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## I. COMPOSITION OF THE UNION

### Members

1. On December 31, 2008, the Union had 67 members. The following States became members of the Union:

(a) on October 29, 2008, Georgia deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention entered into force in respect of Georgia on November 29, 2008; and

(b) on December 12, 2008, Costa Rica deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention entered into force in respect of Costa Rica on January 12, 2009.

2. The 67 members of the Union, on December 31, 2008, were the following: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica (January 12, 2009), Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, 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

3. On August 1, 2008, Switzerland, 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 September 1, 2008.

4. On December 31, 2008, 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) 23 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, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay;

(c) 43 members were bound by the 1991 Act, namely: Albania, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, European Community, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

5. Annex I provides the status of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts, as of December 31, 2008.

#### Future Members

6. Under Article 34(3) of the 1991 Act, “[a]ny 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.”

7. By letter dated November 30, 2007, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia requested the examination of the Law on New Varieties of Agricultural Plants.

8. By Note dated February 25, 2008, the Republic of Serbia requested the examination of the Draft Law on the Protection of Plant Breeder’s Rights.

9. By letter dated March 19, 2008, Montenegro requested the examination of the Draft Law on Protection of Plant Varieties.

10. By letter dated March 27, 2008, the Republic of Costa Rica requested the examination of the Law No. 8631 on Protection of New Varieties of Plants and the Motion to the Draft Law on Amendments and Additions of Various Norms Regulating Intellectual Property-Related Matters (File 16.955).

11. By Note dated September 10, 2008, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia requested the examination of the Draft Law on the Breeder’s Rights.

12. By letter dated October 2, 2008, Bosnia and Herzegovina requested the examination of the Law on Protection of New Varieties of Plants.

13. At its twenty-fifth extraordinary session, held in Geneva on April 11, 2008, the Council examined the conformity of the Law on New Varieties of Agricultural Plants of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Draft Law on the Protection of Plant Breeder’s Rights of the Republic of Serbia, the Draft Law on Protection of Plant Varieties of Montenegro, the Law No. 8631 on Protection of New Varieties of Plants and the Motion to the Draft Law on Amendments and Additions of Various Norms Regulating Intellectual Property-Related Matters (File 16.955) of the Republic of Costa Rica with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

14. In respect of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the analysis in document C(Extr.)/25/4;

“(b) recommend that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia incorporate the additional provisions and amendments in the Law, as provided in document C(Extr.)/25/4, and recommend that 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, at the earliest opportunity, to the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in drafting the necessary additional provisions and amendments to the Law; and

“(d) authorize the Secretary-General to inform the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia of that decision.”

15. In respect of the Republic of Serbia, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the analysis in document C(Extr.)/25/5 and the information provided by the Delegation of Serbia that it intends to:

“(i) amend paragraph 1 of Article 22 of the Draft Law on the duration of the breeder’s right, to read as follows “The breeder’s right to the protected variety shall expire 25 years after the grant thereof or 30 years after the grant thereof in case of trees and vines”;

“(ii) delete paragraph 3 of Article 29 of the Draft Law;

“(iii) delete Article 35 of the Draft Law; and

“(b) subject to the introduction of the recommended changes in the Draft Law, as identified in document C(Extr.)/25/5 and the replacement of “90 days” by “three months” in paragraph 2 of Article 17, take a positive decision on the conformity of the Draft Law on the Protection of Plant Breeder’s Rights of the Republic of Serbia with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants; which allows that, once the changes have been incorporated in the Draft Law and the Law is adopted and in force, the Republic of Serbia may deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act;

“(c) request the Office of the Union to offer its assistance to the Government of the Republic of Serbia in the incorporation of the changes in the Draft Law identified in document C(Extr.)/25/5; and

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

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

“(a) take note of the analysis in document C(Extr.)/25/6 and the additional information provided by the Delegation of Montenegro that it intends to move Article 42(3) to Article 44 of the Draft Law;

“(b) take a positive decision on the conformity of the Draft Law on Protection of Plant Varieties of Montenegro with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, which allows that, subject to the replacement of “90 days” by “three months” in Article 19, once the Law is adopted and in force, Montenegro may deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act; and

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

17. In respect of the Republic of Costa Rica, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the analysis in document C(Extr.)/25/7 and the clarification provided by the Delegation of Costa Rica that the second paragraph of Article 31 of the Law was not contrary to the provision on national treatment;

“(b) take a positive decision on the conformity of the Law on Protection of New Varieties of Plants of the Republic of Costa Rica, subject to the adoption of the proposed amendments of Articles 2, 3 and 8 of the Law in the Motion to the Draft Law, with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants; which allows that, once the proposed amendments in the Motion to the Draft Law are adopted, with no changes, and in force, the Republic of Costa Rica may deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act; and

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

18. At its forty-second ordinary session, held in Geneva on October 30, 2008, the Council examined the conformity of the Draft Law on the Breeder’s Rights of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Law on Protection of New Varieties of Plants of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

19. In respect of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the analysis in document C/42/18 document;

“(b) take a positive decision on the conformity of the Draft Law on the Breeder’s Rights of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, which allows that, once the Draft Law is adopted and the Law in force, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia may deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act; and

“(c) authorize the Secretary-General to inform the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia of that decision.”

20. In respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the analysis in document C/42/19;

“(b) recommend that Bosnia and Herzegovina incorporate the additional provisions and amendments in the Law, as provided in document C/42/19, and recommend that 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, at the earliest opportunity, to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina in drafting the necessary additional provisions and amendments to the Law; and

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

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

### Council

21. The Council held its twenty-fifth extraordinary session on April 11, 2008, under the chairmanship of Mr. Doug Waterhouse (Australia), President of the Council. The session was attended by 40 members of the Union, five observer States and two observer organizations. The report of that session is presented in document C(Extr.)/25/10. At that session, the Council:

(a) examined the conformity of the Law on New Varieties of Agricultural Plants of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Draft Law on the Protection of Plant Breeder's Rights of the Republic of Serbia, the Draft Law on Protection of Plant Varieties of Montenegro, as well as the Law No. 8631 on Protection of New Varieties of Plants and the Motion to the Draft Law on Amendments and Additions of Various Norms Regulating Intellectual Property-Related Matters (File 16.955) of the Republic of Costa Rica with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention; and

(b) noted an oral report on the work of the seventy-fifth session of the Consultative Committee, held on April 10 and 11, 2008;

(c) adopted documents TGP/4/1 "Constitution and Maintenance of Variety Collections" and TGP/9/1 "Examining Distinctness"; and

(d) decided not to take a decision on a one-year extension of the current appointment of the Vice Secretary-General and to consider a three-year extension at the forty-second ordinary session of the Council to be held on October 30, 2008.

22. The Council held its forty-second ordinary session on October 30, 2008, also under the chairmanship of Mr. Doug Waterhouse. The session was attended by 43 members of the Union, 10 observer States and seven observer organizations. The report of that session is presented in document C/42/21. At that session, the Council:

(a) appointed Mr. Francis Gurry as the new Secretary-General of UPOV for the period from October 30, 2008 to September 30, 2014;

(b) examined the Draft Law on the Breeder's Rights of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Law on Protection of New Varieties of Plants of Bosnia and Herzegovina for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention;

(c) noted an oral report on the work of the seventy-sixth session of the Consultative Committee, held on October 29 and on the morning of October 30, 2008;

(d) adopted document TGP/10/1 "Examining Uniformity" and revisions to document TGP/5 "Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing" (Introduction, Section 1/2, Section 2/2, Section 4/2, Section 5/2, Section 6/2, Section 7/2 and Section 11/1).

