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COMMISSION ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

Third Session

Rome, 17-21 April 1989, Green Room

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

- 1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen
- 2. Adoption of Agenda and Timetable for the Session
- 3. Report of the Working Group Meeting, 13-14 April 1989 (oral presentation by Chairman of Working Group)
- 4. $\frac{\text{Progress Report on the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic}}{\text{Resources}}$

The Commission will consider a report on the status of negotiations with a view to arriving at an agreed interpretation of the International Undertaking. The working Group was asked by the Second Session of the Commission to proceed with such negotiations concentrating, in particular, on Articles 1, 2.1(a), 5, 6 an 7 of the Undertaking.

5. Progress Report on Legal Arrangements with a View to the Possible Establishment of an International Network of Base Collections in Genebanks, under the Auspices or Jurisdiction of FAO

The Commission will consider an analysis of the replies received by the Director-General from governments, international agriculture research centres and other entities as o their readiness to bring their base collections under the auspice or jurisdiction of FAO and, if relevant, the arrangements they would prefer. The report will. also include information on the possible financial and administrative implications that the arrangements might entail.

6. Overall Review of FAO's Activities in Plant Genetic Resources and Progress Retort on the Establishment of the International Fund for Plant Genetic Resources

The Commission will examine a report on FAO's overall activities on the preservation and utilization of Plant Genetic Resources. The report will also include information on the current status of the International Fund on Plant Genetic Resources and an analysis of the reaction of governments, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and industry to the establishment of the Fund. A draft programme of work of the Commission for the implementation of the principles contained in the international Undertaking will also be provided.

7. IBPGR Activities

The Commission will consider a report by the International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (IBPGR) on its past activities and future programmes. The report will also discuss the complementarity of the roles of IBPGR and FAO and of their present and planned activities.

8. <u>Assessment of Current Coverage of Base Collections in the World,</u> with regard to Crops of Interest to Developing Countries

The Commission will consider a study of the current situation of base collections of crops of interest to developing countries. The study will analyse the geographical and species coverage of these base collections, as well as their constraints and limitations. It will also make appropriate suggestions to improve the current situation.

9. Assessment of Progress on "in situ" Conservation

The Commission will consider a report on \underline{in} \underline{situ} conservation of plant genetic resources including aspects such as research, establishment and management of pilot areas, and raising of awareness at all levels. It will stress the need for close involvement of local populations, as well as the harmonization of present-day and future needs, through combining conservation and sustainable utilization of resources.

10. <u>Implications of New Biotechnologies for the International Undertaking</u>

The Commission will consider a first report on the legal and technical implications that new developments in biotechnology may have on the implementation of the principles contained in the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources. The report does not intend to be exhaustive and may need to be followed by others on the same subject to be considered by subsequent sessions of the Commission.

11. Other Business

12. Date, Place and Programme of Next Session

13. Adoption of the Retort