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Examination of Draft Laws by the Council

Positive decision on the Draft Law of Nigeria

The Council took a positive decision on the conformity of the “Plant Variety Protection Bill of Nigeria” (“Draft Law”) with the 1991 Act of UPOV Convention, which allows Nigeria once the Draft Law is adopted with no changes and the Law is in force, to deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act.

Positive decision on the Draft Law of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The Council took a positive decision on the conformity of the “Plant Breeders’ Protection Bill 2019 of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines” (“Draft Law”) with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention, which allows Saint Vincent and the Grenadines once the Draft Law is adopted with no changes and the Law is in force, to deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act.

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The purpose of UPOV is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society.

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