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Introduction

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## I. COMPOSITION OF THE UNION

### Members

2. On December 31, 2007, the Union had 65 members. The following States became members of the Union in 2007:

(a) on May 16, 2007, the Dominican Republic deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention entered into force in respect of the Dominican Republic on June 16, 2007; and

(b) on October 18, 2007, Turkey deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention entered into force in respect of Turkey on November 18, 2007.

3. The 65 members of the Union, on December 31, 2007, were the following: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

### Situation in Relation to the Convention and its various Acts

4. On December 19, 2006, Ukraine, which was already a member of the Union, deposited its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention and became bound by that Act on January 19, 2007.

5. On June 18, 2007, Spain, which was already a member of the Union, deposited its instrument of ratification of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention and became bound by that Act on July 18, 2007.

6. On December 31, 2007, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

(a) Belgium was bound by the 1961 Convention as amended by the 1972 Act;

(b) 24 members were bound by the 1978 Act, namely: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Slovakia, South Africa, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay;

(c) 40 members were bound by the 1991 Act, namely: Albania, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, European Community, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea,

Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

7. Annex I provides the status of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts, as of December 31, 2007.

#### Future Members

8. Under Article 34(3) of the 1991 Act, “any State which is not a member of the Union and any intergovernmental organization shall, before depositing its instrument of accession, ask the Council to advise it in respect of the conformity of its laws with the provisions of this Convention.”

9. By letter dated November 2, 2006, the Philippines requested the examination of the Philippine Plant Variety Protection Act of 2002.

10. By letter dated February 1, 2007, Georgia requested the examination of the Law of Georgia for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of 2006.

11. By letter dated September 11, 2007, Montenegro requested the examination of the Law on Protection of Plant Varieties of Montenegro of 2007.

12. At its twenty-fourth extraordinary session, held in Geneva on March 30, 2007, the Council examined the conformity of the Plant Variety Protection Act of 2002 of the Philippines and of the Law for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of 2006 of Georgia with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

13. In respect of the Philippines, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the information given in document C(Extr.)/24/2;

“(b) advise the Government of the Philippines that the Law incorporated the majority of the provisions of the 1991 Act, but still needed some clarifications and amendments, as provided in document C(Extr.)/24/2, in order to conform with the 1991 Act; once the above clarifications and amendments were incorporated in the Law, the Government of the Philippines was invited to request the examination of the amended law as provided in Article 34(3) of the 1991 Act;

“(c) request the Office of the Union to offer its assistance to the Government of the Philippines in drafting the necessary clarifications and amendments to the Law; and

“(d) authorize the Secretary-General to inform the Government of the Philippines of that decision.”

14. In respect of Georgia, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the information given in document C(Extr.)/24/3, in particular, that the departures of the Law from Articles 6(1) and 20(5) of the 1991 Act, would be remedied, for the time being, by the general principle in Article 6 of the Constitution;

“(b) take a positive decision on the conformity of the Law of Georgia for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants with the provisions of the 1991 Act, in accordance with Article 34(3) of that Act, which allowed Georgia to deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act; and”

“(c) authorize the Secretary-General to inform the Government of Georgia of that decision.”

15. At its forty-first ordinary session, held in Geneva on October 25, 2007, the Council examined the conformity of the Law on Protection of Plant Varieties of 2007 of Montenegro with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

16. In respect of Montenegro, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the information given in document C/41/14;

“(b) recommend that Montenegro incorporate the additional provisions and amendments in the Law, as provided in document C/41/14 and replace “30 days” by “60 days” in Article 12, paragraph 3 of the Law; once the additional provisions and amendments have been incorporated in the Law, the amended Law should be submitted to the Council for examination in conformity with Article 34(3) of the 1991 Act;

“(c) request the Office of the Union to offer its assistance to the Government of Montenegro in drafting the necessary additional provisions and amendments to the Law; and

“(d) authorize the Secretary-General to inform the Government of Montenegro of that decision.”

## II. SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

### Council

17. The Council held its twenty-fourth extraordinary session on March 30, 2007, under the chairmanship of Mr. Doug Waterhouse (Australia), President of the Council. The session was attended by 40 members of the Union, nine observer States and four observer organizations. The report of that session is presented in document C(Extr.)/24/5. At that session, the Council dealt with the following main issues:

(a) it examined the conformity of the Plant Variety Protection Act of 2002 of the Philippines and of the Law for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of 2006 of Georgia with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention; and

(b) it noted an oral report on the work of the seventy-third session of the Consultative Committee, held on March 30, 2007.

18. The Council held its forty-first ordinary session on October 25, 2007, also under the chairmanship of Mr. Doug Waterhouse. The session was attended by 49 members of the Union, nine observer States and six observer organizations. The report of that session is presented in document C/41/17. At that session, with regard to the following main issues, the Council:

(a) examined the Law on Protection of Plant Varieties of Montenegro for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention;

(b) approved the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Union in 2006 and noted the report on the activities in the first nine months of 2007;

(c) agreed that the Office of the Union should consider the development of an advanced distance learning module concerning case law provided by members of the Union;

(d) approved the work program for the fifty-seventh session of the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ);

(e) approved the programs of work of the Technical Committee (TC) and Technical Working Parties (TWPs) as set out in document C/41/10. The Delegation of the Republic of Korea reported on the exercise concerning characteristics for plant shape in onion and *Cucurbita maxima* Duch., which had been discussed at the forty-first session of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV), held in Nairobi, Kenya, from June 11 to 15, 2007. It noted that that exercise, involving an exchange of photographs and descriptions between members of the Union, had been very helpful and suggested that a similar exercise might be undertaken for other crops and TWPs. The Council agreed that that matter should be considered by the TC and the TWPs;

(f) decided to renew the designation of Switzerland as auditor of the accounts of UPOV up to and including the year 2011;

(g) approved the proposals contained in document C/41/4, draft Program and Budget for the 2008-2009 Biennium;

(h) agreed that the Office of the Union should send a circular to members of the Union and observers in order to identify suitable potential trainers who might be willing to participate in a "Train the Trainer" session to be hosted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Alexandria, United States of America, in February 2008;

(i) approved the calendar of meetings in 2008, as presented in document C/41/8, whilst agreeing to provide the Office of the Union, in consultation with the President of the Council, a degree of flexibility to determine the duration of the individual UPOV sessions, and it also noted the proposed dates of meetings in Geneva in 2009;

(j) elected, in each case for a term of three years ending with the forty-fourth ordinary session of the Council, in 2010:

(i) Mrs. Carmen Amelia M. Gianni (Argentina), Chairperson of the CAJ;

(ii) Mr. Lü Bo (China), Vice-Chairman of the CAJ;

(iii) Mr. Chris Barnaby (New Zealand), Chairman of the TC;

(k) proposed that the TC make a recommendation for the Vice-Chairperson of the TC at its forty-fourth session to be held in April 2008; and

(l) awarded a UPOV Gold Medal to Mr. Bernard Le Buanec, Secretary General of the International Seed Federation (ISF) in recognition of his outstanding contribution to UPOV.

### Consultative Committee

19. The Consultative Committee held its seventy-third session on March 30, 2007, under the chairmanship of Mr. Doug Waterhouse (Australia). In addition to the preliminary examination of the Law of Georgia (see paragraph 17(a) above), the Consultative Committee:

(a) discussed existing activities of UPOV and possible future initiatives in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders' rights and endorsed an overview of the existing activities of UPOV in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders' rights. It agreed to provide the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA) and ISF with that overview. It also agreed to add in the overview that, in order to encourage the involvement of breeders in the BMT, a specific day would be allocated during the eleventh session of the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques and DNA Profiling in Particular (BMT) for discussions on the use of molecular techniques in variety identification and in the consideration of essential derivation;

(b) endorsed the proposal for a revised presentation of the information in document C/[40]/5 which would include information on the utilization of existing DUS reports;

(c) decided not to pursue a UPOV triennial program and budget;

(d) recommended, on the basis of the advice of the CAJ, to confirm that the fifty-sixth session of the CAJ should be held on October 22 and 23, 2007, and the second session of the Administrative and Legal Committee Advisory Group (CAJ-AG) on October 26, 2007;

(e) discussed a further extension of one year to the current appointment of the Vice Secretary-General and confirmed that the final decision would be taken at the twenty-fifth extraordinary session of the Council in April 2008, at the latest; and

(f) was informed of the meetings and activities concerning biodiversity, plant genetic resources and plant variety protection and of developments in the Council for TRIPS concerning the review of Article 27.3(b) of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights ("TRIPS Agreement").

