Group for the Drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement*.²³

The Governing Body is invited to review and adopt the draft Resolution, and the draft Standard Material Transfer Agreement.

9. 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.*”

The Interim Committee, at its first and second meetings, considered the issue of compliance, agreed that countries could submit views on compliance to the Secretariat of the Interim Committee for compilation,²⁴ and decided to forward the issue to an Open-ended Working Group.

The *Open-ended Working Group on the Rules of Procedure and the Financial Rules of the Governing Body, Compliance, and the Funding Strategy*, which met from 14 to 17 December 2005, reviewed the written submissions from governments. During the meeting, countries and regions also made comments and submissions. The Open-ended Working Group then prepared a draft Resolution, and agreed that this should be submitted for consideration by the Governing Body. This is contained in the document *Draft procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and to address issues of non-compliance*.²⁵

The Open-ended Working Group further requested a *Report by the FAO Legal Counsel on the consistency of the draft Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, the draft Financial Rules of the Governing Body, the draft procedures and mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance and the draft Funding Strategy, with FAO’s administrative rules and procedures and the provisions of the International Treaty*,²⁶ which is before the Governing Body.

The Open-ended Working Group also noted that, in addition, the comments and submissions provided by delegations in the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, and the earlier written submissions by governments, should be taken into account. It also invited further submissions and

²¹ CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, para. 11.

²² IT/GB-1/06/6.

²³ CGRFA/IC-CG-SMTA-2/REP, para. 14.

²⁴ CGRFA/MIC-2/04/3, *Compilation and analysis of Governments' views on compliance with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*; CGRFA/IC/OWG-1/05/5, *Compilation and analysis of Governments' further views on compliance with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and CGRFA/IC/OWG-1/05/5 Add.1, *Additional submission*; see also <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/compliance.htm>.

²⁵ IT/GB-1/06/7

²⁶ IT/GB-1/06/Inf. 10

comments by countries and regions, including on the draft Resolution and its Annex. These are available on Internet at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/comp&FS.htm> and are reflected in the document, *Compilation of submissions and comments on draft procedures and mechanisms to promote compliance and to address issues of non-compliance*.²⁷

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

10. Arrangements for the appointment of the Secretary

According to Article 20.1 of the Treaty, “*the Secretary of the Governing Body shall be appointed by the Director-General of FAO, with the approval of the Governing Body.*”

At its second meeting, the Interim Committee for the Treaty “requested that options be prepared, regarding the Secretary and the Secretariat, including on the level and placing of the Secretariat within the FAO, for consideration by the Governing Body.”²⁸

The Governing Body is invited to consider the document *Appointment of the Secretary and other matters related to the establishment of the Secretariat*²⁹ and to take decisions, as appropriate.

11. Establishment of a permanent Technical Advisory Committee

Article 19.3e of the Treaty states that one of the functions of the Governing Body shall be to “*consider and establish subject to the availability of necessary funds such subsidiary bodies as may be necessary, and their respective mandates and composition*”. At its second meeting, the Interim Committee considered a draft agenda for the first session of the Governing Body as appropriate, which included an item on the possible establishment of a permanent technical advisory committee.³⁰

The document, *Possible establishment of a permanent technical advisory committee*,³¹ considers the possible need for a technical advisory committee, options for its structure, the financial implications, as well as issues that may need to be addressed before the second session of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body is invited to take any decisions necessary.

12. Implementation of Article 6 (Sustainable use of plant genetic resources)

At its second meeting, the Interim Committee for the Treaty decided that the priority issues for consideration of the Governing Body at its first session should include the implementation of Article 6 of the Treaty, on the sustainable use of plant genetic resources.³²

²⁷ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.7.

²⁸ CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, *Second Meeting of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture acting as Interim Committee for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, para. 23

²⁹ IT/GB-1/06/11

³⁰ CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, paragraph 26.

³¹ IT/GB-1/06/8.

³² CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, paragraph 26.

The Governing Body is invited to consider the document *Implementation of Article 6 of the International Treaty: Sustainable use of plant genetic resources*³³ and give further guidance on the process it may wish to establish in relation to the implementation of Article 6.

13. Assessment of progress in the inclusion of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture held by natural and legal persons in the Multilateral System

Article 11.4 of the Treaty requires that “*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.*” In principle, the Governing Body therefore has to make the assessment at this first session.

However, although the Treaty came already into force on 29 June 2004, the Multilateral System will only become operational once the Standard Material Transfer Agreement has been adopted. There is, therefore, no basis for the Governing Body, at this session, to make the assessment required of it by Article 11.4, as explained in the document, *Assessment of progress in the inclusion of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture held by natural and legal persons in the Multilateral System*.³⁴

As a result of this situation, the Governing Body may wish to defer the assessment to a future session.