(e) noted the new measures agreed by the Consultative Committee to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and time flexibility of the UPOV sessions; in particular, it agreed that requests for examination of laws should reach the Office of the Union at least three weeks prior to the week of the relevant Council session. It also agreed that, in general, in cases when

requests were received later than that deadline, they would be considered at the subsequent session of the Council;

(f) approved the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Union in 2007 and noted the report on the activities in the first nine months of 2008;

(g) approved the accounts for the 2006-2007 financial period and noted the report of the auditor on the accounts of the 2006-2007 biennium;

(h) noted the status of payment of contributions and the working capital fund participations;

(i) noted that the Consultative Committee, at its seventy-sixth session, had agreed that:

(1) provisions concerning an external audit committee and internal audit for UPOV should be considered in parallel with the revision of the Financial Regulations and Rules of UPOV; and

(2) the Office of the Union should prepare a document for consideration at its seventy-seventh session, to be held on April 3, 2009, setting out possible approaches for the process of revising the Financial Regulations and Rules of UPOV, on the basis of discussions at its seventy-sixth session and a clarification of the proposal made by the Delegation of Germany. The Consultative Committee had noted that that timetable would mean that it would not be possible to make changes to the structure of the draft program and budget for the 2010-2011 biennium;

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

(k) approved the programs of work of the Technical Committee (TC) and Technical Working Parties (TWPs) as set out in document C/42/10;

(l) approved the calendar of meetings in 2009;

(m) decided to extend the term of the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General until November 30, 2010;

(n) elected Mr. Joël Guiard (France) as Vice-Chairman of the TC for the term 2008 to 2010;

(o) elected, in each case for a term of three years ending with the forty-fifth ordinary session of the Council, in 2011:

(1) Mr. Dirk Theobald (European Community), Chairman, Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA);

(2) Mr. Gerie van der Heijden (Netherlands), Chairman, Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC);

- (3) Mrs. Bronislava Bátorová (Slovakia), Chairperson, Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF);
- (4) Ms. Andrea Menne (Germany), Chairperson, Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO);
- (5) Mrs. Radmila Safarikova (Czech Republic), Chairperson, Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV);
- (6) Mr. Andy Mitchell (United Kingdom), Chairman, Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT);

(p) noted documents and oral reports on the situation in the legislative, administrative and technical fields related to plant variety protection, as presented by members and observers, and noted that a revised document on “Plant Variety Protection Statistics” for the period 2002-2006 (document C/41/7 Rev.) had been produced. It noted that a revised version of document C/42/7 would be produced if further data for 2007 was received; no decisions were called for under this agenda item; and

(q) awarded a UPOV Gold Medal to Mr. Kamil Idris, the former Secretary-General of UPOV from December 1997 to September 2008.

#### Consultative Committee

23. The Consultative Committee held its seventy-fifth session on April 10 and 11, 2008, under the chairmanship of Mr. Doug Waterhouse, President of the Council (Australia). In addition to the preliminary examination of the Law on New Varieties of Agricultural Plants of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Draft Law on the Protection of Plant Breeder’s Rights of the Republic of Serbia, the Draft Law on Protection of Plant Varieties of Montenegro, the Law No. 8631 on Protection of New Varieties of Plants and the Motion to the Draft Law on Amendments and Additions of Various Norms Regulating Intellectual Property-Related Matters (File 16.955) of the Republic of Costa Rica (see paragraph 21 (a) above), the Consultative Committee:

(a) undertook a preliminary examination of documents TGP/4/1 “Constitution and Maintenance of Variety Collections” and TGP/9/1 “Examining Distinctness” and recommended their adoption by the Council;

(b) recommended not to take a decision on a one-year extension of the current appointment of the Vice Secretary-General and to consider a three-year extension at the forty-second ordinary session of the Council to be held on October 30, 2008;

(c) was informed of the meetings and activities concerning biodiversity, plant genetic resources and plant variety protection, and recommended the adoption of a decision by the Council for consideration by the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at its ninth meeting, to be held in Bonn, Germany, from May 19 to 30, 2008; it further agreed that a document be prepared for the twenty-fifth extraordinary session of the Council, accordingly;



(d) noted the developments concerning the preparation of the World Seed Conference which would be held in 2009 and a Symposium on Contracts in Relation to Plant Breeders' Rights, which would be held in Geneva on October 31, 2008;

(e) endorsed the proposals to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and time flexibility of the UPOV sessions and noted that those measures would be presented to the Council at its forty-second ordinary session on October 30, 2008;

(f) recommended to the Council that, with respect to any future opinion on whether India and Zimbabwe have acted expeditiously to complete their legislation and any UPOV formalities and to effect the deposit, the opinion on whether that condition had been fulfilled should be the responsibility of the Consultative Committee;

(g) recommended to the Council to request the Office of the Union to prepare a document containing a draft text of the UPOV Financial Regulations and Rules for consideration at its forty-second ordinary session, to be held in Geneva, on October 30, 2008; and

(h) was informed 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").

24. The Consultative Committee held its seventy-sixth session on October 29, 2008, under the chairmanship of Mr. Doug Waterhouse, President of the Council (Australia). In addition to the preliminary examination of the the Draft Law on the Breeder's Rights of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Law on Protection of New Varieties of Plants of Bosnia and Herzegovina (see paragraph 22 (b) above), the Consultative Committee:

(a) undertook a preliminary examination of document TGP/10/1 "Examining Uniformity" and revisions to document TGP/5 "Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing" (Introduction, Section 1/2, Section 2/2, Section 4/2, Section 5/2, Section 6/2, Section 7/2 and Section 11/1), and recommended their adoption by the Council;

(b) discussed the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General and recommended to the Council an extension until November 30, 2010; it agreed that the Office of the Union should prepare a document for its seventy-seventh session on the procedure for appointing a new Vice Secretary-General;

(c) approved the arrangement between UPOV and WIPO, concerning the UPOV Plant Variety Database;

(d) endorsed and recommended to the Council to note the new measures agreed by the Committee to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and time flexibility of the UPOV sessions as presented in document C/42/13;

(e) agreed that provisions concerning an external audit committee and internal audit for UPOV should be considered in parallel with the revision of the Financial Regulations and Rules of UPOV;

(f) agreed that the Office of the Union should prepare a document for consideration at its seventy-seventh session, setting out possible approaches for the process of revising the Financial Regulations and Rules of UPOV, on the basis of discussions at its seventy-sixth session and a clarification of the proposal made by the Delegation of Germany. It was noted that that timetable would mean that it would not be possible to make changes to the structure of the draft program and budget for the 2010-2011 biennium;

(g) discussed the systematic approach for providing assistance in the development of plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention and approved the development of an “Assistance” webpage on the UPOV website and the proposal to pursue extra-budgetary resources;

(h) 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

(i) noted the developments concerning the Second World Seed Conference, to be held from September 8 to 10, 2009, at the FAO headquarters, Rome, and approved the allocation of 10,000 SFr. for operating costs;

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

25. The CAJ held its fifty-seventh session on April 10, 2008, and its fifty-eighth session on October 27 and 28, 2008, respectively. The Administrative and Legal Committee Advisory Group (CAJ-AG) held its third session on November 1, 2008. The TC held its forty-fourth session from April 7 to 9, 2008. The Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC) held meetings on January 8 and April 7 and 8, 2008. Further information on the work of the CAJ and the TC is contained in documents C/42/9, C/43/9, C/42/10 and C/43/10.

26. The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) held its thirty-ninth session in Lisbon, Portugal, from June 2 to 6, 2008. The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO) held its forty-first session in Wageningen, Netherlands, from June 9 to 13, 2008. The Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) held its forty-second session in Cracow, Poland, from June 23 to 27, 2008. The Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) held its thirty-seventh session in Nelspruit, South Africa, from July 14 to 18, 2008. The Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC) held its twenty-sixth session in Jeju, Republic of Korea, from September 2 to 5, 2008. The Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT) held its eleventh session in Madrid, Spain, from September 16 to 18, 2008. Each of those Technical Working Party sessions was preceded by a preparatory workshop.

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

#### Individual activities

27. On January 17, in Bonn, Germany, the Office of the Union (“the Office”) held a discussion with representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of Germany regarding UPOV budget matters. It also participated in the opening ceremony and related events of the “International Green Week” in Berlin, on January 17 and 18.
28. From January 21 to 25, the Office attended the Sixth Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS WG-6) of the CBD, which took place at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. The main objective of the session was to consider an international regime of access and benefit-sharing which is to be adopted by the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (COP-10) to be held in Nagoya, Japan, in 2010.
29. On January 22, in Paris, France, the Office attended a meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.
30. On January 23 and 24, in Paris, the Office attended the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Varietal Purity and Varietal Identity of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
31. On January 24 and 25, in Paris, the Office attended the OECD Extended Advisory Group Meeting.
32. On January 30, in Geneva, a meeting took place between the Office and representatives of the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Varieties (CIOPORA) on ways in which to enhance the cooperation between UPOV and CIOPORA.
33. On February 5 and 6, in Geneva, consultation meetings took place with Mr. Yuri Rogovskiy, Deputy Chairman, State Commission of the Russian Federation for Selection Achievements Test and Protection, and the Office on the establishment of the official text of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention in the Russian Language.
34. On February 11, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, the Office organized a National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy (MIME) of Cambodia and with the financial assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan. The Office gave presentations on the UPOV Convention, examination of varieties and cooperation in plant variety protection. Experiences in plant variety protection were presented by Japan, Switzerland and Viet Nam. The Workshop was attended by 63 participants.
35. On February 12, also in Phnom Penh, the Office held a consultation meeting with officials from the Government of Cambodia on recommended amendments to the Draft Law on Plant Breeders’ Rights and the accession procedure to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