20. The Consultative Committee held its seventy-fourth session on October 24, 2007, and on the morning of October 25, 2007, under the chairmanship of Mr. Doug Waterhouse (Australia). In addition to the preliminary examination of the Law of Montenegro and of the draft Program and Budget (see paragraph 18(a) and (g) above), the Consultative Committee:

(a) undertook a preliminary examination of documents TGP/4/1 "Constitution and Maintenance of Variety Collections", TGP/9/1 "Examining Distinctness", and "Guidelines for DNA-Profiling: Molecular Marker Selection and Database Construction ('BMT Guidelines')" proposed for adoption by the Council. In response to the comments made by some delegations concerning the need for editorial improvements, the Consultative Committee agreed that a circular be sent to the Consultative Committee, the TC and the CAJ providing an opportunity to comment within four weeks on documents TGP/4/1 Draft 10,

TGP/9/1 Draft 10 and BMT Guidelines (proj.9). Based on the comments received, new drafts of those documents would be prepared for consideration by the Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 8, 2008. Relevant drafts incorporating the comments by the Editorial Committee would subsequently be presented to the TC, the CAJ, the Consultative Committee and the Council in April 2008;

(b) discussed the organization of the UPOV sessions and decided to continue its deliberations on ways in which to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and time flexibility of the UPOV sessions at its seventy-fifth session;

(c) agreed that the Office of the Union should provide information on requests for technical assistance from States which, for the time being, did not fall within the prioritization category according to the guidance of the Council reflected in document C/41/4 “Draft Program and Budget for the 2008-2009 Biennium”;

(d) discussed the status of the examination of laws of those States and organizations which have initiated the procedure for acceding to the UPOV Convention;

(e) following a request by CIOPORA concerning the analysis of enforcement provisions when examining laws of future members, the Consultative Committee agreed that the explanation in paragraph 4 of the overview of the existing activities of UPOV in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders’ rights (Annex to document CAJ/56/5) provided an appropriate explanation with regard to the examination of laws by the Council;

(f) received a presentation on developments concerning the UPOV Distance Learning Course (DL-205). It approved the waiving of fees for selected students in categories 2 and 3, endorsed the development of an advanced course “Examination of Applications for Plant Breeders’ Rights” and entrusted the Office of the Union to take the necessary actions to develop and implement that course;

(g) took note of information provided concerning biodiversity, plant genetic resources and plant variety protection, and developments in the Council for TRIPS concerning the review of Article 27.3(b) of the TRIPS Agreement; and

(h) was informed of a request for cooperation with UPOV in a project initiated by the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), in collaboration with ISF, with a view to participating in the organizing committee of a World Seed Conference in 2009, and agreed that UPOV should participate on the basis that the project emphasized the benefits of plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention.

#### Administrative and Legal Committee, Technical Committee, Technical Working Parties and Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular

21. The CAJ held its fifty-fifth session on March 29, 2007, and its fifty-sixth session on October 22 and 23, 2007, respectively. The Administrative and Legal Committee Advisory Group (CAJ-AG) held its second session on October 26, 2007. The TC held its forty-third session from March 26 to 28, 2007. The Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC) held meetings on January 9 and March 26 and 27, 2007. Further information on the work of the CAJ and the TC is contained in documents C/41/9, C/42/9, C/41/10, C/41/10 Add. and C/42/10. The Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) held its thirty-sixth

session in Budapest, Hungary, from May 28 to June 1, 2007. The Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) held its forty-first session in Nairobi, Kenya, from June 11 to 15, 2007. The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO) held its fortieth session in Kunming, China, from July 2 to 6, 2007. The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) held its thirty-eighth session in Jeju, Republic of Korea, from July 9 to 13, 2007. The Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC) held its twenty-fifth session in Sibiu, Romania, from September 3 to 6, 2007. Each of those Technical Working Party sessions was preceded by a preparatory workshop. The *Ad hoc* Crop Subgroup on Molecular Techniques for Potato, held a meeting in Quimper, France, on April 17, 2007. The *Ad hoc* Crop Subgroup on Molecular Techniques for Rose held its second session in Angers, France on April 18, 2007. The *Ad hoc* Crop Subgroup for Maize held its second session in Washington, D.C., United States of America, on December 3, 2007.

### III. COURSES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, MISSIONS, IMPORTANT CONTACTS

#### Individual activities

22. On January 17 and 18, in Islamabad, Pakistan, the Office attended the First FAO/ECO Workshop on Regional Seed Regulations Harmonization, which was organized by the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), comprising nine Central and West Asian States, with financial support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The Office chaired the sessions of Group 1 (variety release and protection of new varieties). Plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention was recognized as a key requirement for harmonization. Encouragement of accession to the UPOV Convention, cooperation in DUS examination according to UPOV principles and, at a later stage, a regional system of plant variety protection based on the UPOV Convention were identified as targets of the FAO/ECO project. The results of the Workshop were subsequently presented to the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture of ECO, which was held from March 5 to 7 in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.

23. On January 19, the Office received the visit of Mr. Petre Tsiskarishvili, Minister for Agriculture of Georgia. The Office heard that the Parliament of Georgia had adopted Georgia's Law on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants and explained the procedure for becoming a member of UPOV.

24. On January 19, in Islamabad, Pakistan, the Office had a meeting with Mr. M.E. Tusneem, Chairman, Pakistan Agriculture Research Council. The Agricultural Research Council comprises seven research centers (Agriculture, Livestock, etc.) located in different parts of the country. Mr. Tusneem welcomed his Governments' efforts to attract private investment in plant breeding through an effective system of plant variety protection and saw complementarity between public and private plant breeding.

25. On January 20, in Islamabad, the Office had a meeting with Mr. Muhammad Ismail Qureshi, Secretary, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Pakistan and Dr. Akhlaq Hussein, Director General, Federal Seed Certification and Registration Department of the same Ministry. Secretary Qureshi stressed the importance of encouraging investment in plant breeding through effective plant variety protection and wished to receive the Office's comments on the Pakistan Government's Draft Bill on Plant Variety Protection in relation to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.



26. Also on January 20, in Islamabad, the Office, in cooperation with the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Pakistan, organized a National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention. Some 80 participants, including leading officials of Federal and provincial administrations, leading scientists and representatives of research centers and the private sector, attended.
27. Also on January 20, in Islamabad, the Office had discussions with Mr. Yasin Tahir, Director General, Intellectual Property Organization (IPO) of Pakistan. (Later in 2007, responsibility for the legislative procedure with the Draft Bill on Plant Variety Protection was transferred from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock to the IPO of Pakistan.)
28. On January 22 and 23, in Paris, France, the Office participated in a session of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Extended Advisory Group. Items of particular relevance for UPOV included varietal identity and varietal purity and the use of synonyms in variety denomination.
29. On January 24, also in Paris, the Office attended the second meeting of the OECD Working Group on Varietal Identity and Varietal Purity.
30. On February 1, in London, United Kingdom, the Office attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the British Association of Rose Breeders (BARB) and made a presentation on recent developments within UPOV.
31. On February 1 and 2, in Munich, Germany, the Office attended a session of the Committee for Plant Breeders' Rights of the German Association for Industrial Property (*Fachausschuß für den Schutz von Pflanzenzüchtungen* of the *Deutsche Vereinigung für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz*). The Office reported on recent developments within UPOV.
32. On February 5, in Ely, United Kingdom, the Office had a meeting with the British Society of Plant Breeders (BSPB) and discussed recent developments within UPOV.
33. On February 5 and 6, in Peterborough, United Kingdom, the Office attended a meeting of the joint Agricultural Industries Confederation / British Society of Plant Breeders (AIC/BSPB) Working Group on Royalty Systems. The Office made a presentation on recent developments within UPOV and discussed possible mechanisms for royalty collection within the scope of the plant breeders' right.
34. On February 12, the Office received the visit of the Secretary-General of ISF, Mr. Bernard Le Buanec. Practical matters related to the operation of the UPOV system were discussed.
35. On February 13 and 14, in Rome, Italy, the Office attended a meeting on Information Technology Support for the Implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing under the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (IT/PGRFA), organized by FAO.
36. On March 1, during a visit of Egyptian diplomats to the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Office made a presentation on the benefits of plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention.

