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INTERNATIONAL UNION
 FOR THE PROTECTION OF
 NEW PLANT VARIETIES

COUNCIL

Fifth Session

Geneva, October 13 - 15, 1971

ACCESSION BY SWEDEN

Report by the Secretary General

1. In a letter dated April 16, 1971, the Swedish Minister of Agriculture informed the Secretary General of his intention to propose to the Swedish Government that an official request for accession to the Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants be forwarded in accordance with Article 32 of the Convention. The letter is attached to this report as an Annex.
2. The Consultative Working Committee of the Council studied the problem at its fourth meeting on May 6 and 7 and adopted unanimously the following resolution:

"The Consultative Working Committee,

Considering the letter of the Minister of Agriculture of Sweden dated April 16, 1971, announcing the intention of the Swedish Government to make a formal application for membership of UPOV in accordance with the provisions of Article 32 of the Convention,

Considering the report on the Swedish legislation by the Secretariat and the explanations given by the observer delegation of Sweden at the fourth meeting of the Consultative Working Committee,

EXPRESSES the opinion that on the basis of available information, and subject to the entry into force of the Bill as presented to this Committee and to the Royal Decree still to be issued by the Swedish Crown, a favorable decision may be taken on the accession of Sweden to the Convention."

3. The deliberations of the Consultative Working Committee were based on (a) a provisional translation of the Swedish Act into English, prepared by the Swedish Ministry of Agriculture, and (b) a report prepared by the Secretariat of UPOV (document UPOV/WC/IV/2).

4. The final translation of the Act as adopted by the Swedish Parliament is expected to be circulated by the Swedish Ministry of Agriculture to the Delegates of member States.

5. Pending the receipt of the formal application, the Secretary General invites the Council to take note of the above.

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STATSRÅDET OCH CHEFEN
FÖR
KUNGL. JORDBRUKSDEPARTEMENTET

Stockholm, April 16, 1971.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
The Minister

Professor G.H.C. Bodenhausen
Director General
The World Intellectual Property
Organization

GENEVA

Dear Sir,


I am writing to you, Sir, in your capacity of Secretary General of the International Union for the Protection of New Plant Varieties, UPOV, to inform you that my Government recently has presented the Swedish Parliament a Government Bill containing inter alia a proposal for a Plant Breeders Protection Act, which if approved will enter into force on July 1, 1971.

The elimination of a formal obstacle for a Swedish accession to U.P.O.V. was a major motive for this legislative proceeding. In accordance herewith the Bill also contains a proposal to the Parliament to approve an accession to the Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants.

If the proposals meet with the approval of the Parliament it's my intention to propose to the Swedish Government to make a formal application for membership of U.P.O.V. in accordance with the provisions of Article 52 of the Convention.

I should very much appreciate if all Members of and Observers to U.P.O.V. were notified of the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully


Ingemund Bengtsson
Minister of Agriculture

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