36. On February 14, in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Office organized a National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention together with the Department of Intellectual Property, Standardization and Metrology (DISM) of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and with the financial assistance of the MAFF of Japan. Some 35 participants were present.
37. On February 15, also in Vientiane, the Office held a consultation meeting with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Justice, the National Assembly, Intellectual Property Application Agencies and the Department of Intellectual Property, Standard, Technology and Metrology (DISM), Science, Technology and Environment Agency, to discuss the section of the Intellectual Property Law concerning plant variety protection and amendments recommended in relation to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.
38. On February 18, in Hanoi, Viet Nam, the Office organized a National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam and with the financial assistance of the MAFF of Japan. Presentations were given on selected elements of the UPOV Convention. Experiences in plant variety protection were presented by Australia, Japan, Netherlands and Switzerland. A presentation on the seed industry's perspective on plant variety protection was given by a representative of the Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA). The Workshop was attended by 125 participants.
39. On February 19, also in Hanoi, the Office held a consultation meeting with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam to discuss possible amendments of the Intellectual Property Law following the recommendations by the Council of UPOV.
40. On February 21, in Singapore, the Office organized a National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) and the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA), with the financial assistance of the MAFF of Japan. The Office gave presentations on plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention and benefits of the extension of the coverage of plant variety protection. Experiences in plant variety protection were presented by Australia, Japan and Switzerland. A presentation on the breeding industry's perspective on plant variety protection was given by a representative of APSA. The Workshop was attended by 33 participants.
41. On February 22, also in Singapore, the Office held a consultation meeting with officials from IPOS and AVA and answered specific questions raised by Singaporean experts on the preparation of national test guidelines. Extension of protection to cover all genera and species, and genera and species for which a provision on the saving of seeds by farmers might be appropriate, were also discussed. The consultative meeting was attended by 10 participants.
42. From February 25 to 29, the Office gave presentations at the Training Course "Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention", organized by the Global Intellectual Property Academy, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America. The Office provided the 27 participants with information and materials to assist them in providing training on plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention.

43. From February 25 to 29, in Geneva, the Office attended relevant parts of the twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
44. On February 28, the Office received the visit of Miss Thidakoon Saenudom, Agricultural Scientist, Plant Varieties Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, Thailand, and was informed of recent developments in plant variety protection in Thailand.
45. On February 29, the Office received the visit of Mr. Hojjat Khademi, Director, Legal Protection of the Seed and Plant Certificate Institute (SPCRI) of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Mr. Khademi reported that Mr. Mesbach had become the new director of SPCRI, as successor to Dr. Majid Dehghan-Shoar. Mr. Khademi requested UPOV's assistance for capacity building in the field of plant variety protection.
46. On March 5 and 6, in Angers, France, the Office attended a meeting of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) of the European Community with representatives of its Examination Offices.
47. On March 7, in Rome, Italy, the Office attended a meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.
48. On March 12, in Baku, Azerbaijan, the Office held a consultation meeting with officials from the Government of Azerbaijan on the protection of new varieties of plants under the UPOV Convention. The meeting was organized by the State Agency on Standardization, Metrology and Patents in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan, and with the financial assistance of the MAFF of Japan.
49. On March 12 and 13, in Paris, France, the Office attended an expert group meeting on "*Ressources génétiques et sélection de la vigne*" and an expert group meeting on "*Droit et information du consommateur*" of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV), respectively. The Office made a presentation on Plant Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention on both occasions.
50. On March 13, the Office attended relevant parts of a meeting of the Council for TRIPS at the headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO), in Geneva.
51. On March 13, in Almaty, Kazakhstan, the Office held a National Workshop on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, with the financial assistance of the MAFF of Japan. Some 50 participants were present.
52. On March 14, also in Almaty, the Office held a consultation meeting with Kazakh officials, organized by the Committee on Intellectual Property Rights of the Ministry of Justice of Kazakhstan and with the financial assistance of the MAFF of Japan. Some 30 representatives of Ministries and Government Agencies participated. Steps required for Kazakhstan's accession to the UPOV Convention were considered.
53. On March 31, the Office received the visit of Mr. Ata Annaniyazov, Deputy Head, Patent Department, Turkmen Patent Office, Ministry of Economy and Development, Turkmenistan. Mr. Annaniyazov reported that the draft law for the protection of selection achievements would be sent to the parliament within six months.

54. On March 31, the Office participated in a telephone conference meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.
55. On April 4, the Office made a presentation “Introduction to UPOV and to the Protection of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention” at the Study visit to WIPO/UPOV headquarters by Senior Officials from the Republic of Sudan.
56. On April 14 and 15, the Office gave presentations to WIPO staff members on the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection in a General Course on Intellectual Property.
57. On April 17, the Office attended a meeting of legal counsels of international organizations in Geneva, organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland at Geneva.
58. On April 28, the Office participated in a telephone conference meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.
59. On May 13, the Office provided a training session on plant variety protection in the training program developed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) entitled “Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property” (GRIP Course), which took place in Svalöv, Sweden, from May 7 to 28.
60. On May 21, the Office participated in a telephone conference meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.
61. On May 22 and 23, in Bonn, Germany, the Office attended the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9) which took place from May 19 to 30. The Office participated at the sessions dealing with agenda items 4.1 “Access and benefit-sharing” and 4.13 “Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives, and engagement of stakeholders”, which took place on May 22 and 23. The Office explained UPOV’s position as communicated to the CBD Secretariat by letter of April 17. During a side-event entitled “The Role of Plant Variety Protection in Meeting Existing and Future Challenges” on May 23, the Office presented an introduction to UPOV, the protection of new varieties of plants under the UPOV Convention and the impact of plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention.
62. From May 26 to 28, in Prague, Czech Republic, the Office participated in the World Seed Congress 2008. At a session of the Breeders’ Committee of the International Seed Federation (ISF), the Office gave a briefing on recent developments within UPOV.
63. On June 4 and 5, in Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Office provided assistance in drafting the necessary additional provisions and amendments to be incorporated to the Law on New Varieties of Agricultural Plants examined by the Council of UPOV at its twenty-fifth extraordinary session, held in Geneva on April 11, 2008. The European Community provided financial assistance through its Multi-Beneficiary Program. The meeting was chaired by State Secretary Hristijan Delev, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy.
64. On June 12 and 13, in Schwäbisch Hall, Germany, the Office participated in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the plant breeding company *Pflanzenzucht Oberlimpurg* (PZO).

65. From June 15 to 21, the Office organized a study tour in Europe for plant variety protection experts from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan with the assistance of an expert from Ukraine, and with the financial assistance of the MAFF of Japan. The group was received by the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG), Berne, the CPVO of the European Community, Angers, France, *Groupe d'étude et de contrôle des variétés et des semences* (GEVES), Angers, France and the Office.
66. On June 17, the Office attended the relevant sessions of the meeting of the Council for TRIPS at the headquarters of WTO, in Geneva.
67. On June 17, in Wageningen, Netherlands, the Office lectured at the Eleventh International Course of Plant Variety Protection. Prior to the Course in Wageningen, the students were given the opportunity to participate in the UPOV Distance Learning Course.
68. On June 17 and 18, in Bologna, Italy, the Office attended the Annual Meeting of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), and meetings of the ISTA Variety Committee and the ISTA Working Group on Molecular Techniques.
69. On June 19, at the WIPO/UPOV headquarters, the Office made a presentation on "Introduction to UPOV and to the Protection of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention" at the WIPO Interregional Intermediate Seminar on Industrial Property. Ninety participants from intellectual property offices from 63 different countries and two organizations took part.
70. On June 19 and 20, in Seoul, Republic of Korea, the Office gave lectures at the Training Course on Plant Variety Protection, organized by the Korean Seed & Variety Service (KSVS) and the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).
71. From June 24 to 27, in Tunis, Tunisia, the Office organized, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources of Tunisia and with the USPTO, a "Regional Seminar on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention" and a "Workshop on the Examination of New Varieties of Plants". The Seminar was attended by 30 participants, 21 of which were from UPOV members and 9 from observer States.
72. On July 1, the Office received the visit of Mr. Sonam Lhundrup, Head, Legal and Land Section, Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Agriculture of the Royal Government of Bhutan. The visit was part of a training program on intellectual property organized by WIPO. Mr. Lhundrup received information on the principles of plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention, the impact of plant variety protection, the relationship between the UPOV Convention and other international treaties and on technical aspects of the implementation of plant variety protection. He explained that draft legislation in Bhutan would require considerable amendment and clarification.
73. On July 7, in Geneva, the Office gave a presentation at the WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property.
74. From July 9 to 11, in Johannesburg, the Office organized a "Regional Training Course on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention", in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture of South Africa and the USPTO. The Training Course was specifically addressed to participants from members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The invited speakers were from USPTO, Kenya, SADC, the African

Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA). The meeting was attended by 26 participants from Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

75. On July 18, the Office gave a presentation at the WIPO Summer School on Intellectual Property.

76. On July 22, the Office participated in a telephone conference meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.