37. On March 6, in Livingstone, Zambia, the Office organized, in cooperation with the African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA), a Workshop on Plant Variety Protection – A Key to Economic Development. Some 100 participants attended, most of which were attending the 2007 Annual Congress of AFSTA.
38. From March 6 to 9, also in Livingstone, the Office attended the 2007 Annual Congress of AFSTA.
39. On March 20 and 21, in an observer capacity, the Office participated in a session of the Administrative Council of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) in Angers, France.
40. On March 23, at UPOV/WIPO headquarters, the Office made a presentation at a Conference on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants and Related Matters in the Context of Article 27.3(b) of the TRIPS Agreement, for African diplomats based in Geneva, organized by the French *Groupement national interprofessionnel des semences et plants* (GNIS).
41. On March 26, the Office received the visit of Mr. Raly L. Tejada, First Secretary and Consul, Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva. Mr. Tejada was briefed on the procedures for the examination of laws for conformity with the UPOV Convention.
42. On March 28, the Office received the visit of Mrs. Wiboonlasana Ruamraksa, Deputy Director General, Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand. Mrs. Ruamraksa requested information on the principles, and the impact of, plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention. Possibilities for a national workshop in Bangkok later in 2007 were explored.
43. On March 30, the Office received the visit of Mr. Dragan Dedić, Head of Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management and other officials of Serbia. The situation in respect of Serbia's accession to the UPOV Convention was considered.
44. On April 23 and 24, at WIPO headquarters, the Office made presentations at the WIPO Worldwide Academy course "Training WIPO Staff".
45. On April 25 and 26, in Cuernavaca, Mexico, the Office participated in a Conference on Plant Breeders' Rights in the Americas, organized by CIOPORA. The Office reported on recent developments in plant breeders' rights in the Americas. The Conference was attended by some 120 participants, mainly breeders and technical and legal experts from the region.
46. On May 9, in Svalöv, Sweden, the Office provided a half-day training session on plant variety protection. The session was part of a course offered by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) under the title "Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property". Some 30 students from developing countries participated.
47. On May 9, the Office received the visit of Mr. Nasser Al Mubarak, Patent Office of Kuwait, who reported Kuwait's interest in becoming a member of UPOV.
48. From May 21 to 23, in Christchurch, New Zealand, the Office attended the World Seed Congress 2007, organized by ISF. During a session of ISF's Breeders' Committee, the Office reported on recent developments within UPOV.

49. On May 24, also in Christchurch, the Office attended the ISF “Workshop on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights on Plant Varieties”. The presenters shared practical experiences with enforcement based on contractual arrangements and available legal remedies.

50. On May 29, at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters, the Office made a presentation as part of a “Business-oriented Overview of Intellectual Property for Law and Management Students” organized by WIPO. Some 30 students participated.

51. From June 4 to 8, in Wageningen, Netherlands, the Office participated in the Tenth Plant Variety Protection Course organized by Natkuinbouw. The Office made presentations on UPOV on June 5. Prior to the course in Wageningen, the students were given the opportunity to participate in the UPOV Distance Learning Course DL-205.

52. From June 5 to 8, at the headquarters of the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Nairobi, Kenya, with financial assistance from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and Iowa State University, the Office organized a Regional Seminar on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention and Workshop on DUS Examination and Data Handling. Forty-six participants from 14 African countries and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) attended the Seminar and Workshop. Lectures were provided by experts from France, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, United States of America, as well as the president of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) of the European Community and the Office.

53. On June 9, at WIPO headquarters, the Office made a presentation on the “Protection of New Varieties of Plants According to the UPOV Convention” during an Interregional Seminar organized by WIPO and the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO). Participants from 77 countries attended.

54. From June 17 to 23, a training program for Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chairperson, and Mr. R.K. Trivedi, Registrar, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Authority of India, was organized by the Office with the cooperation of the authorities of members of the Union (Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland).

55. On June 22, in Bangkok, Thailand, at the Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce, the Office held a briefing session for Thai officials and representatives of organizations with an interest in plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention. The meeting was organized at the initiative of Mrs. Wiboonlasama Ruamraksa, Deputy Director General, Department of Intellectual Property. Some 40 participants, including officials and representatives of academic institutes and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), were present.

56. On June 24, in Chiang Mai, Thailand, the Office had a meeting with Mr. Sotaro Ito, Director, Seed and Seedlings Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan. Matters concerning cooperation between the Government of Japan and UPOV were considered.

57. From June 25 to 29, in Chiang Mai, Thailand, the Eighth Asian Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Variety Protection took place. The meeting was organized by the Office in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of the Kingdom of Thailand and with financial assistance from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

(MAFF) of Japan. Eighty-one experts were present, including 54 Thai participants, 27 foreign invited participants/speakers and 6 representatives of international organizations. As a part of the preparation, 49 participants were given the opportunity to take the UPOV Distance Learning Course (DL-205).

58. On July 3, at the headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO), during the WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property, the Office made a presentation about the UPOV system and the impact of plant variety protection.

59. On July 4, at UPOV headquarters, the Office met with Mr. Pisan Luetongcharee, Director of Agriculture and Technology and Sustainable Agriculture Policy Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand, who was participating in a session of WIPO's Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC), and briefed him on the benefits of plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention.

60. Also on July 4, the Office received a visit by Mrs. Victoria Henson-Apollonia, Head of the Central Advisory Service on Intellectual Property (CAS) of the World Bank related Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Recent developments within UPOV and CAS were discussed.

61. On July 5, the Office made a statement in WIPO's IGC.

62. Also on July 5, the Office received the visit of Mr. Chaiyan Rajchagool, Advisor, Office of the National Cultural Commission of Thailand, who was participating as a member of the delegation of Thailand in WIPO's IGC. Principles of the UPOV System and its benefits were explained.

63. On July 9, in Munich, Germany, at the headquarters of the European Patent Office (EPO), the Office made a presentation during the European Patent Academy Public Seminar "The Industrial Property Business".

64. On July 9, in Paris, France, at the OECD headquarters, the Office participated in the OECD Workshop on Variety Synonyms. Information based on the Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations According to the UPOV Convention (UPOV/INF/12/1) was provided.

65. From July 9 to 13, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, the Office, in cooperation with the Spanish Plant Variety Office (OEVV), the Spanish National Institute for Agricultural Research (INIA), the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and WIPO, organized the Sixth Training course for Ibero-American countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. The meeting was attended by some 30 experts directly involved, or expected to be involved in the future, in DUS examination, from 18 countries. Lectures were given by experts from Bolivia, Spain and the Office. As a preparation, nine participants were given the opportunity to take the UPOV Distance Learning Course DL-205.

66. On July 10, the Office received Mr. Nadyrbek Turganbaevich Turganbaev, Chairman, State Patent Service of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent). The program and preparation of the Third West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention were considered.

67. Also on July 10, the Office received the visit of Mr. Emmanuel Sackey, Head of Search and Examination Section, ARIPO. Developments in plant variety protection in Africa and the potential role of ARIPO in this context were discussed.
68. On July 11 and 12, at the OECD headquarters, the Office attended the Annual Meeting of the OECD Seed Schemes.
69. On July 13, also at the OECD headquarters, the Office attended the Third Meeting of the OECD Working Group on Varietal Identity and Varietal Purity.
70. On July 15, the Office received the visit of Mr. Takaaki Kawakami, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva and responsible Officer for UPOV. Recent developments within UPOV and cooperation with Japan, in particular, were discussed.
71. On July 16, at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters, the Office made a presentation during the WIPO Summer School on Intellectual Property. More than 50 students from 38 countries participated.
72. On July 26, the Office received the visit of Mrs. Zorka Pryevic, responsible officer for plant variety protection at the Ministry of Agriculture of Montenegro. The procedure of accession to the UPOV Convention was explained.
73. On August 20, the Office made a presentation on new developments in UPOV at the EUCARPIA Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses 2007, Section Meeting, in Copenhagen, Denmark.
74. On August 23 and 24, in Seoul, Republic of Korea, the Office made presentations at a Training Course on Plant Variety Protection organized by the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The Course was attended by 12 participants from Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.
75. On August 27 and 28, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, the Office provided assistance to the Government of Cambodia on the drafting of the legislation on plant variety protection.
76. On August 29, in Singapore, the Office had a discussion with officials of the Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) and the Agricultural and Veterinary Administration of Singapore, on the implementation of plant variety protection.
77. On September 5, in Geneva, the Office made a presentation at a WIPO Workshop on Intellectual Property for Geneva-based Permanent Representatives of members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Group. Some 35 Ambassadors participated in the opening ceremony. Also on September 5, at WIPO headquarters, the Office made a presentation during a WIPO meeting with leading officials of the OIC Secretariat.
78. On September 10, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, the Office was received by Mr. Dosbol Nur Uulu, Deputy Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Nurlan Arstanbekovich Duishev, Vice Minister for Agriculture, Water Economy and Processing Industry and Mr. Nadyrbek Turganbaevich Turganbaev, Director of Kyrgyzpatent were also present. The Deputy Prime Minister stressed the importance of new varieties of plants for agricultural

development and encouraged the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Economy and Processing Industry and Kyrgyzpatent to cooperate in the implementation of plant variety protection in Kyrgyzstan.

