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I. COMPOSITION OF THE UNION

Members

1. On December 31, 2006, the Union had 63 members. The following States became members of the Union in 2006:
2. On April 3, 2006, Iceland deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The Convention (1991 Act) entered into force in respect of Iceland on May 3, 2006.
3. On September 8, 2006, Morocco deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The Convention (1991 Act) entered into force in respect of Morocco on October 8, 2006.
4. On November 24, 2006, Viet Nam deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The Convention (1991 Act) entered into force in respect of Viet Nam on December 24, 2006.
5. The 63 members of the Union, on December 31, 2006, were the following: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy,

Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam. Annex I details the membership status of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts as of December 31, 2006.

Situation in Relation to the Convention and its various Acts

6. On December 31, 2006, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

(a) two States were bound by the 1961 Convention as amended by the 1972 Act, namely Belgium and Spain;

(b) the 1978 Act bound 25 States, namely: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Slovakia, South Africa, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine and Uruguay;

(c) the 1991 Act bound 36 States and one organization, namely: Albania, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Community, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, Sweden, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

Future Members

7. Under Article 34(3) of the 1991 Act, “any State which is not a member of the Union and any intergovernmental organization shall, before depositing its instrument of accession, ask the Council to advise it in respect of the conformity of its laws with the provisions of this Convention.”

8. At its twenty-third extraordinary session, held in Geneva on April 7, 2006, the Council examined the conformity of the Intellectual Property Law of Viet Nam, in particular its Part Four “Rights for the Plant Variety”, with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

9. In respect of Viet Nam, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the information given in document C(Extr.)/23/2;

“(b) take a positive decision on the conformity of the Intellectual Property Law of Viet Nam with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. It noted that the Law required some additional provisions and clarifications, as provided in document C(Extr.)/23/2, in order to fully incorporate the provisions of the 1991 Act. However, those missing provisions and clarifications would be remedied by the general principle in Article 5 of the Law and the

incorporation of those provisions in the Decree on Plant Variety Rights. Once the Law and the Decree entered into force, Viet Nam might deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act;

“(c) request the Office of the Union to offer its assistance to the Government of Viet Nam to incorporate in the Law the amendments suggested in paragraph 40 of document C(Extr.)/23/2 at the first opportunity so as to avoid recourse to the general principle in Article 5 of the Law;

“(d) authorize the Secretary-General to inform the Government of Viet Nam of that decision.”

10. At its fortieth ordinary session, held in Geneva on October 19, 2006, the Council examined the conformity of the Draft Law on the Protection of Breeder's Rights for Varieties of Plants of the Dominican Republic and the Draft Law for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of Guatemala.

11. In respect of the Dominican Republic, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the information given in document C/40/14;

“(b) take a positive decision on the conformity of the Draft Law on Protection of Breeder's Rights for Varieties of Plants of the Dominican Republic with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, in accordance with Article 34(3) of that Act, which allows the Dominican Republic to deposit its instrument of accession once the Draft Law is enacted and in force; and

“(c) authorize the Secretary-General to inform the Government of the Dominican Republic of that decision.”

12. In respect of Guatemala, the Council decided to:

“(a) take note of the information given in document C/40/15, as modified by the Council;

“(b) take a positive decision, subject to the inclusion in Article 16(2) of the Draft Law of “within reasonable limits and subject to the safeguarding of the legitimate interests of the breeder” after “using”, on the conformity of the Draft Law for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, in accordance with Article 34(3) of that Act, which allows the Republic of Guatemala to deposit its instrument of accession once the Draft Law is enacted and in force; and

“(c) authorize the Secretary-General to inform the Government of Guatemala of that decision.”

II. SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Council

13. The Council held its twenty-third extraordinary session on April 7, 2006, under the chairmanship of Miss Enriqueta Molina Macías (Mexico), President of the Council.

14. At that session, the Council dealt with the following main issues:

(a) It examined the conformity of the Intellectual Property Law of Viet Nam with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants;

(b) It took a decision on the Working Capital Fund of UPOV;

(c) It decided that members of the Union should not adjust downwards their number of units of contribution without considering the implications for UPOV and considering how such a reduction would be compensated by other members of the Union. In particular, members of the Union should not reduce their number of units of contribution during a budget period, approved by the Council, except under exceptional and unavoidable circumstances (the adopted decisions were reproduced in Annexes II and III of document C(Extr.)/23/5).