14. Approval of agreements between the Governing Body and the International Agricultural Research Centres (IARCs) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and other relevant international institutions

FAO Conference Resolution 3/2001 mandated the Interim Committee to “*consult with the International Agricultural Research Centres and other relevant international institutions on the agreements to be signed with the Governing Body, in accordance with Article 15 of the Treaty, and prepare draft agreements for the consideration of the Governing Body at its first session.*”

Following consultations with the IARCs of the CGIAR, a draft model agreement between the IARCs and other relevant institutions and the Governing Body was prepared and presented to the Interim Committee. At its second meeting, the Interim Committee decided that the draft model agreement should be submitted to the Governing Body for consideration at its first session. This is given in the document, *Draft agreements between the Governing Body and the IARCs of the CGIAR and other relevant international institutions*.³⁵

The attention of the Governing Body is drawn to the current agreements between FAO and various international institutions, whereby the latter brought germplasm into the International Network of *Ex Situ* Collections under the auspices of FAO, described in the document, *Relationship between the Governing Body and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.³⁶ These institutions have been informed of the entry into force of the Treaty, and they have been contacted to ascertain their willingness to enter similar agreements with the Governing Body, in accordance with Article 15 of the Treaty.

³³ IT/GB-1/06/10.

³⁴ IT/GB-1/06/12.

³⁵ IT/GB-1/06/9.

³⁶ IT/GB-1/06/15., paras. 15-16.

The Governing Body is invited to review the draft model Agreement with a view to its adoption, and to authorize signature of these agreements on its behalf with the IARCs and other relevant institutions.

15. Relationship between the Governing Body and the Global Crop Diversity Trust

The Interim Committee, at its second meeting, recommended “*that the Governing Body should, at its first meeting, formalize its relationship with the [Global Crop Diversity] Trust, so that the Trust operates as an element of the Funding Strategy³⁷ of the Treaty.*”³⁸

The Global Crop Diversity Trust is an international fund with its own legal personality, established under the *Agreement for the Establishment of the Global Crop Diversity Trust*, which entered into force on 21 October 2004. The objective of the Trust is to ensure the long-term conservation and availability of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, with a view to achieving global food security and sustainable agriculture. For this purpose, the Trust has established an endowment fund to provide grants to support the maintenance of eligible collections and promote more effective, goal-oriented, economically efficient and sustainable global systems of *ex situ* conservation.

The Constitution of the Trust provides, in its Article 7, that the Trust will enter into an agreement with the Governing Body defining its relationship with the Treaty. The Constitution of the Trust also provides for four members of the Executive Board to be appointed by the Governing Body of the Treaty, in consultation with the Donors’ Council of the Trust.

A draft *Relationship Agreement*, prepared by the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Trust, is given as *Appendix 1* to the document, *Relationship between the Governing Body and the Global Crop Diversity Trust*,³⁹ while possible procedures for the selection and appointment of the four members of the Executive Board are given as *Appendix 2*

The Governing Body is invited to consider the draft agreement with a view to its adoption, as well as the proposed procedures for the appointment of four members of the Executive Board of the Trust.

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

The Treaty foresees the holding, where possible, of meetings of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Treaty back-to-back,⁴⁰ which will provide an opportunity to develop synergies. The Commission, at its tenth regular session, “*highlighted that the Governing Body of the International Treaty would have a considerable work load. It expressed its willingness to develop its work on the Global System in ways that would complement the objectives of the International Treaty.*”⁴¹

The document, *Relationship between the Governing Body and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*,⁴² provides summary information on the mandate of the

³⁷ See Agenda item 7.

³⁸ CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, para. 20.

³⁹ IT/GB-1/06/14.

⁴⁰ Article 19.9.

⁴¹ CGRFA-10/04/REP, para. 18 and 19.

⁴² IT/GB-1/06/15

Commission, with particular reference to the Treaty, and on the work programme of the Commission. The document includes suggestions as to how the Governing Body may wish to strengthen cooperation and synergy with the Commission, and on practical approaches to doing so.

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

17. Report on the status of cooperation with other international organizations

At its second meeting, the Interim Committee considered as appropriate a draft agenda for the first session of the Governing Body, which included a report on the status of cooperation with other international organizations.⁴³

The document, *Report on the status of cooperation with other International Organizations*,⁴⁴ provides information on a number of cooperative activities and initiatives that have been undertaken or are ongoing in the context of Treaty since it came into force. Relations with the CGIAR Centres, which are invited to sign agreements with the Governing Body, to bring their *ex situ* collections under the Treaty, are dealt with in the document, *Draft Agreements between the Governing Body and the IARCs of the CGIAR, and other relevant international institutions*.⁴⁵ Contacts made with Non-Governmental Organizations during the Interim Committee process, are described in the document, *Report on contacts made by the Interim Secretariat with relevant organizations, in order to promote the Funding Strategy*,⁴⁶ and in the document, *Report on activities undertaken by the Interim Secretariat*.⁴⁷

