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DEVELOPMENT OF THE GLOBAL CROP DIVERSITY TRUST, ITS RELATIONSHIP AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH FAO AND IPGRI, AND ITS INTER-RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER ON- GOING INTERNATIONAL PROCESSES

1. At the Tenth Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, in November 2004, the Chairman of the Global Trust's Interim Panel of Eminent Experts, Ambassador Fernando Gerbasi, informed the Commission that the Global Crop Diversity Trust had been legally established, as an independent international organization, on 21 October, 2004. He stated that the development of regional and crop conservation strategies, that would guide the allocation of the resources of the Trust, was well under way. A full status report on the Global Crop Diversity Trust was made available to the 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 Agriculture¹.

2. The Commission requested the Inter-governmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to "consider the development of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, its relationship at the technical level with FAO and IPGRI in particular, and its inter-relationship with other on-going international processes".

¹ Document CGRFA/MIC-2/04/5, *Report on the Status of the Global Crop Diversity Trust*

3. Members of the Working Group are invited to consider information document CGRFA/WG-PGR-3/Inf.10 entitled *The development of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, its relationship at the technical level with FAO and IPGRI and its inter-relationship with other on-going international processes*, which was prepared for the Working Group by the Interim Executive Secretary of the Global Trust.

4. In the light of the growing technical cooperation between the Global Crop Diversity Trust, and FAO and IPGRI, and the information provided by the secretariat of the Trust on the developing relationship on technical matters in the information document, the Working Group may wish to recommend to the Commission that FAO and IPGRI continue to support the Trust's technical capacity.