15. The Council held its fortieth ordinary session on October 19, 2006, also under the chairmanship of Miss Enriqueta Molina Macías. The session was attended by 43 members of the Union, seven observer States¹ and six observer organizations².

16. At that session, the Council dealt with the following main issues:

(a) It examined the Draft Law of the Dominican Republic on Protection of Breeder's Rights for Varieties of Plants and the Draft Law of the Republic of Guatemala on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention;

(b) It approved the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Union in 2005 and noted the report on the activities in the first nine months of 2006;

(c) It adopted the "Explanatory notes on variety denominations under the UPOV Convention", as contained in document C/40/12, and noted that prior guidance provided by the "UPOV Recommendations on Variety Denominations" (document UPOV/INF/12 Rev.), was superseded by those Explanatory Notes. The adopted Explanatory Notes (document UPOV/INF/12/1) had been placed on the UPOV website (see http://www.upov.int/en/publications/pdf/inf_12_1.pdf);

(d) It approved the accounts for the 2004-2005 financial period and noted the report of the auditor on the accounts of the 2004-2005 biennium;

¹ Algeria, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Greece, Guatemala, Malaysia and Turkey.

² Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI), International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA), International Seed Federation (ISF), European Seed Association (ESA) and World Trade Organization (WTO).

(e) It noted the work of the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) at its fifty-third session, held on April 6, 2006, as described in document C/40/9, and at its fifty-fourth session on October 16 and 17, 2006, as orally reported by the Chairman of the CAJ;

(f) It noted the work of the Technical Committee (TC), the Technical Working Parties (TWPs) and the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT), as provided in document C/40/10, and approved the programs of work set out in that document;

(g) It elected, in each case for a term of three years ending with the forty-third ordinary session of the Council, in 2009:

(i) Mr. Doug Waterhouse (Australia), President of the Council;

(ii) Mr. Keun-Jin Choi (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of the Council.

(h) Based on the recommendation of the Consultative Committee, it unanimously decided to extend the term of Mr. Rolf Jördens as Vice Secretary-General of UPOV until November 30, 2009. It noted that the Consultative Committee had also agreed to have an initial discussion on that item at its seventy-third session, in March 2007, and to make a final recommendation for a Council decision regarding the one-year extension at the seventy-fifth session of the Consultative Committee in April 2008. The final decision would be taken at the twenty-fifth extraordinary session of the Council in April 2008, at the latest;

(i) It noted documents and oral reports on the situation in the legislative, administrative and technical fields related to plant variety protection, as presented by members and observers. It also noted that a revised document on “Plant Variety Protection Statistics” for the period 2000-2004 (document C/39/7 Rev.) had been produced.

(j) The Council noted document C/40/17 and the presentation by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (IT/PGRFA).

(k) It approved the revised calendar of meetings in 2007 and noted the proposed dates of meetings in Geneva in 2008.

Consultative Committee

17. The Consultative Committee held its seventy-first session on April 7, 2006, under the chairmanship of Miss Enriqueta Molina Macías (Mexico). It made a preliminary examination for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention of the Intellectual Property Law of Viet Nam. It decided to grant observer status to the European Seed Association (ESA) in the CAJ. It discussed existing activities of UPOV and possible future initiatives in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders' rights, including the seminar on enforcement of plant breeders' rights, organized by the Government of Japan in cooperation with UPOV, scheduled to take place in Tokyo from November 15 to 17, 2006. It agreed that a new document be prepared on the “Overview of existing activities of UPOV and possible future initiatives in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders' rights” for the seventy-second session of the Consultative Committee on October 18, 2006, reflecting its deliberations. It made

recommendations to the Council concerning the Working Capital Fund of UPOV and changes in the number of units of contribution during a budget period. It received a performance assessment report for the 2004-2005 biennium and was informed that the third running of the UPOV Distance Learning Course DL-205 would be held in four UPOV languages and was scheduled from September 18 to October 20, 2006. It received an oral report on the development of the UPOV Assistance Database. It was informed of the meetings and activities concerning biodiversity, plant genetic resources and plant variety protection and of developments in the Council for TRIPS concerning the review of Article 27.3(b) of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (“TRIPS Agreement”).