79. From September 11 to 14, in Cholponata, Kyrgyzstan, the Office, in cooperation with the State Patent Service of Kyrgyzstan (Kyrgyzpatent) and with the financial assistance of the MAFF of Japan and the Sida of Sweden, organized the Third West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention. Some 60 participants from nine countries and representatives of FAO, ISF and GNIS of France, as well as national and regional breeders' organizations, were present.

80. On September 14, in Bishkek, the Office paid a visit to the headquarters of the Sida Projects on Seed Sector Development in the Kyrgyzstan and in Tadjikistan, and met with Mr. Rutger Persson, representative of the Sida Projects on Seed Sector Development. An evaluation of the Third West and Central Asian Workshop was made and prospects of future cooperation in the region were considered.

81. On September 26, the Office received the visit of Ms. Mazina Kadir, Controller, Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Legal Affairs, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. UPOV procedures for international cooperation in DUS examination and the drafting of DUS Test Guidelines in particular were explained. Possibilities for UPOV activities in the Caribbean were also considered.

82. On September 27, the Office received the visit of Dr. Paulin Edou Edou, Director General, African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), Yaoundé, Cameroon. The situation of plant variety protection under the auspices of OAPI and OAPI's accession to the UPOV Convention were considered.

83. On September 28, the Office received the visit of Mr. Rustemmyrat Payzullayev, Head, Patent Department, Turkmenistan Patent Office, Ministry of Economy and Finances, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Mr. Payzullayev confirmed that a draft law on plant variety protection was under consideration and expressed the wish to receive the Office's comments.

84. From October 1 to 3, the Office gave lectures on plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention at the Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights, organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Tsukuba, Japan. The course, which started on August 21 and ended on November 10, was attended by 11 participants from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. The JICA participants, in parallel to the JICA Training Course, participated in the UPOV Distance Learning Course DL-205 "Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention", which started on September 10.

85. On October 2, the Office received the visit of Mr. Marat Orshanovich Aikenov, Chairman, Committee on Intellectual Property Rights, Astana, Kazakhstan and provided advice concerning accession to the UPOV Convention.

86. On October 4 and 5, the Office gave a lecture on "Overview of Plant Variety Protection in the Asian Region and Benefits of the UPOV System" at a Workshop on the Cooperation and Harmonization in Plant Variety Protection in the Asian Region, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan, in Tokyo. At the end of the meeting, the Workshop adopted a Joint Statement including a proposal to establish an "East Asia Plant

Variety Protection (PVP) Forum”. Seventy-three participants from Australia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, European Community, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Netherlands, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam and the Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA) were present.

87. On October 15, in Brussels, Belgium the Office attended the European Seed Association (ESA) Annual Meeting 2007 and, on October 16, the European Seed Trade Meeting.

88. On October 18, in Wageningen, Netherlands, the Office made a presentation on “The UPOV Recommendations on Variety Denominations” at the Fifth Symposium on the Taxonomy of Cultivated Plants, which took place from October 15 to 19. During the symposium, the International Association for Cultivated Plant Taxonomy (IACPT) was launched.

89. On October 29, the Office attended the meeting of the Intellectual Property Committee of the ISF, held in Athens, Greece.

90. On October 30 and 31, the Office attended the Second Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (IT/PGRFA), which was held at FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy, from October 29 to November 2.

91. From November 11 to 17, the Government of Japan, in cooperation with the Office, provided assistance (through the services of two experts from Japan and one expert from the Republic of Korea) to the Government of Indonesia in the organization of a training session for plant variety protection examiners, in Bogor, Indonesia, from November 12 to 14 (the session was preceded by a preliminary meeting in Jakarta on November 1). A DUS testing technical visit was also organized in Lembang from November 15 to 17.

92. On November 19, the Office gave a presentation in Geneva on “The Role of International Organizations in the Shaping of Intellectual Property Rights: UPOV”. The presentation was part of the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Intellectual Property organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the University of Turin in cooperation with the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Government of Italy.

93. From November 19 to 21, the Office participated in the Second International Seed Trade Conference in CWANA Region as a member of the International Organizing Committee, held in Cairo, Egypt. The Conference was organized by the Egyptian Seed Association (ESAS) under the umbrella of the National Seed Council (NSC) and in cooperation with the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the Turkish Seed Industry Association. The Office gave a presentation on the “Protection of Intellectual Property Rights” under the Session “Trends in Seed Industry” on November 19.

94. On November 22 and 23, the Office attended the Eleventh Session of the Council of Ministers of ARIPO, in Maseru, Lesotho and delivered a speech during the opening ceremony.

95. On November 26, the Office received the visit of Mr. Murat Abishev, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, and provided advice on drafting national legislation in line with the UPOV Convention.

96. On December 2, the Office met with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Chicago to discuss the organization of a "Train the Trainer" session to be hosted by the USPTO in Alexandria, United States of America, in February 2008.

97. On December 4, the Office met with Mr. Andrew Lavigne, President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA). Information on the training activities of UPOV and ASTA was exchanged.

98. On December 5 and 6, the Office undertook a mission to San José, Costa Rica, to provide assistance in drafting its Plant Breeder's Right (PBR) legislation and advice concerning accession of Costa Rica to the UPOV Convention: On the morning of December 5, a meeting was held with the Minister of Agriculture, the Vice-Minister of International Commerce and a group of advisors. During the afternoon, the Office worked jointly with governmental officials and advisors drafting amendments to the PBR draft law. On December 6, a meeting took place with the Vice-Minister of Commerce and other governmental officials to explain the reasons for the proposed amendments and the procedure for the accession to the UPOV Convention.

99. On December 10, at the UPOV headquarters, the Office participated in a meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.

#### Distance Learning Course

100. Two sessions of the UPOV Distance Learning Course DL-205 in English, French, German and Spanish were held from April 16 to May 20, 2007 and from September 10 to October 14, 2007, respectively.

#### IV. RELATIONS WITH STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS

101. The Office provided assistance on plant variety protection legislation to Belarus, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Viet Nam.

102. The Office provided advice and assistance on the development of plant variety protection legislation according to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention and/or on the procedure to accede to the UPOV Convention to potential members of the Union. The Office provided written or oral comments, paid visits to authorities or received representatives of the respective States and Organizations in order to provide the requested advice. In that respect, the Office had contacts with Bahrain, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).



103. The Office met with representatives of international organizations to coordinate activities or to provide information on UPOV. The Office participated in meetings of, and discussions with, ARIPO, CBD, the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), ICARDA, ISTA, OAPI, OECD, SADC, WIPO's IGC and the WTO Council for TRIPS.

104. The Office provided guidance on the provisions of the Convention to members and potential members of the Union.

105. The Office met with international professional associations in order to follow developments in the practical application of plant variety protection at a global and regional level. Of particular relevance were meetings with ISF and CIOPORA, and with AFSTA, APSA, ASTA and ESA.

## V. SELECTED RESULTS OF UPOV IN 2007

106. Results achieved by UPOV in 2007 on the basis of the work of the Council, its subsidiary bodies and the Office, are summarized in Annex II to this document. Annex III contains an overview of the missions undertaken by the staff of the Office.

## VI. PUBLICATIONS

107. The Office of the Union published:

- (a) one issue of "Plant Variety Protection", the Gazette and Newsletter of UPOV;
- (b) updated editions of the information leaflet "What it is, What it does" on UPOV and plant variety protection in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian and Spanish (UPOV publication No. 437)
- (c) six updated discs of the "UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database";
- (d) the following Test Guidelines were adopted:

Document No. N° du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name Nom botanique Botanischer Name Nombre botánico
TG/18/5	Elatior Begonia, Winter-flowering begonia	Bégonia elatior	Elatior-Begonie	Begonia elatior	Begonia ×hiemalis Fotsch, Begonia ×elatior hort.
TG/49/8	Carrot	Carotte	Möhre	Zanahoria	Daucus carota L.
TG/55/7	Spinach	Épinard	Spinat	Espinaca	Spinacia oleracea L.
TG/61/7	Cucumber, Gherkin	Concombre, Cornichon	Gurken	Pepino, Pepinillo	Cucumis sativus L.
TG/70/4 Rev.	Apricot	Abricotier	Aprikose, Marille	Albaricoquero, Chabacano, Damasco	Prunus armeniaca L., Armeniaca vulgaris Lam.

