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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Circular E-1560

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Madam, Sir,

The Office of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is currently preparing documents for the next session of the Council. In this connection, and if you have not yet done so, I should like to ask you to provide the Office of the Union (the Office) with your updated information on plant variety protection and international cooperation in examination.

You are kindly requested to examine documents C/44/5, C/44/6 and C/44/7 (available on the UPOV website at <a href="https://www.upov.int/en/documents/c/index\_c44.htm">www.upov.int/en/documents/c/index\_c44.htm</a>) in conjunction with the corresponding entries in the GENIE Database (see below), and to inform us of new information or changes by **July 30, 2011**.

The following guidance is provided to assist you in preparing the necessary information:

## Cooperation in Examination (document C/45/5)

The Powerpoint provided at

http://www.upov.int/en/documents/c/45/index\_circular\_1560.htm contains a step-by-step guide to obtaining the information for your authority contained in the GENIE Database (www.upov.int/genie/en/) and document C/44/5. In addition, please would you check the statements in document C/44/5, page 3, concerning agreements which are not reflected in document C/44/5. The Office of the Union would be glad to discuss ways of including the information contained in those agreements in document C/45/5 and/or the GENIE Database.

For updating entries in document C/44/5 an Excel table ("C/xx/5 Cooperation -- updates") is provided at <a href="https://www.upov.int/en/documents/c/45/index\_circular\_1560.htm">www.upov.int/en/documents/c/45/index\_circular\_1560.htm</a>.

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## List of the Taxa Protected by the Members of the Union (document C/45/6)

The Powerpoint provided at

www.upov.int/en/documents/c/45/index\_circular\_1560.htm contains a step-by-step guide to obtaining the information for your authority, contained in the GENIE Database (www.upov.int/genie/en/) and in document C/44/6.

For updating entries in document C/44/6 an Excel table ("C/xx/6 Protection - updates") is provided at <a href="https://www.upov.int/en/documents/c/45/index\_circular\_1560.htm">www.upov.int/en/documents/c/45/index\_circular\_1560.htm</a>.

## Plant Variety Protection Statistics for the Period 2006-2010 (document C/45/7)

Four Excel tables are provided at www.upov.int/en/documents/c/index\_c45.htm, which you are kindly requested to use to provide information for document C/45/7:

- (1) Plant Variety Protection Applications by Origin
- (2) Plant Variety Protection Titles by Origin
- (3) Plant Variety Protection Titles in Force
- (4) Summary: Plant Variety Protection Titles in Force on December 31, 2010

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Vice Secretary-General