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## Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda

### COMMISSION ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

#### Sixth Session

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### DRAFT AGENDA OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

1. The FAO Conference, at its Twenty-sixth session, endorsed the proposal of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources that a Fourth International Technical Conference on Plant Genetic Resources be convened. At its Twenty-seventh session, the FAO Conference endorsed the aims and strategy for the preparatory process which is being carried out through the International Conference and Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ICPPGR). The Commission on Plant Genetic Resources, which provides guidance on the preparatory process, requested, at its first extraordinary session in November 1994, that a draft agenda for the Fourth International Technical Conference be prepared for its consideration at its sixth regular session. This draft agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat in response to that request.
2. The Fourth International Technical Conference on Plant Genetic Resources, will be held in Leipzig, Germany, from June 17 - 23, 1996. At its Twenty-seventh Session, the FAO Conference welcomed the offer of Germany to host the Conference.
3. The attached draft agenda is proposed for the consideration of the Commission.
4. In addition to the formal sessions of the Conference, informal presentations or working groups might be held in evening sessions. The Government of Germany has offered to organize excursions to relevant sites of interest.
5. The draft timetable for the Conference will be finalized at a later date, in consultation with the Host Country and with the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources or its Working Group. This will be done in light of the resources available to cover Conference expenses as well as the costs of participation of representatives from developing countries.

**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE  
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES**

Leipzig, Germany

17 - 23 June, 1996

**1. Opening of the Conference**

Welcoming addresses will be presented on behalf of FAO and the host country. Distinguished workers in the field of plant genetic resources will be honoured.

**2. Procedural and Organizational Matters**

The Chairman and Officers will be elected. The Agenda and Timetable for the Conference will be approved. (A draft agenda, previously agreed by the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources will be available).

**3. Introduction to the preparatory process and its major outputs**

The Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources and the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture are being prepared through the participatory, country-driven, preparatory process for the International Technical Conference. A brief report on the preparatory process, including relevant work of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources, the preparation by countries of Country Reports, the convening of sub-regional meetings, and the organization of other, technical, inputs, will be presented. An overview of the main outputs of the process will be provided.

**4. Review of Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources**

The Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources describes the current situation of plant genetic resources, and identifies gaps and needs for their conservation and utilization. The Report will be discussed and endorsed.

**5. Review of the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

The Global Plan of Action will propose policies and strategies for the conservation and utilization of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and include costed programmes, projects and activities. It will assist countries in elaborating national plans and programmes and in strengthening national capacities, and help to make the Global System for Plant Genetic Resources fully operational. The draft Global Plan of Action will be discussed and finalized.

**6. Progress report on the revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources, and consideration of the implications for the Global Plan of Action**

The draft revised International Undertaking will be considered for endorsement, if negotiations have been completed. If the negotiations have not been completed, the state of progress of the negotiations will be noted and discussed.

The implementation and financing of the Global Plan of Action, and its contribution to the implementation of the International Undertaking, other parts of the Global System for the Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources, and the Convention on Biological Diversity will be discussed.

**7. Adoption of the Global Plan of Action and of recommendations for its implementation and financing**

**8. Adoption of the Report of the Fourth International Technical Conference on Plant Genetic Resources**

**9. Closing of the Conference**