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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON PLANT
REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL LEGISLATION - WORKING GROUP ON
"PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES" held on 18 July 2013**

Chairperson: Ms I. Clement-Nissou

Expert from COM: T. Weber (DG SANCO), V. Koutsouris (DG ENV)

Experts from the following Member States were present: AT, BE, BG, CZ, DE, ES, FR, HR, IE, LT, LV, LX, NL, SE, UK). Experts from CH were also present.

1. Preparation of the 5th session of the Governing Body of the IT

- Last update of the inter-sessional ad hoc working group (funding strategy) (B. Visser, NL)

NL reported on the state of play. All the regions agreed to propose the organization of inter-sessional meetings in order to review the Treaty funding strategy and the implementation of the Multilateral System. In such meetings, representative of stakeholder groups should be invited. The idea is to explore elements of the sMTA as well as other options.

- Preparation of the next governing body meeting

The last discussions in the sMTA experts' group were presented. The obligation of Contracting Parties to incorporate their plant genetic resources inside the multilateral system was noted again. With regard to the implementation of the funding strategy, some experts consider that the Treaty Secretariat shall not be the implementing agency for each call of proposal. Several experts noted that the Secretariat shall focus more on their main activities. On cooperation with other international bodies, the experts felt that a more substantial discussion between the Treaty and UPOV shall take place. With regard to the Global Crop Diversity Trust, DE explained that the Trust launched new initiatives on crop wild relatives.

UK and NL reported on the progress made with regard to the rules of procedure inside the compliance committee. One delegation noted that matter of interpretation of the Treaty is not in the mandate of the compliance committee.

- Feedback from from High-level Policy Dialogue on the ITPGRFA (Indonesia, 01/07/2013)

CH explained that the meeting was brief (1 day) with 20 countries represented. The objectives of the meeting were to review the implementation of the action plan adopted in Brazil previously, and to assess the technology transfer initiative.

2. EU regulation for the implementation of the Nagoya protocol

DG Env. informed the experts that they were preparing the mandate for the trilogue on the draft EU Regulation for the implementation of the Nagoya protocol, which should start in autumn. The experts noted that it was important to implement the Nagoya protocol in harmony with the Treaty. A triangular approach between the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Treaty and the Commission on Genetic Resources is required.

3. Exchange of views on a long-term strategy for the development of the IT

No time to discuss it.

4. Miscellaneous

The experts will seek information with regard to the invitation and the participation to the ministerial segment organised in Oman before the next governing body meeting.