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EXCHANGE AND USE OF SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this document is to report on developments concerning exchange and use of software and equipment and to consider proposals for revision of documents UPOV/INF/16 “Exchangeable Software” and UPOV/INF/22/2 “Software and equipment used by members of the Union”.

2. The TWPs are invited to note that:

(a) the Council, at its fifty-first ordinary session, held in Geneva, on October 26, 2017, adopted document UPOV/INF/16/7 “Exchangeable Software”;

(b) the Office of the Union issued circular E-18/042, inviting the designated persons of the members of the Union in the TC to provide or update information regarding the use of the software included in document UPOV/INF/16;

(c) the Council, at its fifty-first ordinary session, held in Geneva, on October 26, 2017, adopted document UPOV/INF/22/4 “Software and equipment used by members of the Union”;

(d) the Office of the Union issued circular E-18/042, inviting the designated persons of the members of the Union in the TC to provide or update information for document UPOV/INF/22.

3. The following abbreviations are used in this document:

CAJ:	Administrative and Legal Committee
TC:	Technical Committee
TWC:	Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs
TWPs:	Technical Working Parties

4. The structure of this document is as follows:

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DOCUMENT UPOV/INF/16 “EXCHANGEABLE SOFTWARE”

Adoption of document UPOV/INF/16/7

5. The Council, at its fifty-first ordinary session, held in Geneva, on October 26, 2017, adopted a revision of document UPOV/INF/16 “Exchangeable Software” (document UPOV/INF/16/7), on the basis of document UPOV/INF/16/7 Draft 1 (see document C/51/22 “Report”, paragraph 23).

Revision of document UPOV/INF/16/7

6. Section 4 of document UPOV/INF/16 “Exchangeable Software” provides the following:

“4. Information on use by members of the Union

“4.1 A circular is issued to members of the Union on an annual basis, inviting them to provide information on their use of the software included in document UPOV/INF/16.

“4.2 The information on software use by members of the Union is indicated in the columns ‘Member(s) of the Union using the software’ and ‘Application by user(s)’. With regard to the indication of ‘Application by user(s)’, members of the Union can indicate, for example, crops or types of crop for which the software is used.”

7. On April 23, 2018, the Office of the Union issued circular E-18/042 to the designated persons of the members of the Union in the TC, inviting them to provide or update information regarding the use of the software included in document UPOV/INF/16.

8. *The TWPs are invited to note that:*

(a) the Council, at its fifty-first ordinary session, held in Geneva, on October 26, 2017, adopted document UPOV/INF/16/7 “Exchangeable Software”;

(b) the Office of the Union issued circular E-18/042, inviting the designated persons of the members of the Union in the TC to provide or update information regarding the use of the software included in document UPOV/INF/16.

DOCUMENT UPOV/INF/22 “SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT USED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNION”

Adoption of document UPOV/INF/22/4

9. The Council, at its fifty-first ordinary session, held in Geneva, on October 26, 2017, adopted a revision of document UPOV/INF/22 “Software and Equipment Used by Members of the Union” (document UPOV/INF/22/4), on the basis of document UPOV/INF/22/4 Draft 1 (see document C/51/22 “Report”, paragraph 24).

Revision of document UPOV/INF/22/4

Software for inclusion

10. The procedure for considering software and equipment proposed for inclusion in document UPOV/INF/22 is set out in document UPOV/INF/22, as follows:

“2.1 Software/equipment proposed for inclusion in this document by members of the Union is, in the first instance, presented to the TC.

“2.2 The TC will decide whether to:

- a) propose to include the information in the document;
- b) request further guidance from other relevant bodies (e.g. CAJ and TWPs); or
- c) propose not to include the information in the document.

“2.3 In the case of a positive recommendation by the TC and, subsequently by the CAJ, the software/equipment will be listed in a draft of the document, to be considered for adoption by the Council.

“4.1 A circular is issued to members of the Union on an annual basis, inviting them to provide information on their use of the software/equipment included in this document.”

11. On April 23, 2018, the Office of the Union issued circular E-18/042 to the designated persons of the members of the Union in the TC, inviting them to provide information for document UPOV/INF/22.

12. *The TWPs are invited to note that.*

(a) the Council, at its fifty-first ordinary session, held in Geneva, on October 26, 2017, adopted document UPOV/INF/22/4 “Software and equipment used by members of the Union”;

(b) the Office of the Union issued circular E-18/042, inviting the designated persons of the members of the Union in the TC to provide or update information for document UPOV/INF/22.

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