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**PROGRESS UNDER THE FAO GLOBAL SYSTEM FOR THE CONSERVATION
AND SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. In decision II/6, the Conference of the Parties requested the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to present the outcome of the International Technical Conference on the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to make the Global Plan of Action and the State of the World reports available to that meeting.
2. The fourth International Technical Conference on the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture took place in Leipzig (Germany) from 17 to 23 June 1996.
3. The Report of the International Technical Conference on Plant Genetic Resources contains the Leipzig Declaration on the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The meeting will have this Report before it as document UNEP/CBD/COP/3/Inf.18. The Secretariat has been informed by the FAO that this document is available at the following Internet address: <http://web.icppgr.fao.org/itcpgr/final/e/content.html>.

4. The meeting will also have before it the Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources as document UNEP/CBD/COP/3/Inf.17. The Secretariat has been informed by the FAO that this document is available at the following Internet address: <http://web.icppgr.fao.org/itcpgr/96.3/96.3-E.html>.

5. The FAO is preparing for the consideration of the present meeting a progress report on the Global System for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, which will provide the context for the International Technical Conference, as well as for the revision of the International Undertaking and the realization of Farmers' Rights. The Secretariat has been informed by the FAO that this document will be ready at the end of September.