77. From July 23 to 25, in Tokyo, Japan, the Office participated in the First Meeting of the East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum, the International Seminar for Better Understanding of Plant Variety Protection and a technical visit. The events were organized by the MAFF of Japan in cooperation with UPOV. The Forum was attended by high-ranking officials from the 10 member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan, China and the Republic of Korea. The Forum participants agreed on principles for mutual assistance and cooperation in plant variety protection in the region and explored a program of specific activities. UPOV's experience and guidance were considered to be essential for any system of plant variety protection. The International Seminar was attended by some 150 participants including Government officials, scientists and representatives of the private sector. Presentations were given by speakers from Australia, China, the European Community, Japan, Netherlands, United States of America, Viet Nam and APSA.

78. On July 24, the Office received the visit of Mrs. Wati Zuallcoble, Deputy Director-General, Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, and Mr. Wan A. Rushid Yusri, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Malaysia. Information was provided on the current status of Malaysia in relation to accession to the UPOV Convention.

79. On July 28, in Bangkok, Thailand, at the request of the Department of Agriculture of Thailand, the Office participated in a meeting on plant variety protection with national stakeholders. The purpose was to explain principles of the UPOV Convention and the impact of plant variety protection. Some 40 representatives of the private and public sector were present.

80. On July 31, in Paris, France, the Office participated in a meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.

81. On August 25, the Office gave a presentation on recent developments in UPOV at a workshop organized by the Society for Techno-Innovation of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (STAFF), in Tokyo.

82. From August 26 to 29, in Tsukuba, Japan, the Office provided lectures at the Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights, organized by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from August 25 to November 7 at the JICA International Center. In parallel with the JICA Training Course, the students were given the opportunity to participate in the UPOV Distance Learning Course.



83. On August 29 and 30, in Jeju, Republic of Korea, the Office organized a “Workshop On Trial Design and Data Handling” in cooperation with the Korea Seed and Variety Service. Lecturers were provided by France, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom. The meeting was attended by 34 participants from six UPOV members.
84. From September 8 to 10, the Office participated and made statements at the Third Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM) on Agriculture of the Economic Coordination Organization (ECO) and in the Fourth ECO Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture, in Baku, Azerbaijan. In a Ministerial Declaration, UPOV was requested to provide assistance to ECO member States to accede to the UPOV Convention. At the fringes of the meeting, the Office had consultations with the heads of delegations of Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Turkey, in particular.
85. On September 12, the Office participated in a telephone conference meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.
86. On September 22, the Office gave presentations on the protection of new varieties of plants under the UPOV Convention at the Sida Advanced International Training Programme on Plant Breeding and Seed Production in Svalöv, Sweden. Twenty-five participants (breeders, scientists, administrators) from developing countries were present.
87. On September 23, the Office received the visit of Mr. Dorian Chiroşca, Director General, and Mrs. Maria Rojnevski, Director, Intellectual Property Promotion and Publishing Department, of the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI) of the Republic of Moldova. The program for a National Seminar on Legal Protection of New Varieties of Plants in the Republic of Moldova, scheduled for September 30, 2008, in Chisinau, was discussed (see paragraph 92).
88. On September 24, the Office received the visit of Mr. Richard Aching, Senior Examiner of the Intellectual Property Office of Trinidad and Tobago. The program for a Seminar on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention for representatives of Caribbean States, later in 2008, was discussed.
89. On September 24, the Office met with Mr. Rashad Novruzov, Third Secretary, Economic, Environment and Scientific Affairs, of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan at Geneva. The follow up of the Fourth ECO Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture (see paragraph 84) in respect of plant variety protection in Azerbaijan was considered.
90. On September 26, the Office participated in the Expert Committee on the Protection of Plant Varieties (*Fachausschuß für den Schutz von Pflanzzüchtungen*) of the German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (*Deutsche Vereinigung für Gewerblichen Rechtsschutz* (GRUR)), in Munich, Germany.
91. On September 29, in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, the Office was received by H.E. Mr. Anatol Gorodenco, Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry. The Minister expressed the view that the Law on the Protection of Plant Varieties of the Republic of Moldova, which had entered into force on September 6, 2008, and the corresponding streamlined administrative procedures would enhance the availability of new varieties in the Republic of Moldova. Mr. Vasile Pojoga, Chairman, State Commission for Crop Variety Testing and Registration of the Republic of Moldova, was also present.

92. On September 30, also in Chisinau, at the premises of the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI), the Office attended the celebration of the tenth anniversary of plant variety protection in the Republic of Moldova and made a presentation at a National Seminar on the Legal Protection of New Varieties of Plants. Some 40 participants were present, representing administration, research and breeding.
93. On October 2, at the WIPO/UPOV headquarters, the Office made a presentation for students of the Master of Laws, University of Turin, Italy, on the role of international organizations in the shaping of intellectual property rights with reference to UPOV.
94. From October 6 to 9, in Antalya, Turkey, the Office organized the Fourth West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Turkey and with the financial assistance of the MAFF of Japan. The Workshop was attended by a total of 60 experts, including 12 experts from UPOV members (Azerbaijan, France, Germany, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan), eight experts from UPOV non-members (Iran, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan), one ISF representative and some 30 participants from Turkey.
95. On October 9, in Paris, France, the Office attended a meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.
96. On October 12, in Santiago, Chile, the Office participated in the Fifth International Seminar “*Nueva Ley de Propiedad Intelectual Vegetal: Impacto para la Innovación Tecnológica*” organized by Chile’s National Association of Seed Producers (ANPROS). Some 80 participants, including members of parliament and advisors, breeders, governmental officials and IP lawyers, attended the Seminar. The Office gave a lecture on the 1978 Act and the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.
97. On October 13, in Geneva, the Office attended a conference by Ambassador Paul Seger, Director, Directorate of Public International Law, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, entitled “*La Genève internationale et la nouvelle loi fédérale sur l’État hôte*” (The International Geneva and the New Federal Law of the Host Country).
98. From October 13 to 17, in Geneva, the Office participated in relevant parts of the thirteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) of WIPO.
99. On October 14, in Brussels, Belgium, the Office attended the European Seed Association (ESA) Annual Meeting.
100. From October 14 to 17, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, the Office attended the XXI Pan-American Seed Seminar, organized by the Latin American Seed Federation (FELAS). Some 250 participants from public and private sectors of Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela attended the Seminar. Representatives of Argentina and Uruguay attended as observers. The Office gave a lecture on the impact of plant breeders’ rights.

101. On October 17, in Geneva, the Office met with a Swiss delegation in order to share information on the legal framework between Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein and on the procedure for the Principality of Liechtenstein to become member of the Union.

102. On October 20 and 21, in Bogota, Colombia, the Office gave presentations on the protection of new varieties of plants under the UPOV Convention at a Seminar on Plant Breeders' Rights – Intellectual Property Network of the Agricultural Sector, organized by UPOV in cooperation with *Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (ICA)*, *Instituto Colombiano para el Desarrollo de la Ciencia y la Tecnología (Colciencias)* and *Corporación Red Especializada de Centros de Investigación y Desarrollo Tecnológico del Sector Agropecuario de Colombia (CENIREC)*. The Seminar was part of the WIPO project for the development of intellectual property (IP) networks in Colombia. It was attended by 23 participants from universities, public research institutions on coffee and sugar, the ornamental growers' association, IP attorneys and the plant breeder's association.

103. On October 21, in Geneva, the Office met with representatives of ISF to coordinate matters of common interest for UPOV and ISF.

104. On October 24, the Office organized a video conference with the participants of the JICA Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights.

105. On November 4, in Haarlem, Netherlands, the Office attended the Intellectual Property Committee Meeting of ISF.

106. On November 7, in Jakarta, Indonesia, the Office participated in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) International Seminar on Plant Variety Protection, jointly organized by APEC and the Centre for Plant Variety Protection of the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia, in cooperation with the Intellectual Property Division of the MAFF of Japan. The Seminar was attended by some 100 participants, including speakers from the Office, Australia, CIOPORA, Indonesia, Japan, Viet Nam, government officials from Cambodia, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam and local Indonesian participants.

107. On November 9, in Hyderabad, India, UPOV and APSA organized a Joint Workshop on Plant Variety Protection. Some 50 participants, including breeders participating in the APSA Seed Congress "Asia Seed 2008" and governmental officials, invited by APSA and UPOV, attended the Workshop.

108. On November 10 and 11, in Hyderabad, India, the Office attended the APSA Seed Congress "Asia Seed 2008". It took part in the meeting of the Standing Committee on Intellectual Property Rights on November 10 and in technical sessions on November 11. The Congress was attended by some 900 participants from APSA members, including breeders, seed traders and governmental officials.

109. On November 13, in New Delhi, India, the Office met with officials of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture of India. During that meeting, the intention of the Government of India to become a member of the Union on the basis of the 1978 Act of the UPOV Convention was confirmed.

