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INTERNATIONAL BOARD FOR PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND OPERATIONAL
RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
BOARD FOR PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES (IBPGR)

IBPGR SECRETARIAT
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
Rome, 1981

GENERAL

The International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (hereafter referred to as the Board) was established by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) by decision taken at its meeting on 1-2 November 1973. The basic function of the Board, as defined by the CGIAR, is to promote an international network of genetic resources activities to further the collection, conservation, documentation, evaluation and utilization of plant germplasm and thereby contribute to raising the standards of living and welfare of people throughout the world.

STATUS

The Board is an autonomous, scientific, international, philanthropic, non profit-making organization under the aegis of the CGIAR.

MODE OF OPERATION

The headquarters of the Secretariat of the Board are located at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome.

The Board will draw as fully as possible for technical advice on the knowledge and experience of scientists in relevant disciplines throughout the world in developing as well as developed countries.

The Board will recommend financing for appropriate institutions and organizations, national, regional and international, including FAO, for the furtherance of their genetic resources programme.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Board will have responsibility, under the authority of the CGIAR, for recommending policies and developing programmes in close collaboration with and with the help and advice of FAO to meet the following objectives:

1. To promote a greater awareness throughout the world of the importance of genetic resources activities;
2. To identify general and specific needs for exploration, collection, conservation and evaluation of plant genetic resources with particular reference to species of major economic importance and their wild and cultivated relatives, to determine priorities among them, and to ensure to the fullest possible extent that the materials conserved are made freely available for plant breeding and other scientific activities as required;
3. To establish standards, methods and procedures for exploration and evaluation and to determine minimum standards for conservation and regeneration of stocks of both seeds and vegetative material;

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4. To arrange for replicated storage of seed and vegetative stocks;
5. To promote technical meetings;
6. To promote training activities at all levels;
7. To develop a world-wide network of institutions, organizations and programmes able and willing to contribute to the above objectives;
8. To promote the articulation of ongoing programmes so as to avoid unnecessary duplication and to fill in gaps;
9. To strengthen the programmes of existing institutions and to encourage the establishment of new organizations; institutions and programmes to the above ends, where necessary, particularly in the areas of major genetic diversity;
10. To promote the dissemination of information and material among centres and institutions, and to encourage, within existing resources and possibilities, the establishment of inventories of collections;
11. To arrange for the characterization of samples and to incorporate relevant data in data storage and retrieval systems, and to promote the free exchange of information along with materials;
12. To support research activities into technical problems, the solving of which are essential to the objectives of the Board;
13. To estimate the annual financial requirements of those parts of genetic resources programmes not already adequately covered.

The Board's activities will be confined exclusively to the achievement of the foregoing objectives.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

The Board consists of 16 members, of whom not less than four are to be nationals of developing countries, and not less than six are to be scientists. Thirteen members of the Board are elected by the Board subject to the approval of the CGIAR. FAO and UNEP each appoint one *ex officio*, non-voting member of the Board and the Executive Secretary is also an *ex officio* member Elected members serve in their personal capacities irrespective of their professional or official affiliation.

TERM OF BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The normal term of membership on the Board is for three years, the duration of office to coincide with the fiscal year of CGIAR, from 1 January to 31 December.

Members are eligible to serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms. This does not, however, preclude subsequent election after a period of non-membership.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The criteria to be adopted for election of members will be as follows: qualifications as scientists or research administrators; representation of different geographical regions and disciplines; and appropriate representation of both donor governments and agencies and of developing nations.

All vacancies among elected members will be filled by the CGIAR acting on the recommendation of the Board.

In the event of a vacancy occurring by reason of the retirement, death, or incapacity of an elected Board member, the Executive Committee (see below) will make appropriate recommendations for a successor for the approval of the Board and the CGIAR.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

The Chairman of the Board is elected by the members of the Board in consultation with the Director General of FAO.

The Chairman of the Board may be either one of the ^{13 elected} ~~14~~ members of the Board or a suitable qualified candidate who is not a Board member.

The term of office of the Chairman of the Board is for three years.

The Vice Chairman will be selected by the Board from its membership. His term as Vice Chairman will coincide with his own term of membership on the Board.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee comprises the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board and three other elected Board members. The member of the Board designated by FAO shall participate in all the deliberations of the Executive Committee. At least two of the five members of the Executive Committee will be from developing countries.

The Executive Committee has the authority to act for the Board in the interim between Board meetings on all matters which the Board may delegate to it, including liaison with the Secretariat and the preparation of Board meetings.

All interim actions of the Executive Committee will be based on the overall policy of the Board and reported to the Board at its next meeting.

The Executive Committee has the authority to approve expenditures of up to \$50,000 for any single activity

The Board may create other standing committees or *ad hoc* committees as it may consider necessary for carrying out its responsibilities.

SECRETARIAT OF THE BOARD

FAO provides the Secretariat for the Board. The Secretariat will be headed by a full-time Executive Secretary who has authority to approve expenditures of up to \$10,000 for any single activity.

The Secretariat, supplemented as necessary by FAO or the Board, has the power of independent action in servicing the needs of the Board.

These Secretariat services are provided by FAO without charge to the Board which, however, pays for the cost of meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee, and for secretarial and direct operating costs, such as cables and travel.

Appropriate modifications or additions to these arrangements for the Secretariat may be made, if and as required, by decision of the Board.

OTHER RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAO

The Board's recommendations will be directed to many different organizations and governments. However, in the particular case of FAO, close juxtaposition and maximum consultation should ensure that the FAO Regular Programme activities and those recommended by the Board are implemented to the mutual satisfaction of FAO and the Board.

The priorities recommended by the Board will be observed to the maximum practicable extent in formulating the programmes of the Crop Ecology and Genetic Resources Unit of FAO.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

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WORKING PROCEDURES FOR BOARD MEETINGS

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

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3. To arrange for replicated storage of seed and vegetative stocks;
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MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

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② [The recommendations of the FAO Panels of Experts, on Plant Exploration and Introduction, and on Forest Gene Resources, will be conveyed by FAO through the Secretariat to the Board. Similarly, reports of the Board will be made available to the FAO Panels of Experts.

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