18. The Consultative Committee held its seventy-second session on October 18, 2006, and on the morning of October 19, 2006, also under the chairmanship of Miss Enriqueta Molina Macías (Mexico). It undertook preliminary examinations of the conformity of the Draft Laws of the Dominican Republic and Guatemala with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. It decided to grant observer status to the Seed Association of the Americas (SAA) in the Council, the CAJ, the TC and the Technical Working Parties of UPOV. It recommended the adoption of explanatory notes on variety denominations under the UPOV Convention. It decided to continue its deliberations on an overview of existing activities of UPOV and possible future initiatives in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders’ rights. It also noted that the role of the BMT enabled that Working Group to provide a forum for discussion on the use of biochemical and molecular techniques in the consideration of variety identification. It made recommendations on the extension of the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General, and took note of information provided concerning biodiversity, plant genetic resources and plant variety protection, and developments in the Council for TRIPS concerning the review of Article 27.3(b) of the TRIPS Agreement.

Administrative and Legal Committee, Technical Committee, Technical Working Parties and Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular

19. The CAJ held its fifty-third session on April 6, 2006, and its fifty-fourth session on October 16 and 17, 2006, respectively. The TC held its forty-second session from April 3 to 5, 2006. Further information on the work of the CAJ and the TC is contained in documents C/40/9, C/41/9, C/40/10 and C/41/10. The Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) held its fortieth session in Guanajuato, Guanajuato State, Mexico, from June 12 to 16, 2006. The twenty-fourth session of the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC) was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from June 19 to 22, 2006. The Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) held its thirty-fifth session in Beijing, China, from July 3 to 7, 2006. The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) held its thirty-seventh session in Salvador, Bahia State, Brazil, from August 21 to 25, 2006. The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO) held its thirty-ninth session in Fortaleza, Ceará State, Brazil, from August 28 to September 1, 2006. The BMT held its tenth session in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from November 21 to 23, 2006. All of those Technical Working Party sessions were preceded by preparatory workshops.

III. COURSES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, MISSIONS, IMPORTANT CONTACTS

20. On January 12, during a press conference in Geneva, the Office of the Union (Office) presented the UPOV Report on the Impact of Plant Variety Protection. Free copies were subsequently made available to members and observers of UPOV, to decision-makers of governments and organizations and to other individuals.

21. On January 19, at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, the Office organized a briefing session for the staff of the FAO Legal Office and other FAO officials on the UPOV Convention and on the impact of plant variety protection, in particular.

22. On January 30 and 31, the Office attended the fourth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG-ABS), held in Granada, Spain. During this meeting, the WG-ABS discussed, *inter alia*, the international regime on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, following decision VII-19 of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-7). During the meeting, the Office organized a lunchtime briefing on “The Benefits of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention”. The briefing was attended by some 20 people. Mr. Evans Sikinyi, Kenya, participated in his capacity as chairman of the UPOV Ad hoc Working Group to Study the Impact of Plant Breeders’ Rights.

23. On February 6, the Office attended a World Bank Presentation on Intellectual Property Aspects of the Doha Round at WIPO.

24. On February 9, the Office attended, as a member of the board of examiners, an academic session at the Law Faculty of the University of Geneva during which a doctorate thesis on plant variety protection was successfully defended.

25. On February 16, the Office attended the Fleuroselect Business Unit Breeder Conference, held in Geneva.

26. On February 21, in Berlin, the Office visited the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and consumer Protection of Germany and briefed State Secretary Gert Lindemann on recent developments of the Union.

27. On February 22, the Office attended the CropLife International Conference “Intellectual Property: a hindrance or a boost to innovation”, held in Geneva.

28. On February 23, in Hanover, Germany, the Office was represented at the annual meeting of the German Section of the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA) which, at the same time, marked the 20th Anniversary of CIOPORA Germany. The Office made a presentation on the impact of plant variety protection.

29. On March 2, at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters, the Office briefed a group of Egyptian diplomats on plant variety protection.

30. On March 10, at Strickhof near Zurich, Switzerland, the Office participated in a Workshop on Farm Management in Switzerland, organized by the *Deutsche Landwirtschaftsgesellschaft* (DLG).