110. From November 17 to 21, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, the Office, in cooperation with the Spanish Plant Variety Office (OEVV), the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID) and WIPO, organized the Seventh Training Course for Ibero-American countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. The Course was attended by 37 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, WIPO and the Office. As a preparation, nine participants were given the opportunity to take the UPOV Distance Learning Course DL-205.

111. On November 18 and 19, in Geneva, the Office attended the General Assembly meeting of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development.

112. On November 24 and 25, in Quito, Ecuador, the Office, together with the Intellectual Property Office of Ecuador (*Instituto Ecuatoriano de la Propiedad Intelectual* (IEPI)) organized an International Seminar on the Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights.

113. On November 25, the Office participated in a telephone conference meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference.

114. On December 2 and 3, in Angers, France, the Office participated in a meeting of the CPVO of the European Community with representatives of its Examination Offices.

115. On December 11, the Office attended a meeting of legal counsels of international organizations in Geneva, organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland at Geneva.

116. On December 18, in Bern, Switzerland, the Office met with the Vice-Director of the Means of Agricultural Production Directorate of the Federal Office for Agriculture.

#### Distance Learning Course

117. Two sessions of the UPOV Distance Learning Course DL-205 in English, French, German and Spanish were held from April 14 to May 18, 2008 and from September 1 to October 5, 2008, respectively. A breakdown of the students participating in the DL-205 course is provided in Annex II.

#### IV. RELATIONS WITH STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS

118. The Office provided assistance on plant variety protection legislation to the following members of the Union: Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chile, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua, Singapore and Viet Nam.

119. The Office provided information on the elements required for the deposit of an instrument of accession to, or ratification of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention, to the following members of the Union: Costa Rica, Georgia, Slovakia, South Africa and Switzerland.

120. 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 this respect, the Office had contacts with Algeria, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bhutan, Cambodia, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, United Republic of Tanzania, OAPI, ARIPO and SADC.

121. 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 Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), OAPI, the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, the WTO Council for TRIPS, the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), ISTA, OECD and SADC.

122. The Office met regularly with 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 and ESA.

## V. SELECTED RESULTS OF UPOV IN 2008

123. Results achieved by UPOV in 2008 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

124. The Office of the Union published:

(a) 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);

(b) one issue of the UPOV Gazette and Newsletter "Plant Variety Protection" in electronic format in December;

(c) six updated discs of the "UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database";

(d) documents TGP/4/1 "Constitution and Maintenance of Variety Collections" and TGP/9/1 "Examining Distinctness"; and

(e) 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/16/8 Annex	Rice: example varieties (North East Asia)	Riz: exemples de variétés (Asie du Nord-Est)	Reis: Beispielsorten (Nordostasien)	Arroz: variedades ejemplo (Asia del Nordeste)	Oryza sativa L.
TG/22/10	Strawberry	Fraisier	Erdbeere	Fresa, Frutilla	Fragaria L.
TG/24/6	Poinsettia	Poinsettia	Poinsettie, Weihnachtsstern	Flor de Pascua	Euphorbia pulcherrima Willd. ex Klotzsch
TG/40/7	Blackcurrant, Black Currant	Cassis	Schwarze Johannisbeere	Grosellero negro, Casis	Ribes nigrum L.
TG/46/7	Onion, Shallot, Grey Shallot	Oignon, Échalote, Échalote grise	Zwiebel, Schalotte, Graue Schalotte	Cebolla, Chalota	Allium cepa (Cepa Group), Allium cepa (Aggregatum Group) and Allium oschaninii O. Fedtsch. and hybrids between them
TG/50/9	Grapevine	Vigne	Rebe	Vid	Vitis L.
TG/60/7	Beetroot, Garden Beet	Betterave rouge, Betterave potagère	Rote Rübe, Rote Bete	Remolacha de cocona, Remolacha de mesa, Remolacha roja	Beta vulgaris L. var. conditiva Alef., Beta vulgaris L. ssp. vulgaris var. esculenta L., Beta vulgaris L. ssp. vulgaris var. hortensis
TG/78/4	Kalanchoe	Kalanchoe	Flammendes Käthen	Kalancho	Kalanchoe blossfeldiana Poelln. and its hybrids
TG/85/7	Leek	Poireau	Porree	Puerro	Allium porrum L.
TG/152/4	Chamomile	Camomille	Kamille	Manzanilla	Matricaria recutita L., Chamomilla recutita (L.) Rauschert
TG/176/4	Osteospermum	Ostéospermum	Osteospermum	Osteospermum	Osteospermum L. and hybrids with Dimorphotheca Vaill.
TG/193/1	Bird's foot trefoil; Big trefoil; Broad leaf trefoil; Narrow leaf trefoil; Lotus subbiflorus	Cornette, cube, Lotier corniculé; - ; Lotier velu; Lotier des marais; - ; -	Hornschotenklee, Hornklee; - ; Sumpfschotenklee, Sumpf-Hornklee; Schmalblättriger Hornklee; -	Loto de los prados; Lotus pedunculatus; Loto de los pantanos; Lotus tenuis; Lotus subbiflorus	Lotus corniculatus L.; Lotus pedunculatus Cav.; Lotus uliginosus Schkuhr; Lotus tenuis Waldst. et Kit. ex Willd., Lotus glaber Mill.; Lotus subbiflorus Lag., Lotus suaveolens Pers.
TG/238/1	Tea	Théier	Tee, Teestrauch	Té	Camellia sinensis (L.) O. Kuntze
TG/239/1	Hawthorn	Aubépine	Weißdorn	Espino, Espinero, Manzanilla, Marjoleto, Marzoletto, Tejocote	Crataegus L.
TG/240/1	Common Sea Buckthorn, Sallowthorn, Sea-buckthorn	Argasse, Argousier, Grisset	Sanddorn	Espino amarillo, Espino falso	Hippophae rhamnoides L.
TG/241/1	Nemesia	Nemesia	Nemesia	Nemesia	Nemesia Vent.
TG/242/1	Portulaca, Purslane	Pourpier	Portulak	Verdolago	Portulaca oleracea L.
TG/243/1	Festulolium	Festulolium	Festulolium	Festulolium, Festuca, Canuëla	×Festulolium Aschers. et Graebn.
TG/244/1	Lincoln's-weed, Sand mustard, Sand rocket, Wall rocket, Wild rocket	Roquette sauvage	Wilde Rauke	Roqueta silvestre	Diplotaxis tenuifolia (L.) DC.

Document No. N°. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name Nom botanique Botanischer Name Nombre botánico
TG/245/1	Arugula, Cultivated Rocket, Garden Rocket, Rocket-salad, Rugula, Salad Rocket	Roquette cultivée	Ölrauke, Rauke, Ruke, Rukola, Senfrauke	Oruga común, Roqueta	<i>Eruca sativa</i> Mill.
TG/246/1	Marigold	Studentenblume	Tagete	Clavel de las Indias, Clavelón, Cempoalxóchitl	<i>Tagetes</i> L.
TG/247/1	Amaranth	Amarante	Amarant, Fuchsschwanz	Amaranto	( <i>Amaranthus</i> L. excluding ornamental varieties)
TG/248/1	Common Millet	Rispenhirse	Millet commun	Mijo común	<i>Panicum miliaceum</i> L.
TG/249/1	Coffee	Caféier	Kaffee	Cafeto	<i>Coffea arabica</i> L.; <i>C. canephora</i> Pierre ex A. Froehner; <i>C. arabica</i> × <i>C. canephora</i> hybrids

(f) 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/26/5 Corr.	Chrysanthemum, Florists Chrysanthemum, Perennial Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthème	Chrysantheme	Crisantemo	<i>Chrysanthemum</i> × <i>grandiflorum</i> Ramat., <i>Chrysanthemum</i> × <i>morifolium</i> Ramat, <i>Dendranthema</i> × <i>grandiflorum</i> (Ramat.) Kitam., <i>Dendranthema</i> × <i>morifolium</i> (Ramat) Tzvelev
	Ajania, Gold and Silver Chrysanthemum, Iso- giku		Gold- und Silber- Chrysantheme		<i>Ajania pacifica</i> Bremer and Humphries, <i>Chrysanthemum</i> <i>pacificum</i> Nakai
TG/86/5 Corr.	Anthurium	Anthurium	Flamingoblume		<i>Anthurium</i> Schott
TG/238/1 Corr.	Tea	Théier	Tee, Teestrauch	Té	<i>Camellia sinensis</i> (L.) O. Kuntze

125. 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, 2008 (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 of entry into force
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 - -
Bolivia	- - - -	- - April 21, 1999 -	- - May 21, 1999 -



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Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date of entry into force
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 -
Costa Rica	- - - -	- - - December 12, 2008	- - - January 12, 2009
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
Dominican Republic	- - - -	- - - May 16, 2007	- - - June 16, 2007