Document No. N° du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name Nom botanique Botanischer Name Nombre botánico
TG/137/4	Blueberry	Myrtille	Kulturheidelbeere	Arándano	<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i> Aiton; <i>V. corymbosum</i> L.; <i>V. formosum</i> Andrews; <i>V. myrtilloides</i> Michx.; <i>V. myrtillus</i> L.; <i>V. virgatum</i> Aiton; <i>V. simulatum</i> Small
TG/140/4	Pot Azalea	Azalée en pot	Topfazalee	Azalea	<i>Rhododendron simsii</i> Planch.
TG/155/4	Pumpkin	Giraumon, Potiron	Riesenkürbis	Calabaza, Zapallo	<i>Cucurbita maxima</i> Duch.
TG/215/1 Rev.	Clematis	Clématite	Clematis, Waldrebe	Clemátide	<i>Clematis</i> L.
TG/231/1	St. John's Wort, Common St. John's Wort, Goat weed, Klamath weed, Tipton weed	Millepertuis	Johanniskraut	Hipericón, Hipérico, Hierba de San Juan, Corazoncillo	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> L.
TG/232/1	Sutera; Jamesbrittenia	Sutera; Jamesbrittenia	Sutera; Jamesbrittenia	Sutera; Jamesbrittenia	<i>Sutera</i> Roth; <i>Jamesbrittenia</i> O. Kuntze
TG/233/1	Diascia, Twinspur	Diascia, Diascie	Diascie	Diascia	<i>Diascia</i> Link & Otto
TG/234/1	Butternut, Butternut Squash, Cheese Pumpkin, China Squash, Cushaw, Golden Cushaw, Musky Gourd, Pumpkin, Winter Crookneck Squash	Citrouille, Courge musquée, Courge noix de beurre	Bisamkürbis, Moschuskürbis	Ayote, Calabaza de Castilla, Calabaza moscada, Calabaza pellejo, Chicamita, Lacayote, Sequaloa, Zapallo	<i>Cucurbita moschata</i> Duch.
TG/235/1	Balsam apple, Balsam pear, Bitter cucumber, Bitter gourd, Bitter melon, Cassila gourd,	Concombre africain Margose, Momordique	Balsambirne, Bittergurke	Balsamito, Cundeamor, Momordica	<i>Momordica charantia</i> L.
TG/236/1	Husk Tomato	Alkékenge du Mexique, Coqueret, Physalis, Tomatillo, Tomate fraise	Mexikanische Blasenkirsche, Tomatillo	Miltomate, Tomatillo, Tomate de cáscara, Tomate de hoja, Tomate verde	<i>Physalis ixocarpa</i> Brot., <i>Physalis philadelphica</i> Lam
TG/237/1	-	-	-	-	<i>Angelonia angustifolia</i> Benth. and its hybrids
TG/246/1	Marigold	Tagète, Oeillet d'Inde, Rose d'Inde	Studentenblume	Clavel de las indias, Clavelon, Cempoalxóchitl	<i>Tagetes</i> L.
TG/248/1	Common Millet	Millet commun, Panic millet, Panic faux millet	Rispenhirse	Mijo común	<i>Panicum miliaceum</i> L.

(e) the following corrected Test Guidelines were published on the UPOV website:

Document No. N° du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name Nom botanique Botanischer Name Nombre botánico
TG/119/4 Corr.	Marrow, Squash	Courgette	Gartenkürbis, Zucchini	Calabacín	Cucurbita pepo L.
TG/230/1 Corr.	Sour cherry, Tart cherry, Morello  ----- Duke Cherry	Cerisier acide  ----- Griotte	Sauerkirsche  -----	Cerezo ácido, Guindo  ----- Cerezo Duke	<i>Prunus cerasus</i> L., <i>Cerasus vulgaris</i> Mill.  ----- <i>Prunus ×gondouinii</i> (Poit. & Turpin) Rehder, <i>P. avium</i> × <i>P. cerasus</i>

108. The Council is invited to note this report.

[Annexes follow]

## ANNEX I

## MEMBERS OF THE UNION

This Annex provides the status of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts, as of December 31, 2007 (see Articles 31 and 32 of the 1961 Convention, Article 32(1) of the 1978 Act and Article 34(2) of the 1991 Act).

- 1<sup>st</sup> line: International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961
- 2<sup>nd</sup> line: Additional Act of November 10, 1972
- 3<sup>rd</sup> line: Act of October 23, 1978
- 4<sup>th</sup> line: Act of March 19, 1991

Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date upon which State became bound
Albania	- - - -	- - - September 15, 2005	- - - October 15, 2005
Argentina	- - - -	- - November 25, 1994 -	- - December 25, 1994 -
Australia	- - - -	- - February 1, 1989 December 20, 1999	- - March 1, 1989 January 20, 2000
Austria	- - - -	- - June 14, 1994 June 1, 2004	- - July 14, 1994 July 1, 2004
Azerbaijan	- - - -	- - - November 9, 2004	- - - December 9, 2004
Belarus	- - - -	- - - December 5, 2002	- - - January 5, 2003
Belgium	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	November 5, 1976 November 5, 1976 - -	December 5, 1976 February 11, 1977 - -

Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date upon which State became bound
Bolivia	- - - -	- - April 21, 1999 -	- - May 21, 1999 -
Brazil	- - - -	- - April 23, 1999 -	- - May 23, 1999 -
Bulgaria	- - - -	- - - March 24, 1998	- - - April 24, 1998
Canada	- - October 31, 1979 March 9, 1992	- - February 4, 1991 -	- - March 4, 1991 -
Chile	- - - -	- - December 5, 1995 -	- - January 5, 1996 -
China	- - - -	- - March 23, 1999 -	- - April 23, 1999 -
Colombia	- - - -	- - August 13, 1996 -	- - September 13, 1996 -
Croatia	- - - -	- - - August 1, 2001	- - - September 1, 2001
Czech Republic <sup>1</sup>	- - - -	- - - October 24, 2002	- - January 1, 1993 November 24, 2002
Denmark	November 26, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 6, 1968 February 8, 1974 October 8, 1981 April 26, 1996	October 6, 1968 February 11, 1977 November 8, 1981 April 24, 1998

<sup>1</sup> Continuation of the accession of Czechoslovakia (instrument deposited on November 4, 1991; State bound on December 4, 1991).

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Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date upon which State became bound
Dominican Republic	- - - -	- - - May 16, 2007	- - - June 16, 2007
Ecuador	- - - -	- - July 8, 1997 -	- - August 8, 1997 -
Estonia	- - - -	- - - August 24, 2000	- - - September 24, 2000
European Community	- - - -	- - - June 29, 2005	- - - July 29, 2005
Finland	- - - -	- - March 16, 1993 June 20, 2001	- - April 16, 1993 July 20, 2001
France	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 3, 1971 January 22, 1975 February 17, 1983 -	October 3, 1971 February 11, 1977 March 17, 1983 -
Germany	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	July 11, 1968 July 23, 1976 March 12, 1986 June 25, 1998	August 10, 1968 February 11, 1977 April 12, 1986 July 25, 1998
Hungary	- - - -	- - March 16, 1983 December 1, 2002	- - April 16, 1983 January 1, 2003
Iceland	- - - -	- - - April 3, 2006	- - - May 3, 2006
Ireland	- - September 27, 1979 February 21, 1992	- - May 19, 1981 -	- - November 8, 1981 -

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Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date upon which State became bound
Israel	- - - October 23, 1991	November 12, 1979 November 12, 1979 April 12, 1984 June 3, 1996	December 12, 1979 December 12, 1979 May 12, 1984 April 24, 1998
Italy	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	June 1, 1977 June 1, 1977 April 28, 1986 -	July 1, 1977 July 1, 1977 May 28, 1986 -
Japan	- - October 17, 1979 -	- - August 3, 1982 November 24, 1998	- - September 3, 1982 December 24, 1998
Jordan	- - - -	- - - September 24, 2004	- - - October 24, 2004
Kenya	- - - -	- - April 13, 1999 -	- - May 13, 1999 -
Kyrgyzstan	- - - -	- - - May 26, 2000	- - - June 26, 2000
Latvia	- - - -	- - - July 30, 2002	- - - August 30, 2002
Lithuania	- - - -	- - - November 10, 2003	- - - December 10, 2003
Mexico	- - July 25, 1979 -	- - July 9, 1997 -	- - August 9, 1997 -
Moldova	- - - -	- - - September 28, 1998	- - - October 28, 1998

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Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date upon which State became bound
Morocco	- - - -	- - September 8, 2006	- - - October 8, 2006
Netherlands	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	August 8, 1967 January 12, 1977 August 2, 1984 October 14, 1996	August 10, 1968 February 11, 1977 September 2, 1984 April 24, 1998
New Zealand	- - July 25, 1979 December 19, 1991	- - November 3, 1980 -	- - November 8, 1981 -
Nicaragua	- - -	- - August 6, 2001 -	- - September 6, 2001 -
Norway	- - - -	- - August 13, 1993 -	- - September 13, 1993 -
Panama	- - - -	- - April 23, 1999 -	- - May 23, 1999 -
Paraguay	- - - -	- - January 8, 1997 -	- - February 8, 1997 -
Poland	- - - -	- - October 11, 1989 July 15, 2003	- - November 11, 1989 August 15, 2003
Portugal	- - - -	- - September 14, 1995 -	- - October 14, 1995 -
Republic of Korea	- - - -	- - - December 7, 2001	- - - January 7, 2002



Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date upon which State became bound
Romania	- - - -	- - - February 16, 2001	- - - March 16, 2001
Russian Federation	- - - -	- - - March 24, 1998	- - - April 24, 1998
Singapore	- - - -	- - - June 30, 2004	- - - July 30, 2004
Slovakia <sup>1</sup>	- - - -	- - - -	- - January 1, 1993 -
Slovenia	- - - -	- - - June 29, 1999	- - - July 29, 1999
South Africa	- - October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	October 7, 1977 October 7, 1977 July 21, 1981 -	November 6, 1977 November 6, 1977 November 8, 1981 -
Spain	- - - March 19, 1991	April 18, 1980 April 18, 1980 - June 18, 2007	May 18, 1980 May 18, 1980 - July 18, 2007
Sweden	- January 11, 1973 December 6, 1978 December 17, 1991	November 17, 1971 January 11, 1973 December 1, 1982 December 18, 1997	December 17, 1971 February 11, 1977 January 1, 1983 April 24, 1998
Switzerland	November 30, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	June 10, 1977 June 10, 1977 June 17, 1981 -	July 10, 1977 July 10, 1977 November 8, 1981 -
Trinidad and Tobago	- - - -	- - December 30, 1997 -	- - January 30, 1998 -

<sup>1</sup> Continuation of the accession of Czechoslovakia (instrument deposited on November 4, 1991; State bound on December 4, 1991).

Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date upon which State became bound
Tunisia	- - - -	- - - July 31, 2003	- - - August 31, 2003
Turkey	- - - -	- - - October 18, 2007	- - - November 18, 2007
Ukraine	- - - -	- - October 3, 1995 December 19, 2006	- - November 3, 1995 January 19, 2007
United Kingdom	November 26, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 17, 1965 July 1, 1980 August 24, 1983 December 3, 1998	August 10, 1968 July 31, 1980 September 24, 1983 January 3, 1999
United States of America	- - October 23, 1978 October 25, 1991	- - November 12, 1980 January 22, 1999	- - November 8, 1981 February 22, 1999
Uruguay	- - - -	- - October 13, 1994 -	- - November 13, 1994 -
Uzbekistan	- - - -	- - - October 14, 2004	- - - November 14, 2004
Viet Nam	- - - -	- - - November 24, 2006	- - - December 24, 2006

Total: 65 members

[Annex II follows]

## ANNEX II

## RESULTS TABLE

**Sub-program UV.2: Improved Services to Contracting Parties / Ensuring an Effective System of Plant Variety Protection**

In the legal and administrative, as well as in the technical areas, the Union has produced and adopted a considerable number of basic documents which enhance the understanding and the implementation of the provisions of the Convention in an internationally harmonized and effective way, and thus, further improve the quality of protection and reduce its cost at a national or regional level.

- Objectives:**
- ◆ To maintain and improve the quality of protection provided by the UPOV system.
  - ◆ To provide and develop the legal and technical basis for international cooperation in a harmonized approach to plant variety protection according to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

**Expected results****Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*1. Increased international harmonization of the implementation of the UPOV Convention*

*1. Administrative and legal guidance on how to implement the UPOV Convention proposed to or adopted by the UPOV Council or its Committees*

- The CAJ endorsed the conclusion of the Administrative and Legal Committee Advisory Group (CAJ-AG) that the General Introduction already provided guidance with respect to the term ‘common knowledge’ and that it would not be appropriate, for the time being, to pursue the development of document TGP/3 ‘Varieties of Common Knowledge’
- CAJ guidance on the relationship between an initial variety and essentially derived varieties
- Establishment of a list of contacts for the exchange of information on matters concerning variety denominations
- Presentations by members of the Union and the International Seed Federation (ISF) on experiences and initiatives for the development of electronic application forms and technical questionnaires
- Draft information materials concerning the UPOV Convention considered by the CAJ-AG in 2007 on:
  - Article 5(2) of the 1991 Act: Conditions of Protection (Article 6(2) of the 1978 Act); and Article 18 of the 1991 Act: Measures Regulating Commerce (Article 14 of the 1978 Act)
  - Article 14(2) of the 1991 Act: Acts in respect of harvested material (Article 5(4) of the 1978 Act); and Article 16 of the 1991 Act: Exhaustion of the Breeder’s Right
  - Article 14(5) of the 1991 Act: Essentially derived and certain other varieties
  - Article 15 of the 1991 Act: Exceptions to the Breeder’s Right (Article 5(3) of the 1978 Act)
  - Article 30(1)(i) of the 1991 Act: Implementation of the Convention: Provide for appropriate legal remedies for the effective enforcement of breeders’ rights (Article 30(1)(a) of the 1978 Act)
  - Explanatory notes on novelty under the UPOV Convention
- Overview of existing activities of UPOV in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders’ rights endorsed by the Consultative Committee and distributed to ISF and CIOPORA

**Expected results**

2. Increased international harmonization of technical specificities for the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS) of new varieties

**Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

2. *Guidance on the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability of new varieties proposed to, or adopted by, the UPOV Council or its Committees*

- TGP documents previously approved by the Technical Committee (TC) and published on the UPOV website:
  - TGP/0/1 “List of TGP Documents and Latest Issue Dates”
  - TGP/2/1 “List of Test Guidelines Adopted by UPOV”
  - TGP/5/1 “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing”
  - TGP/6/1 “Arrangements for DUS Testing”
  - TGP/7/1 “Development of Test Guidelines”
- Drafts of the following TGP documents advanced in the CAJ, TC and/or the Technical Working Parties:
  - TGP/4 “Constitution and Maintenance of Variety Collections”
  - TGP/5 (revision) “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing”
  - TGP/8 “Use of Statistical Procedures in DUS Testing”
  - TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”
  - TGP/10 “Examining Uniformity”
  - TGP/11 “Examining Stability”
  - TGP/12 “Special Characteristics”
  - TGP/13 “Guidance for New Types and Species”
  - TGP/14 “Glossary of Technical, Botanical and Statistical Terms Used in UPOV Documents”
- 18 Test Guidelines\* adopted by the TC, comprising:
  - 9 revised Test Guidelines: TWA (-), TWF (2), TWO (3), TWV (4)

Africa:	ZA (0.5)
Americas:	CA (1)
Europe:	DE (2), FR (1.5), HU/FR/QZ (1), NL (2), PL (1)
  - 9 new Test Guidelines: TWA (1), TWF (-), TWO (4), TWV (4)

Americas:	CA (1), MX (1.5)
Asia/Pacific:	AU (1), JP (1)
Europe:	DE (2), FR (1.5), UA (1)

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\* Number in brackets: 0.5 means that there was shared responsibility with another Technical Working Party or with a Leading Expert from another member of the Union.

**Expected results**

2. *Increased international harmonization of technical specificities for the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability(DUS) of new varieties (continued)*

**Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

- 66 draft Test Guidelines advanced by the Technical Working Parties, comprising
  - 22 revisions: TWA (2), TWF (5), TWO (7), TWV (8)

Americas: BR (1), CA (1)  
Asia/Pacific: JP (1), NZ (1)  
Europe: DE (4.5), DK (1), ES (0.5), FR (4.5), GB (1), HU (0.5), NL (6)

- 44 new Test Guidelines: TWA (10), TWF (8.5), TWO (13), TWV (12.5)

Africa: KE (0.5), ZA (1)  
Americas: AR (1), BR (5), EC (0.5), MX (6), UY (1)  
Asia/Pacific: CN (1.5), JP (4.5), KR (1), SG (2)  
Europe: ES (1.5), FR (6.5), GB (2), HU (1), NL (3), QZ (1), SK (1), UA (1)  
Near/Middle East: IL (3)

Total of 26 members of the Union involved in drafting Test Guidelines.

