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**ELECTRONIC APPLICATION SYSTEMS**

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1. At its fifty-seventh session, held in Geneva on April 10, 2008, the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) considered document CAJ/57/4, in conjunction with an oral report by the Vice Secretary-General on the Electronic Applications Systems Meeting, held in Geneva on April 9, 2008. The Vice Secretary-General reported that approximately sixty participants had attended the meeting and that a presentation had been made by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) of the European Community on their project on the development of an electronic application system. As agreed by the CAJ at its fifty-sixth session, held on October 22 and 23, 2007, the meeting had explored the possibilities provided under paragraph 2 of document CAJ/57/4. The Vice Secretary-General reported that two concrete proposals had resulted from the discussions:

(a) to prepare a survey on “core” questions in the UPOV Model Application Form, by requesting members of the Union to indicate which items of the Model Application Form they use and which they consider mandatory; and

(b) to develop a pilot project, for a small number of crops, consisting of a downloadable application form, with or without a technical questionnaire, for testing in cooperation with breeders’ organizations and a number of authorities.

2. In relation to the two proposals, the Vice Secretary-General noted that only very limited interest had been expressed at the meeting, which did not appear to be sufficient to justify the human and financial resources that such an exercise would entail for participating authorities and the Office of the Union.

3. After an initial discussion, the Vice Secretary-General noted that there had been very little time to reflect on the proposals discussed at the meeting and, given the substantial resource implications, suggested that it might be helpful to have more time for reflection.

4. The CAJ agreed that an item should be included on the agenda of its fifty-eighth session on October 27 and 28, 2008, in order to review the situation. The CAJ noted that, if there was support for a pilot project, the matter would need to be considered by the Consultative Committee in order to consider the impact on human and financial resources.

*5. The CAJ is invited to consider the proposals set out in paragraph 1 of this document.*

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