<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 of entry into force
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 -
Georgia	- - - -	- - - October 29, 2008	- - - November 29, 2008
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 -
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

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Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date of entry into force
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 -
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 -

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Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date of entry into force
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
Republic of Moldova	- - - -	- - - September 28, 1998	- - - October 28, 1998
Romania	- - - -	- - - February 16, 2001	- - - March 16, 2001
Russian Federation	- - - -	- - - March 24, 1998	- - - April 24, 1998

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Member	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Date of entry into force
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 August 1, 2008	July 10, 1977 July 10, 1977 November 8, 1981 September 1, 2008
Trinidad and Tobago	- - - -	- - December 30, 1997 -	- - January 30, 1998 -
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

<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 of entry into force
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: 67 members

[Annex II follows]

## ANNEX II

## RESULTS TABLE

**Sub-program UV.2: Improved Services to Members of the Union / 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.

<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
<p><i>1. Increased international harmonization of the implementation of the UPOV Convention</i></p>	<p><i>1. Administrative and legal guidance on how to implement the UPOV Convention proposed to or adopted by the UPOV Council or its Committees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft information materials concerning the UPOV Convention considered by the CAJ in 2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanatory Notes on Essentially Derived Varieties under the UPOV Convention</li> <li>Explanatory Notes on Exceptions to the Breeder's Right under the UPOV Convention</li> <li>Explanatory Notes on Novelty under the UPOV Convention</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Draft information materials concerning the UPOV Convention considered by the CAJ-AG in 2008 on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drafting Guidance for Laws based on the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention</li> <li>Explanatory Notes on Acts in Respect of Harvested Material under the UPOV Convention</li> <li>Explanatory Notes on the Definition of Breeder under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention</li> <li>Explanatory Notes on the Definition of Variety under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention</li> <li>Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Proposals on electronic application systems</li> <li>• Systematic approach for providing assistance in the development of plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention</li> </ul>

**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/4/1 “Constitution and Maintenance of Variety Collections”
  - TGP/5/1 “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing”
  - TGP/5 (revision) “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing”
  - TGP/6/1 “Arrangements for DUS Testing”
  - TGP/7/1 “Development of Test Guidelines”
  - TGP/9/1 “Examining Distinctness”
  - TGP/10/1 “Examining Uniformity”
- Drafts of the following TGP documents advanced in the CAJ, TC and/or the Technical Working Parties:
  - 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”
- 22 Test Guidelines\* adopted by the TC, comprising:
  - 12 revised Test Guidelines: TWA (2), TWF (3), TWO (3), TWV (4)

Americas:	CA (1), UY (1)
Asia/Pacific:	JP/KR/CN (1), JP (1), NZ (1)
Europe:	DE (2), DK (1), ES/DE (1), NL (2), NL/FR (1)
  - 10 new Test Guidelines: TWA (2), TWA/TWF (1), TWA/TWO (1), TWF (1), TWF/TWO (1), TWO (1), TWO/TWV (1), TWV (2)

Americas:	BR (1), MX (2)
Asia/Pacific:	CN (1), JP (1)
Europe:	FR (2), GB (2), SK (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**

- 62 draft Test Guidelines advanced by the Technical Working Parties, comprising
  - 19 revisions: TWA (2), TWA/TWV (1), TWF (3), TWO (6), TWV (5), TWV/TWA (2)
    - Americas: BR (1)
    - Asia/Pacific: AU (1)
    - Europe: DE (2), FR (6), FR/HU (1), GB (2), NL (4), QZ (2)
  - 43 new Test Guidelines: TWA (6), TWA/TWO/TWV (1), TWF (10), TWO (18), TWO/TWF (1), TWV (7)
    - Africa: ZA (1)
    - Americas: AR (1), BR (6), MX (2)
    - Asia/Pacific: CN (3), JP (4), KR (2), SG (2)
    - Asia/Pacific-Europe: AU/DK (1), JP/NL (1)
    - Europe: ES (1), FR (4), FR/ES (1), GB (2), HU (1), NL (4), QZ (1), UA (1)
    - Near/Middle East: IL (5)

Total of 23 members of the Union involved in drafting Test Guidelines.

- 343 experts representing 37 members of the Union (members), 2 observer States (obs) and 4 observer organizations (orgs) participated in the Technical Working Parties as follows:
  - TWA (South Africa):  
23 members (53 participants) / 2 obs (3) / 2 orgs (1)
  - TWC (Republic of Korea):  
15 members (29 participants)
  - TWF (Portugal):  
19 members (35 participants) / 2 orgs (2)
  - TWO (Netherlands):  
21 members (50 participants) / 1 org (1)
  - TWV (Poland):  
22 members (52 participants) / 1 org (2)
  - BMT (Spain)  
24 members (97 participants) / 4 orgs (18)
- 190 experts representing 31 members / 2 obs / 2 orgs participated in the Preparatory Workshops as follows:
  - TWA: 9 members (18 participants) / 2 obs (3)
  - TWC: 4 members (9 participants)
  - TWF: 7 members (18 participants) / 1 org (1)
  - TWO: 14 members (27 participants) / 1 org (14)
  - TWV: 12 members (31 participants) / 1 org (2)

<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
<i>3. Clarification of the role of publication of variety descriptions</i>	<p>3. <i>Policy on publication of variety descriptions proposed to or adopted by the UPOV Council</i></p> <p>Project to consider the publication of variety descriptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TC agreed that no further meeting of the <i>Ad hoc</i> 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.</li></ul>
<i>4. Improved accessibility of information relevant for examination of applications</i>	<p>4. <i>Databases</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program agreed by the TC for the improvement of the UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) introduction of the UPOV code;<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 64% of the entries contained in the UPOV-ROM supplied with UPOV codes</li></ul></li><li>(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;<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- under development</li></ul></li><li>(c) providing training in the use of the UPOV-ROM;<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 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".</li></ul></li><li>(d) development of web-based version of Plant Variety Databases.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 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</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• Standardized classification of genera and species for improved database performance: approximately 300 new UPOV codes created (Total number of UPOV codes: 6,350 (approx.))</li><li>• GENIE database updated for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- UPOV codes (see above)</li><li>- status of protection by genus / species within UPOV (based on document C/42/6)</li><li>- information on cooperation in examination (based on document C/42/5)</li><li>- experience in DUS testing (based on document TC/44/4)</li><li>- variety denomination classes</li></ul></li></ul>

### 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, 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.
  - ◆ To assist States and certain organizations in the accession to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.
  - ◆ To assist States and certain organizations in implementing an effective plant variety rights system in line 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 in line with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention by a growing number of States and intergovernmental organizations*

*1.1 Number of comments on laws and regulations.*

Cambodia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Montenegro, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, 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.*

Costa Rica, Egypt, Georgia, Montenegro, Oman, Peru, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, United Republic of Tanzania and the Southern African Development Community (SADC)

*2. Implementation of plant variety protection*

*2. Number of training activities initiated/implemented.*

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

- Study tour in Europe (CPVO of European Community, France, Switzerland, and the Office) for plant variety protection experts from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan with the assistance of an expert from Ukraine, June 2008

Training activities organized by UPOV:

- National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, February 2008
- National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, February 2008
- National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, Hanoi, Viet Nam, February 2008
- National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, Singapore, February 2008
- Training program on "Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention", Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America, February 2008
- National Workshop on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention, Almaty, Kazakhstan, March 2008
- Regional Seminar on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention and Workshop on the Examination of New Varieties of Plants, Tunis, Tunisia, June 2008