- 297 experts representing 33 members of the Union (members), 2 observer States (obs) and 3 observer organizations (orgs) participated in the Technical Working Parties as follows:
  - TWA (Hungary):  
29 members (60 participants) / 1 obs (3) / 2 orgs (2)
  - TWC (Romania):  
14 members (29 participants)
  - TWF (Republic of Korea):  
12 members (58 participants) / 1 org (1)
  - TWO (China):  
18 members (100 participants) / 1 obs (3) / 1 org (1)
  - TWV (Kenya):  
17 members (38 participants) / 1 org (2)
  - BMT (no meeting)
- 174 experts representing 22 members / 1 obs / 2 orgs participated in the Preparatory Workshops as follows:
  - TWA: 10 members (23 participants) / 1 obs (3)
  - TWC: 7 members (13 participants)
  - TWF: 5 members (35 participants) / 1 org (1)
  - TWO: 6 members (78 participants) / 1 org (1)
  - TWV: 13 members (18 participants) / 1 org (2)

3. *Clarification of the role of publication of variety descriptions*

3. *Policy on publication of variety descriptions proposed to or adopted by the UPOV Council*

Project to consider the publication of variety descriptions:

- The TC agreed that no further meeting of the *Ad hoc* Working Group on the Publication of Variety Descriptions (WG-PVD) should be arranged unless or until specific proposals were developed for the consideration of the WG-PVD by the TC or by aTWP.

**Expected results**

*4. Improved accessibility of information relevant for examination of applications*

**Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators**

*4. Databases*

- Program agreed by the TC for the improvement of the UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database as follows:
  - (a) introduction of the UPOV code;
    - *60% of the entries contained in the UPOV-ROM supplied with UPOV codes*
  - (b) improving the ease of contributing data to the UPOV-ROM through the development of a data submission table allowing data to be provided without the use of TAG format;
    - *under development*
  - (c) providing training in the use of the UPOV-ROM;
    - *training in the use of the UPOV-ROM incorporated in relevant UPOV workshops and Distance Learning Course DL-205 "Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention".*
  - (d) development of web-based version of Plant Variety Databases.
    - *schedule for the development of an initial prototype of the web-based Plant Variety Database will depend on the resources needed to advance the three priorities set out in (a) to (c) above*
- Standardized classification of genera and species for improved database performance: approximately 250 new UPOV codes created (Total number of UPOV codes: 6,150 (approx.))
- GENIE database launched on first-restricted area of UPOV website and database updated for:
  - UPOV codes (see above)
  - status of protection by genus / species within UPOV (based on document C/41/6)
  - information on cooperation in examination (based on document C/41/5)
  - experience in DUS testing (based on document TC/43/4)
  - variety denomination classes (based on UPOV/INF/12/1)

### Sub-Program UV.3: Extending the Coverage of Protection of New Varieties of Plants

The Union has assisted a number of States in the implementation of plant variety protection based on the UPOV Convention. It has also provided advice to governments, mainly of developing countries and countries in transition to a market economy, in the adoption of relevant legislation.

- Objectives:**
- ◆ To assist States and certain organizations in implementing an effective plant variety rights system.
  - ◆ To assist States and certain organizations, particularly governments of developing countries and countries in transition to a market economy, in the preparation and enactment of legislation conforming with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

#### Expected results

#### Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators

*1. Introduction of a legal basis of plant variety protection according to the UPOV system by a growing number of States and inter-governmental organizations*

*1.1 Number of comments on laws and regulations.*

Bahrain, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Montenegro, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

*1.2 Comments provided on laws and regulations which are known to have been taken into account by States and intergovernmental organizations.*

Cambodia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, Montenegro, Serbia, United Republic of Tanzania and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

*2. Implementation of plant variety protection*

*2.1 Number of training activities initiated/implemented.*

Training activities initiated by the Office and implemented by members of the Union:

- Training program for Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chairperson, and Mr. R.K. Trivedi, Registrar, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority of India (Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, June 2007)

Training activities organized by UPOV:

- National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection, Islamabad, January 2007
- Workshop on Plant Variety Protection – A Key to Economic Development, Livingstone, Zambia, March 2007
- Regional Seminar on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention and Workshop on DUS Examination and Data Handling, Nairobi, Kenya, June 2007
- Briefing session for Thai officials and representatives of Organizations, Bangkok, Thailand, June 2007
- Eighth Asian Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Variety Protection, Chang Mai, Thailand, June 2007
- Sixth Training course for Ibero-American countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, organized by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and WIPO, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, July 2007
- Third West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, Cholponata, Kyrgyzstan, September 2007

<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
2. <i>Implementation of plant variety protection (continued)</i>	<p>UPOV made presentations at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– FAO and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Workshop on Regional Seed Regulations Harmonization, Islamabad, Pakistan, January 2007</li><li>– Executive Committee of the British Association of Rose Breeders (BARB), London, United Kingdom, February 2007</li><li>– Expert Committee on the Protection of Plant Varieties (<i>Fachausschuß für den Schutz von Pflanzenzüchtungen</i>) of the <i>Deutsche Vereinigung für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz</i>, Munich, Germany, February 2007</li><li>– Agricultural Industries Confederation/British Society of Plant Breeders (AIC/BSPB) Working Group on Royalty Systems, Peterborough, United Kingdom, February 2007</li><li>– Conference on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants and Related Matters in the Context of Article 27.3(b) of the TRIPS Agreement for African Delegates organized by GEVES, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2007</li><li>– WIPO Worldwide Academy course “Training WIPO Staff”, Geneva, Switzerland, April 2007</li><li>– Conference on Plant Breeders’ Rights in the Americas, Cuernavaca, Mexico, April 2007</li><li>– Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) course “Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property”, Svalöf, Sweden, May 2007</li><li>– ISF World Seed Congress 2007 and ISF Breeders’ Committee, Christchurch, New Zealand, May 2007</li><li>– “Business-oriented Overview of Intellectual Property for Law and Management Students”, UPOV/WIPO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2007</li><li>– Tenth Plant Variety Protection Course, Natkuinbouw, Wageningen, Netherlands, June 2007</li><li>– Interregional Seminar organized by WIPO and African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), WIPO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2007</li><li>– WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2007</li><li>– WIPO the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC), Geneva, Switzerland, July 2007</li><li>– European Patent Academy Public Seminar “The Industrial Property Business”, Munich, Germany, July 2007</li><li>– WIPO Summer School on Intellectual Property, Geneva, Switzerland, July 2007</li><li>– EUCARPIA Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses 2007, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 2007</li><li>– Training Course on Plant Variety Protection organized by the Korean International Cooperation Agency, Seoul, Republic of Korea, August 2007</li><li>– WIPO Workshop on Intellectual Property for Geneva-based Permanent Representatives of members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Group and WIPO meeting with leading officials of the OIC Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland, September 2007</li></ul>



<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
<i>2. Implementation of plant variety protection (continued)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights, organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Tskuba, Japan, October 2007</li><li>– Workshop on the Cooperation and Harmonization in Plant Variety Protection in the Asian Region, organized by the MAFF of Japan, Tokyo, Japan, October 2007</li><li>– Fifth Symposium on the Taxonomy of Cultivated Plants, Wageningen, Netherlands, October 2007</li><li>– Master of Laws (LL.M) in Intellectual Property organized by WIPO and the University of Turin, Geneva, Switzerland, November 2007</li><li>– Second International Seed Trade Conference in CWANA Region, Cairo, Egypt, November 2007</li><li>– Eleventh Session of the Council of Ministers of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Maseru, Lesotho, November 2007</li></ul>
	<p><i>2.2 Number of participants in the UPOV distance learning courses</i></p> <p>UPOV DL-205 "Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention"</p> <p>Session I (April / May 2007): 272 participants Session II (September / October 2007): 186 participants</p> <p>(for a breakdown of the students participating in the DL-205 Course, see Appendix)</p>
<i>3. Geographical expansion of the UPOV system</i>	<p><i>3. Additional members of the Union</i></p> <p>Dominican Republic, Turkey</p>
<i>4. Number of genera and species for which protection is offered</i>	<p><i>4.1 Number of genera/species protected by members of the Union.</i></p> <p>At the end of 2007, a total of 41 members of the Union offered protection for all plant genera and species (38 in 2006) and 24 members of the Union offered protection for a limited number of plant genera and species (25 in 2006) (see document C/41/6).</p> <p>The following members of the Union extended their lists of protected plant genera and species in 2007: Belarus, Panama, Republic of Korea, Viet Nam</p> <p>Number of plant genera and species with PBR entries in the UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database: 2,654 (Aug. 2008) (2,522 in Aug. 2007)</p>

<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
<i>5. Strengthening of international cooperation and specialization in plant variety protection</i>	<i>5.1 General cooperation</i> Authorities which will provide existing DUS reports to any member of the Union: AU  Authorities which will, for any species for which they have experience in DUS examination, provide existing DUS reports to any member of the Union: CA, DE, QZ, UY  Authorities which will accept DUS reports from any other member of the Union: AU (except <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.)
	<i>5.2 Number of specific bilateral and regional arrangements on plant variety protection.</i>  Agreement for cooperation in variety testing extends to approximately 1,360 genera or species (570 in 2006) – excluding general cooperation as in 5.1 (see document C/41/5)
	<i>5.3 Publication of information on available experience in DUS testing</i>  Practical experience in examination of DUS reported for approximately 2,000 genera or species (1,900 in 2006) - see document TC/43/4
<i>6. Incentives for the development of agriculture and the overall economy of the States and intergovernmental organizations concerned</i>	<i>6.1 Number of titles granted.</i> 9,771 titles granted by members of the Union in 2006 (see document C/41/7)
	<i>6.2 Number of titles in force</i>  70,649 titles in force with members of the Union at the end of 2006 (see document C/41/7)

## Sub-Program UV.4: External Relations

UPOV's public profile continues to become more visible. Intergovernmental organizations, such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Council for TRIPS) of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Conference of the Parties for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and research institutes of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) have invited UPOV to contribute to their work. International professional associations have intensified contact with UPOV. Reference to UPOV has been made in bilateral international agreements on trade. Understanding of UPOV's role and activities have improved. UPOV's improved website has continued to receive increased interest.