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

18. Adoption of Budget and Programme of Work for 2006/2007

Article 19.3d of the Treaty requires the Governing Body to adopt a budget for the Treaty. At its second meeting, the Interim Committee recommended that a draft budget should be established for the period 2006/2007.⁴⁸

The Secretariat of the Interim Committee has prepared for the consideration of the Governing Body the document, *Draft work programme and budget for the biennium 2006/2007*.⁴⁹ The attention of the Governing Body is also drawn to the document, *Arrangements for supporting the participation of developing country Contracting Parties in sessions of the Governing Body and its subsidiary bodies*,⁵⁰ to the document, *Report on the status of implementation of the Global Plan of Action*,⁵¹ and to the document, *Analysis of FAO's overall work on plant genetic resources for food*

⁴³ CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, paragraph 26.

⁴⁴ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.4.

⁴⁵ IT/GB-1/06/9.

⁴⁶ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.9.

⁴⁷ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.3.

⁴⁸ CGRFA/MIC-2/04/REP, paragraph 21.

⁴⁹ IT/GB-1/06/13.

⁵⁰ IT/GB-1/06/16.

⁵¹ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.6.

*and agriculture and work of other relevant institutions, identifying the financial and human resources involved.*⁵²

The Governing Body is invited to review the budget and programme of work for the biennium 2006/2007, 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, as well as on priorities for its work programme, in the event that the necessary financial resources are not immediately available.

19. Date and place of the second session of the Governing Body

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

20. Other business

If the Governing Body adopts Rule 2.2 of the draft Rules of Procedure in the document, *Draft Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body*,⁵³ the terms of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the second session of the Governing Body will commence with immediate effect upon the closure of the first session. Therefore, the Governing Body may wish to formally adopt its Rules of Procedure, before the adoption of the full Report of the session, and then elect a Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons representing the Regions.

21. Adoption of the Report

As provided for in the time-table, it is foreseen that the Reports of the two Working Groups will first be adopted, and then presented for formal adoption by the Governing Body and consolidation into its overall Report.

⁵² IT/GB-1/06/Inf.12.

⁵³ IT/GB-1/06/3

DRAFT PROVISIONAL TIME-TABLE				
Monday, 12 June 2006	Agenda Item	PLENARY		
Morning 10.00 - 11.30	1	Election of the Chair, Vice-Chairs and <i>Rapporteur</i> .		
	2	Adoption of agenda, time-table and arrangements for the Working Groups.		
	3	Appointment of the Credentials Committee.		
	4	Report on the status of ratification of the Treaty.		
12.00 - 13.00	Opening Ceremony			
Monday, 12 June 2006	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 1	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 2
Afternoon 15:00 – 18:00	5	Adoption of the Rules of Procedure.	6	Adoption of the Financial Rules.
Tuesday, 13 June 2006	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 1	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 2
Morning 10:00 – 13:00	8	Adoption of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement.	7	Adoption of the Funding Strategy for the implementation of the Treaty.
Afternoon 15:00 – 18:00	8	<i>Continues</i>	7	<i>Continues</i>
Wednesday, 14 June 2006	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 1	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 2
Morning 10:00 – 13:00	9	Adoption of procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and to address issues of non-compliance.	10	Arrangements for the appointment of the Secretary.
			11	Establishment of a permanent Technical Advisory Committee.
Afternoon 15:00 – 18:00	9	<i>Continues</i>	12	Implementation of Article 6 (Sustainable use of plant genetic resources).
			13	Assessment of progress in the inclusion of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture held by natural and legal persons in the Multilateral System.

Thursday, 15 June 2006	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 1	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 2
Morning 10.00 – 11.30	16	Relationship between the Governing Body and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.	14	Approval of draft agreements between the Governing Body and the IARCs and other relevant international institutions.
	17	Report on the status of cooperation with other international organizations.	15	Relationship between the Governing Body and the Global Crop Diversity Trust.
		Outstanding issues from Working Group 1.		Outstanding issues from Working Group 2.
Thursday, 15 June 2006	Agenda Item	PLENARY		
Afternoon 15.00 - 18.00	18	Adoption of Budget and Programme of Work for 2006/07.		
	19	Date and place of the second session of the Governing Body.		
	20	Other business.		

Friday, 16 June 2006	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 1	Agenda Item	WORKING GROUP 2
Morning 10:00 – 13:00		Adoption of the report of Working Group 1.		Adoption of the report of Working Group 2.
Friday, 16 June 2006	Agenda Item	PLENARY		
Afternoon 15:00 – 18:00		Presentation of the report of Working Group 1.		
		Presentation of the report of Working Group 2.		
	21	Adoption of the report		