<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
<i>2. Implementation of plant variety protection</i> (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Regional Training Course on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, Johannesburg, South Africa, July 2008</li><li>– Workshop On Trial Design and Data Handling, Jeju, Republic of Korea, August 2008</li><li>– Fourth West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, Antalya, Turkey, October 2008</li><li>– XXI Pan-American Seed Seminar, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, October 2008</li><li>– Seventh Training Course for Ibero-American Countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, November 2008</li><li>– UPOV/APSA Joint Workshop on Plant Variety Protection, Hyderabad, India, November 2008</li><li>– International Seminar on the Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights, Quito, Ecuador, November 2008</li></ul>
	UPOV made presentations at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV) Expert Group meeting on “Ressources génétiques et sélection de la vigne”, Paris, France, March 2008</li><li>– OIV Expert Group meeting on “Droit et information du consommateur”, Paris, France, March 2008</li><li>– WIPO study visit of senior officials from Sudan, Geneva, Switzerland, April 2008</li><li>– Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) Course “Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property”, Svalöv, Sweden, May 2008</li><li>– Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP9), Bonn, Germany, May 2008</li><li>– ISF World Seed Congress 2008 and ISF Breeders' Committee, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2008</li><li>– Eleventh Plant Variety Protection Course, Naktuinbouw, Wageningen, Netherlands, June 2008</li><li>– Interregional Seminar organized by WIPO, WIPO/UPOV headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2008</li><li>– Training Course on Plant Variety Protection organized by the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Seoul, Republic of Korea, June 2008</li><li>– International Seminar for Better Understanding of Plant Variety Protection, Tokyo, Japan, July 2008</li><li>– WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property, Geneva, Switzerland, July 2008</li><li>– WIPO Summer School on Intellectual Property, Geneva, Switzerland, July 2008</li><li>– First Meeting of the East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum, Tokyo, Japan, July 2008</li><li>– Briefing session on plant variety protection organized by the Department of Agriculture of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, July 2008</li><li>– Workshop organized by the Society for Techno-innovation of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (STAFF), Tokyo, Japan, August 2008</li><li>– Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights, organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Tskuba, Japan, October 2008</li><li>– Third Senior Officials Meeting on Agriculture of the Economic Coordination Organization (ECO), Baku, Azerbaijan, September 2008</li><li>– Sida Advanced International Training Programme on Plant Variety Breeding and Seed Production, Svalöv, Sweden, September 2008</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>– Expert Committee on the Protection of Plant Varieties of the German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR), Munich, Germany, September 2008</li><li>– National Seminar on the Legal Protection of New Varieties of Plants, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, September 2008</li><li>– Master of Laws (LL.M) in Intellectual Property organized by WIPO and the University of Turin, Geneva, Switzerland, October 2008</li><li>– Fifth International Seminar organized by Chile’s National Association of Seed Producers (ANPROS), Santiago, Chile, October 2008</li><li>– Seminar for Intellectual Property Networks in the Agricultural Sector, Bogota, Colombia, October 2008</li><li>– Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) International Seminar on Plant Variety Protection, Jakarta, Indonesia, November 2008</li></ul>
<i>3. Participation in UPOV distance learning courses</i>	<p><i>3. 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 2008): 180 participants Session II (September / October 2008): 268 participants</p> <p>(for a breakdown of the students participating in the DL-205 Course, see Appendix)</p>
<i>4. Geographical expansion of the UPOV system</i>	<p><i>4. Additional members of the Union</i></p> <p>Costa Rica, Georgia</p>
<i>5. Number of genera and species for which protection is offered</i>	<p><i>5. Number of genera/species protected by members of the Union.</i></p> <p>At the end of 2008, a total of 42 members of the Union offered protection for all plant genera and species (41 in 2007; Switzerland extended protection for all plant genera and species in 2008) and 23 members of the Union offered protection for a limited number of plant genera and species (24 in 2007) (see document C/42/6).</p> <p>The following members of the Union extended their lists of protected plant genera and species in 2008: South Africa and Viet Nam</p> <p>Number of plant genera and species with PBR entries in the UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database: 2,790 in Aug. 2009 (2,654 in Aug. 2008)</p>

<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators</b>
<i>6. Strengthening of international cooperation and specialization in plant variety protection</i>	<p><i>6.1 General cooperation</i></p> <p>Authorities which will provide existing DUS reports to any member of the Union: AU</p> <p>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</p> <p>Authorities which will accept DUS reports from any other member of the Union: AU (except <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.)</p> <p>Authorities which will accept existing DUS reports from other members of the Union for varieties of any taxa which are vegetatively propagated and for which the DUS tests were conducted in a controlled environment greenhouse: CA</p> <p><i>6.2 Number of specific bilateral and regional arrangements on plant variety protection.</i></p> <p>Agreement for cooperation in variety testing extends to approximately 1,360 genera or species – excluding general cooperation as in 5.1 (see document C/42/5)</p> <p><i>6.3 Publication of information on available experience in DUS testing</i></p> <p>Practical experience in examination of DUS reported for approximately 2,170 genera or species (2,000 in 2007) - see document TC/44/4</p>
<i>7. Incentives for the development of agriculture and the overall economy of the States and intergovernmental organizations concerned</i>	<p><i>7.1 Number of titles granted.</i></p> <p>10,361 titles granted by members of the Union in 2007 (see document C/42/7)</p> <p><i>7.2 Number of titles in force</i></p> <p>72,565 titles in force with members of the Union at the end of 2007 (see document C/42/7)</p>

## 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), the Secretariat of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) 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), the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), 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

African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA)  
Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA)  
British Association of Rose Breeders (BARB)  
British Society of Plant Breeders (BSPB)  
European Association for Research on Plant Breeding (EUCARPIA)  
European Seed Association (ESA)  
*Groupement national interprofessionnel des semences et plants* (GNIS), France  
International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)  
International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA)  
International Seed Federation (ISF)  
Latin-American Seed Federation (FELAS)  
National Association of Seed Producers (ANPROS), Chile

*1.2 Incorporation of provisions which reflect UPOV's principles in international treaties.*

UPOV letter to the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) containing a decision of the Council of UPOV for consideration by the Conference of Parties of the CBD at its ninth meeting to be held in Bonn, Germany, from May 19 to 30, 2008, was taken into consideration for the negotiation of an international regime on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing

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

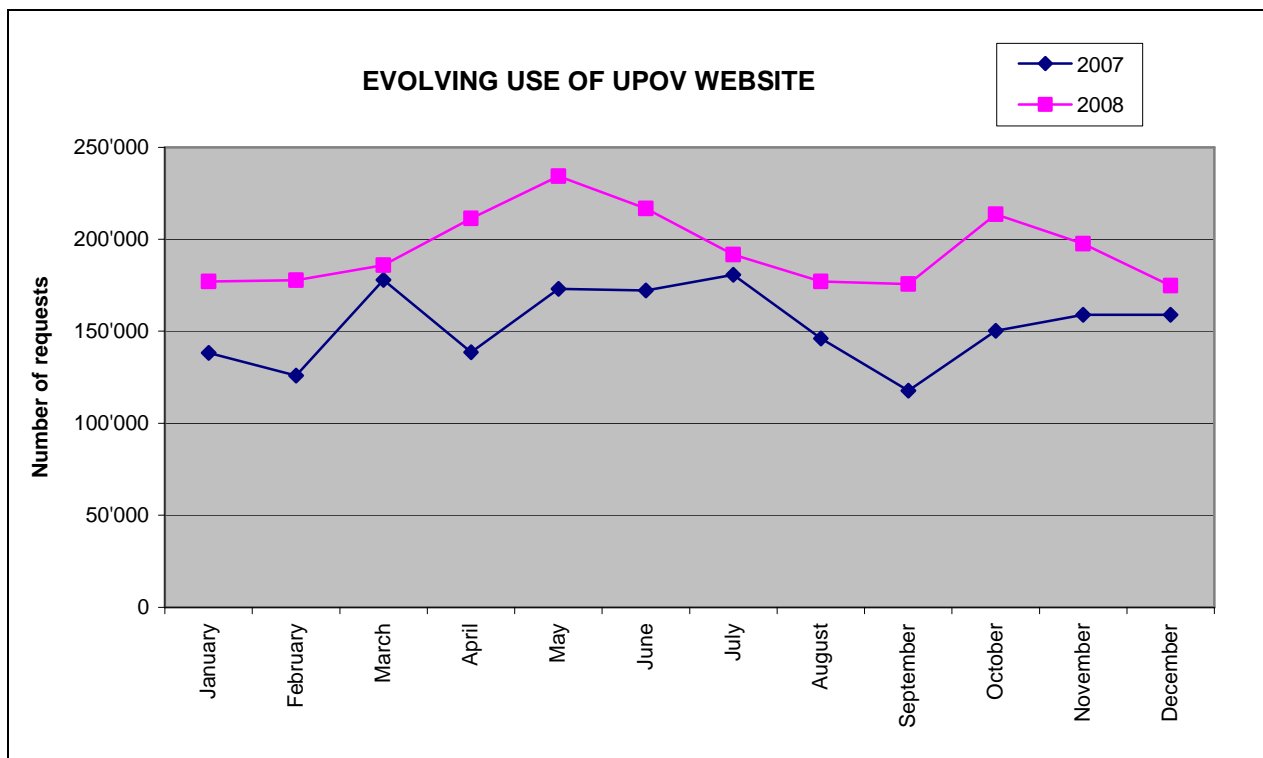
2. Better understanding of the basic principles of the UPOV Convention.

