

**Working Group on a Possible International System
of Cooperation**

UPOV/WG-ISC/3/3

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REPORT

adopted by the Working Group on a Possible International System of Cooperation

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The Working Group on a Possible International System of Cooperation (WG-ISC) held its third meeting in Geneva on October 24, 2017, under the chairmanship of the Vice Secretary-General of UPOV. The list of participants is reproduced in the Annex to this report.
2. The meeting was opened by the Chair, who welcomed the participants.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The WG-ISC adopted the agenda as presented in document UPOV/WG-ISC/3/1 Rev.

PRESENTATIONS

4. The Chair recalled that the WG-ISC, at its second meeting, had agreed that its third meeting should focus on the presentation of information on the current situation within UPOV and within individual members of the Union participating in the WG-ISC in relation to the items discussed at its second meeting, with a view to facilitating consideration of substantial matters at its fourth meeting.
5. On the above basis, the WG-ISC received presentations on the following topics, copies of which are available on the WG-ISC webpage, as follows:
 - (a) DUS Examination
 - (i) Existing arrangements for DUS cooperation and the results of the TC survey on cooperation in DUS examination
 - *Office of the Union*
 - (ii) Existing quality assurances systems in members of the Union
 - *Community Plant Variety Office of the European Union (CPVO)*
 - *New Zealand*
 - (iii) Overview and observations
 - *Chairperson of the Technical Committee (Mr. Kees van Ettehoven (Netherlands))*
 - (b) Novelty
 - (i) Key elements in the explanatory notes on novelty and the role of the PLUTO database
 - *Office of the Union*

- (ii) Examples of the implementation of the novelty provisions
 - *Community Plant Variety Office of the European Union (CPVO)*
 - *Norway*
- (c) Priority
 - (i) Key elements in the explanatory notes on the right of priority
 - *Office of the Union*
 - (ii) Experiences in the implementation of the priority provisions, including determination of the date of the first application
 - *Norway*
- (d) Cooperation in administrative matters
 - Ways to mutually recognize documents
 - *Norway*

6. After each topic, a short discussion took place to clarify the information provided in the presentations.

NEXT STEPS

7. The WG-ISC considered document UPOV/WG-ISC/3/2 “Possible issues relevant for the needs of the PVP Offices as identified at the first meeting of the WG-ISC”.

8. The WG-ISC agreed to invite the Office of the Union to prepare a document updating Annex II to document UPOV/WG-ISC/3/2 on the basis of:

(a) the changes agreed by the WG-ISC at its second meeting, as set out in document UPOV/WG-ISC/3/2, paragraph 6; and

(b) amending “DUS EXAMINATION, Needs of PVP Offices” (ii) to read as follows:

“(ii) to accept DUS reports from other members of the Union”;

9. The WG-ISC recalled that the conclusions of the second meeting, concerning items that were not considered to be of high priority, would also be reflected in the updated document.

DATE AND PROGRAM OF THE NEXT MEETING

10. The WG-ISC agreed to propose that the next meeting of the WG-ISC (WG-ISC/4) be held in Geneva on the evening of October 31, 2018.

11. The WG-ISC agreed that the program for its fourth meeting would be as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Possible issues relevant for the needs of the PVP Offices as identified at the first meeting of the WG-ISC and amended by the WG-ISC at its second and third meetings (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
4. Next steps
5. Date and program of the next meeting

12. This report was adopted by correspondence.

[Annex follows]

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