- Objectives:**
- ◆ To increase public awareness of UPOV and strengthen its impact.
  - ◆ To increase the understanding of UPOV's role and activities.
  - ◆ To develop UPOV's corporate image.
  - ◆ To maintain the attractiveness of the UPOV system

### Expected results

*1. Recognition of the importance of the UPOV system by relevant Organizations*

### Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators

*1.1 Number of occasions UPOV was invited to participate in or to make presentations at meetings of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations*

- ARIPO, CBD, the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), OAPI, WIPO's IGC, the WTO Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Council for TRIPS), IT/PGRFA the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), OECD and SADC.

- Invitations from international breeders' and growers' associations

Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA)

European Seed Association (ESA)

International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)

International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA)

International Seed Federation (ISF)

African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA)

British Society of Plant Breeders (BSPB)

The British Association of Rose Breeders (BARB)

EUCARPIA

French *Groupement national interprofessionnel des semences et plants* (GNIS)



APPENDIX

STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR THE  
UPOV DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE (DL-205)  
2007 Sessions

Session I, 2007: April/May		
Category	Students from	Number of students
<u>Category 1</u> Officials of members of the Union	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, European Community, Estonia, France, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam	181
<u>Category 2</u> Officials of observer States / intergovernmental organizations	Algeria, Costa Rica, Gabon, Greece, Guatemala, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritius, Myanmar, Pakistan, Turkey, World Trade Organization (WTO)	13
<u>Category 3 (Paying)</u> Others	France, Italy, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland	9
Asian Regional Technical Meeting (ARTM)		49
Sixth Training course for Ibero-American countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (SRZ)		9
Plant Variety Protection Course, Wageningen (Netherlands)		11
TOTAL		272

Session II, 2007: September/October		
Category	Students from	Number of students
<u>Category 1</u> Officials of members of the Union	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, European Community, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam	140
<u>Category 2</u> Officials of observer States / intergovernmental organizations	Algeria, Costa Rica, Gabon, Greece, Guatemala, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritius, Myanmar, Pakistan, Turkey, World Trade Organization (WTO)	10
<u>Category 3 (Paying)</u> Others	Australia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America	25
Japan International Cooperation Agency Training Course (JICA)		10
TOTAL		186

[Annex III follows]

## ANNEX III

## OVERVIEW OF MISSIONS IN 2007

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<p>First FAO/ECO Workshop on Regional Seed Regulations Harmonization</p> <p>Meeting with officials from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Pakistan Agriculture Research Council</li> <li>– Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Pakistan</li> <li>– Intellectual Property Organization</li> </ul> <p>National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention</p>	Islamabad, Pakistan (January)	Jördens
<p>OECD Extended Advisory Group</p> <p>Second meeting of the OECD Working Group on Varietal Identity and Varietal Purity</p>	Paris, France (January)	Button
<p>Expert Committee on the Protection of Plant Varieties (<i>Fachausschuß für den Schutz von Pflanzenzüchtungen</i>) of the <i>Deutsche Vereinigung für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz (GRUR)</i></p>	Munich, Germany (February)	Jördens
<p>Executive Committee of the British Association of Rose Breeders (BARB)</p> <p>British Society of Plant Breeders (BSPB)</p> <p>Joint Agricultural Industries Confederation / British Society of Plant Breeders (AIC/BSPB) Working Group on Royalty Systems</p>	<p>London, United Kingdom (February)</p> <p>Ely, United Kingdom (February)</p> <p>Peterborough, United Kingdom (February)</p>	Button
<p>Information Technology Support for the Implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit Sharing under the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (IT/PGRFA) (FAO)</p>	Rome, Italy (February)	Jördens
<p>Workshop on Plant Variety Protection – A Key to Economic Development</p> <p>2007 Annual Congress of AFSTA</p>	Livingstone, Zambia (March)	Jördens
<p>Administrative Council of the CPVO</p>	Angers, France (March)	Jördens

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<i>Ad hoc</i> Crop Subgroup on Molecular Techniques for Potato	Quimper, France (April)	Button, Lavignolle, Tabata
<i>Ad hoc</i> Crop Subgroup on Molecular Techniques for Rose	Angers, France (April)	
Conference on Plant Breeders' Rights in the Americas (CIOPORA)	Cuernavaca, Mexico (April)	Lavignolle
Half-day training session on plant variety protection during the "Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Course" (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida))	Svalöf, Sweden (May)	Jördens
World Seed Congress 2007 (ISF)	Christchurch, New Zealand (May)	Jördens
ISF Workshop on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights on Plant Varieties		
Tenth Plant Variety Protection Course (Natkuinbouw)	Wageningen, Netherlands (June)	Huerta
Regional Seminar on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention and Workshop on DUS Examination and Data Handling	Nairobi, Kenya (June)	Jördens, Lavignolle
Preparatory Workshop TWV and forty-first session of TWV	Nairobi, Kenya (June)	Button, Lavignolle
Meeting with the Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand (June)	Jördens, Tabata
Eighth Asian Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Variety Protection	Chiang Mai, Thailand (June)	Jördens, Button, Tabata
Preparatory Workshop TWO and fortieth session of TWO	Kunming, China (July)	Button, Tabata
Preparatory Workshop TWF and thirty-eighth session of TWF	Jeju, Republic of Korea (July)	
WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property (WTO headquarters)	Geneva, Switzerland (July)	Jördens
OECD Workshop on Variety Synonyms	Paris, France (July)	Huerta



<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
European Patent Academy Public Seminar “The Industrial Property Business” (EPO)	Munich, Germany (July)	Jördens
Annual Meeting of the OECD Seed Schemes	Paris, France (July)	
Third Meeting of the OECD Working Group on Varietal Identity and Varietal Purity	Paris, France (July)	
Sixth Training course for Ibero-American Countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants	Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia (July)	Lavignolle
EUCARPIA Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses 2007, Section Meeting	Copenhagen, Denmark (August)	Button
KOICA Training Course on Plant Variety Protection	Seoul, Republic of Korea (August)	Huerta
Meeting with government officials of Cambodia on the drafting of the legislation on plant variety protection	Phnom Penh, Cambodia (August)	
Meeting with officials of the Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) and the Agricultural and Veterinary Administration of Singapore	Singapore (August)	
Preparatory Workshop TWC and twenty-fifth session of TWC	Sibiu, Romania (September)	Button, Lavignolle
Third West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Cholponata, Kyrgyz Republic (September)	Jördens, Tabata
JICA Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders’ Rights	Tsukuba, Japan (October)	Tabata
Workshop on the Cooperation and Harmonization in Plant Variety Protection in the Asian Region	Tokyo, Japan (October)	Jördens, Tabata
ESA Annual Meeting 2007 and European Seed Trade Meeting	Brussels, Belgium (October)	Button
Fifth Symposium on the Taxonomy of Cultivated Plants	Wageningen, Netherlands (October)	
Intellectual Property Committee at the ISF Autumn Meetings	Athens, Greece (October)	Jördens, Button
Second Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (IT/PGRFA) (FAO)	Rome, Italy (October)	Jördens

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Second International Seed Trade Conference in CWANA Region	Cairo, Egypt (November)	Jördens
Eleventh Session of the Council of Ministers of ARIPO	Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho (November)	
Annual Meeting of the CPVO	Angers, France (November)	Button
Meeting with USPTO officials	Chicago, United States of America (December)	Button, Lavignolle
<i>Ad hoc</i> Crop Subgroup on Molecular Techniques for Maize		
Meeting with government officials of Costa Rica	San José, Costa Rica	Lavignolle

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