2.1 Number of requests for information received

– letters, e-mails, etc. received:      Total in 2008 = 4,085  
 (Total in 2007 = 3,762)

2.2 Number of visits to the UPOV website

The average number of visits to the UPOV website by month was 194,454 (153,206 in 2007; 135,654 in 2006)



[Appendix follows]



APPENDIX

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

2008 SESSIONS

Session I, 2008: April/May		
Category	Students from	Number of students
<u>Category 1</u> Officials of members of the Union	Argentina, Canada, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, European Community, Hungary, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam	146
<u>Category 2</u> Officials of observer States / intergovernmental organizations	Iran (Islamic Republic of), Peru, Serbia, Zambia, Croplife International, OAPI	7
<u>Category 3 (Paying)</u> Others	Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Spain, Switzerland	10
Plant Variety Protection Course, Wageningen (Netherlands)	China, Croatia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Pakistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Republic of Tanzania, Turkey	17
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>180</b>

Session II, 2008: September/October		
Category	Students from	Number of students
<u>Category 1</u> Officials of members of the Union	Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Viet Nam	194
<u>Category 2</u> Officials of observer States / intergovernmental organizations	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ghana, India, Serbia, Tajikistan, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania, FAO, OAPI	19
<u>Category 3 (Paying)</u> Others	Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America	19
Japan International Cooperation Agency Training Course (JICA)		11
Fourth West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention (WCA)	Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>268</b>

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## ANNEX III

## OVERVIEW OF MISSIONS IN 2008

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of Germany	Bonn, Germany (January)	Jördens
International Green Week	Berlin, Germany (January)	
Sixth Meeting of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABSWG-6) of the CBD	Geneva, Switzerland (January)	Jördens
Meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference	Paris, France (January)	Button
Fourth Meeting of the OECD Working Group on Varietal Purity and Varietal Identity		
OECD Extended Advisory Group Meeting		
Meeting to establish the official text of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention in the Russian language	Geneva, Switzerland (February)	Jördens, Tabata, Huerta, Rogovskiy (RU)
National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Phnom Penh, Cambodia (February)	Tabata, Huerta, Brand (CH), Semba (JP)
Consultation meeting with officials from the Government of Cambodia		
National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic (February)	Tabata, Huerta, Brand (CH), Semba (JP)
Consultation meeting with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Justice, the National Assembly, Intellectual Property Application Agencies and the Department of Intellectual Property, Standard, Technology and Metrology (DISM), Science, Technology and Environment Agency of the Lao PDR		
National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Hanoi, Viet Nam (February)	Tabata, Waterhouse (AU), Brand (CH), Semba (JP)
Consultation meeting with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam		

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention Consultation meeting with officials from the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) and the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA)	Singapore (February)	Tabata, Waterhouse (AU), Brand (CH), Semba (JP)
Training Program on “Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention”	Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America (February)	Jördens, Button, Lavignolle
Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of WIPO	Geneva, Switzerland (February)	Tabata
Meeting of the CPVO and its Examination Offices Meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference	Angers, France (March) Rome, Italy (March)	Button
Consultation meeting with officials from the Government of Azerbaijan	Baku, Azerbaijan (March)	Jördens, Tabata
National Workshop on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants under the UPOV Convention Consultation meeting with officials of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Almaty, Kazakhstan (March)	Jördens, Tabata, Ishikawa (JP)
Expert Group Meeting on “ <i>Ressources génétiques et sélection de la vigne</i> ” and Expert Group Meeting on “ <i>Droit et information du consommateur</i> ” of OIV	Paris, France (March)	Lavignolle
Meeting of the Council for TRIPS (WTO headquarters)	Geneva, Switzerland (March)	Huerta
Study visit by senior officials from the Republic of Sudan to WIPO/UPOV headquarters	Geneva, Switzerland (April)	Jördens
WIPO General Course on Intellectual Property	Geneva, Switzerland (April)	
Meeting of legal counsels of international organizations in Geneva	Geneva, Switzerland (April)	Huerta
Half-day training session on plant variety protection during the “Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Course” of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)	Svalöv, Sweden (May)	Jördens

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9)	Bonn, Germany (May)	Jördens
World Seed Congress 2008 (ISF)	Prague, Czech Republic (May)	Jördens
Preparatory Workshop TWF and thirty-ninth session of TWF	Lisbon, Portugal (June)	Button, Besse
Preparatory Workshop TWO and forty-first session of TWO	Wageningen, Netherlands (June)	Button, Rovere, Schraner
Legal consultation meeting in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (June)	Jördens, Huerta
100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of <i>Pflanzenzucht Oberlimpurg</i> (PZO)	Schwäbisch Hall, Germany (June)	Jördens
Meeting of the Council for TRIPS (WTO headquarters)	Geneva, Switzerland (June)	Tabata
Eleventh International Course of Plant Variety Protection (Natkuinbouw)	Wageningen, Netherlands (June)	Huerta
ISTA Annual Meeting Meetings of the ISTA Variety Committee and ISTA Working Group on Molecular Techniques	Bologna, Italy (June)	Lavignolle
WIPO Interregional Intermediate Seminar on Industrial Property	Geneva, Switzerland (June)	Huerta
KOICA Training Course on Plant Variety Protection	Seoul, Republic of Korea (June)	Jördens
Regional Seminar on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention Workshop on the Examination of New Varieties of Plants	Tunis, Tunisia (June)	Jördens, Lavignolle, Feyt (FR), Haegens (NL)
Preparatory Workshop TWV and forty-second session of TWV	Cracow, Poland (June)	Button, Tabata, Byskov
WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property (WTO headquarters)	Geneva, Switzerland (July)	Jördens
Regional Training Course on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Johannesburg, South Africa (July)	Lavignolle, Huerta
Preparatory Workshop TWA and thirty-seventh session of TWA	Nelspruit, South Africa (July)	Button, Lavignolle
WIPO Summer School on Intellectual Property	Geneva, Switzerland (July)	Jördens

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
First Meeting of the East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum  International Seminar for Better Understanding of Plant Variety Protection  Half-day seminar on plant variety protection for national stakeholders	Tokyo, Japan (July)   Bangkok, Thailand (July)	Jördens
Meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference	Paris, France (July)	Button
Workshop of the Society for Techno-Innovation of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (STAFF)  JICA Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights	Tokyo, Japan (August)  Tsukuba, Japan (August)	Tabata, Batorova (SK)
Preparatory Workshop TWC and twenty-sixth session of TWC  Workshop On Trial Design and Data Handling	Jeju, Republic of Korea (August/September)	Button, Lavignolle  Lavignolle
Third Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) on Agriculture of the Economic Coordination Organization (ECO)  Fourth ECO Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture	Baku, Azerbaijan (September)	Jördens
Preparatory Workshop BMT and eleventh session of BMT	Madrid, Spain (September)	Jördens, Button, Lavignolle, Tabata
Half-day training session on plant variety protection during the Sida Advanced International Training Programme on Plant Breeding and Seed Production	Svalöv, Sweden (September)	Jördens
GRUR Expert Committee on the Protection of Plant Varieties	Munich, Germany (September)	Jördens
Meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova  Tenth anniversary of plant variety protection in the Republic of Moldova  National Seminar on the Legal Protection of New Varieties of Plants	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (September)	Jördens
Study visit to WIPO headquarters by students of the Master of Laws, University of Turin, Italy	Geneva, Switzerland (October)	Huerta

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Fourth West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Antalya, Turkey (October)	Jördens, Tabata, Rucker (DE), Kawakami (JP), Yamaguchi (JP), Rogovskiy (RU), Tretinnikova (RU), Bochkarov (UA)
Meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Second World Seed Conference	Paris, France (October)	Button
ANPROS Fifth International Seminar “ <i>Nueva Ley de Propiedad Intelectual Vegetal: Impacto para la Innovación Tecnológica</i> ”	Santiago, Chile (October)	Lavignolle
Conference on the new Federal Law of the Host Country	Geneva, Switzerland (October)	Huerta
Thirteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of WIPO	Geneva, Switzerland (October)	Tabata
ESA Annual Meeting	Brussels, Belgium (October)	Button
FELAS XXI Pan-American Seed Seminar  Seminar on Plant Breeders’ Rights – Intellectual Property Network of the Agricultural Sector	Cartagena de Indias, Colombia (October)  Bogota, Colombia (October)	Lavignolle
Meeting with Swiss delegation on the legal framework between Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein	Geneva, Switzerland (October)	Jördens, Huerta
ISF Intellectual Property Committee	Haarlem, Netherlands (November)	Button
APEC International Seminar on Plant Variety Protection	Jakarta, Indonesia (November)	Jördens
UPOV/APSA Joint Workshop on Plant Variety Protection  APSA Seed Congress “Asia Seed 2008”  Meeting with officials of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture of India	Hyderabad, India (November)    New Delhi, India (November)	Jördens, Tabata

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Location/Month</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Seventh Training Course for Ibero-American countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants	Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia (November)	Lavignolle
International Seminar on the Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights	Quito, Ecuador (November)	
General Assembly meeting of the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development	Geneva (November)	Jördens, Button
Meeting of the CPVO and its Examination Offices	Angers, France (December)	Button
Meeting of legal counsels of international organizations in Geneva	Geneva, Switzerland (December)	Huerta
Meeting at the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture	Bern, Switzerland (December)	Jördens

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