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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
“SEEDS AND PROPAGATING MATERIAL FOR AGRICULTURE,
HORTICULTURE AND FORESTRY” HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 2010**

(Forest Reproductive Material (FRM))

Chairperson: Päivi Mannerkorpi (point 5), Bruno Foletto

All the Member States were present except EL, LV, LU and PT. CPVO participated as observer.

1. Exchange of views on the implementation of Directive 1999/105/EC in the Member States, in particular as regards Article 14 of that Directive

The Commission gave an update on the information received from Member States about the implementation of different measures.

Member States provided information, in particular, as regards the practical implementation of Article 14 of Directive 1999/105/EC for which no implementing measures are foreseen by the Directive. It was noted that the numerous pieces of information provided by that document cannot easily be managed by the recipient due to the fact that it is up to the supplier to decide their order and the official language to be used.

After a discussion about a draft proposal submitted by BE containing a progressive numbering of all pieces of information to be provided, it was agreed that:

- the official bodies will explore at national level the most appropriate solution to be adopted e.g. national rules.
- comments about the proposed draft should be sent to the Commission by 28 February 2010.
- an assessment will be carried out at the WP meeting planned for June 2010.

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2. Management of national lists foreseen by Article 10 of Directive 1999/105/EC (species admitted, regions of origin, acceptance of clones, in particular as regards poplar)

The general discussion concerned the list of species admitted and the identification of the Regions of Provenance. Particular attention was paid to the conditions required for the listing of clones (Annex IV point 3) and varieties of *Populus* spp. and to the inspection of the relevant propagating material. A comparison was made with similar conditions set out in the legislation on the common catalogues for varieties of agricultural plant species and vegetable species described by a presentation submitted by CPVO. Member States provided some information about the implementation of these requirements and agreed to provide comments by 28 February.

3. Information to be provided to the Commission and other Member States and improvement of data communication tools

The Commission gave an update on the information notified by Member States as regards the national list (Article 11.1), maps of regions of provenance (Article 9.2) and notification of importation under Article 2 of Decision 2008/989/EC. Member States proposed that the Commission's website should include links to the national websites to improve the communication system and to facilitate the gathering of information. Member States were requested to provide the address of their national website and the relevant authorisation for the publication.

4. Follow-up of the annual OECD meeting "Schemes for the certification of Forest Reproductive Material moving in international trade" held on 7-8 October 2009.

The discussion focused on the proposed amendments of the OECD Scheme as regards the addition of the category "qualified" and a new type of basic material: "Seed Plantation".

5. Information on Review of the Union legislation on marketing of seed and plant propagating material

The Commission gave a short update on the review exercise: consultations on the Action Plan for Review of the Community legislation on marketing of seed and plant propagating material and related issues, start of the impact assessment and preparatory work for legal drafting of the new legislation. Horizontal working parties with the Member States experts will be organised to discuss issues related to the impact assessment and new legislation.

6. Other business

The Commission provided information on the progress of the EU Forest Action Plan 2007-2011.

FI proposed to host the next meeting of the WP on FRM in June 2010. Member States were invited to provide the information requested under items 1 to 3 of the agenda in time to permit an appropriate preparation of the meeting.