31. On March 15 and 16, in Hanoi, the Office held consultations with a view to assisting the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in the development of an implementing decree for plant variety protection in conformity with the UPOV Convention. Officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and representatives of the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) participated.
32. On March 15 and 16, the Office attended a meeting of the World Trade Organization Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (WTO Council for TRIPS).
33. On March 16, at the headquarters of EMBRAPA in Brasilia, the Office had a meeting with Mr. Roberto Rodrigues, Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, and with Mr. Silvio Crestana, President-Director of EMBRAPA. The Minister confirmed his Government's commitment to accede to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The President-Director stressed the importance of effective protection of plant varieties for EMBRAPA.
34. On March 17, also in Brasilia, at the headquarters of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, the Office organized a National Seminar on the Impact and Developments of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention in which some 50 participants from the administration, research and breeding sectors were present.
35. On March 17, in Hanoi, in meetings with officials of MARD, the Office provided information on the procedure for accession of Viet Nam to the UPOV Convention. Representatives of DANIDA and of the STAR Viet Nam project of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) were also present.
36. On March 18, the Office visited a breeding station of Pioneer Hi-Bred Brazil near Brasilia and was informed about the company's program on soybean. A private pork production farm was also visited on the same day.
37. On March 20 and 21, in Curitiba, Brazil, the Office attended the eighth ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-8). The Office delivered a statement based on the position adopted by the Council of UPOV on the Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing. Lunch-time briefings on the benefits of plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention in English and in Spanish were given with some 25 participants at each session.
38. On March 21, the Office took part in an interview with World Radio Geneva (WRG-FM) radio station in Geneva.
39. On March 31, the Office received Mrs. Gracibel Bu, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Honduras at Geneva. The procedure of accession to the UPOV Convention was explained.
40. On April 3, H.E. Mr. Kristinn F. Arnason, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Iceland, Permanent Mission at Geneva, deposited Iceland's instrument of accession to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.
41. On April 6, on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the CAJ, H.E. Mr. Doru Romulus Costea, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania, Permanent Mission at Geneva, unveiled the painting "Pleading for Verticality", created by Mrs. Maria Goia from Romania, and presented it as a gift to the Office.

42. On April 10 and 11, the Office participated in a subgroup meeting of experts to discuss the development of document TGP/14 “Glossary of Technical, Botanical and Statistical Terms Used in UPOV Documents”, held in Geneva at the UPOV headquarters.

43. On April 19, the Office received the visit of Mr. Jan Hassing, Chairman of the Committee for Novelty Protection, and Mrs. Mia Buma, Secretary of the Committee for Novelty Protection, of the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH). AIPH had recently been granted observer status to the CAJ, and the meeting included a briefing on the working procedures of the CAJ.

44. From April 24 to 28, in Alnarp, Sweden, the Office participated in the second meeting of the Contact Group for the drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

45. On May 2, the Office lectured at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters in the frame of a course on intellectual property, organized by the Worldwide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

46. On May 5, the Office paid a visit to the Federal Office for Agriculture in Berne. In a meeting with Mr. Jacques Morel, Assistant Director, and his team, the important role of the Swiss Office in providing practical guidance to delegations from developing countries, in particular on the management of plant variety protection, was highlighted.

47. On May 8, in Bangkok, the Office organized a national workshop on plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention. Some 50 participants from the Department of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation, from the Department of Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Commerce and representatives of law firms and research institutes were present.

48. On May 9 and 10, also in Bangkok, the Office participated in the seventh National Seed Associations Meeting of the Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA). The Office made a presentation on the Impact of Plant Variety Protection. The participants examined and approved the draft program for the UPOV/APSA Workshop on the Protection of New Plant Varieties, to be held in November 2006.

49. On May 12, in Jakarta, the Office held a meeting with some 20 government officials, including the Director of the Center for Plant Variety Protection, Mrs. Hindawarti, and members of her staff. The situation of plant variety protection in Indonesia was assessed and comments on the Law of the Republic of Indonesia No. 29 of 2000, Plant Variety Protection, with regard to its conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention were made.

50. From May 15 to 17, at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters, the Office was present at the third session of the WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE). Discussions centered around education, awareness raising and training on matters relevant for enforcement.

51. From May 15 to 19, in Lusaka, the Office participated in the second Southern African Development Community (SADC) Regional Workshop on Plant Breeders' Rights under the UPOV Convention. The purpose of the Workshop in which some 30 representatives from all SADC member countries, the SADC Secretariat, the Iowa State University, the International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) and the African Seed Trade

Association (AFSTA) participated, was to develop a draft protocol for plant breeders' rights in the SADC region.

52. From May 29 to 31, in Copenhagen, the Office attended the World Seed Congress 2006 of the International Seed Federation (ISF). During a session of the ISF Breeders' Committee, the Office provided an update on recent developments in UPOV.

53. On May 31, at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters in Geneva, the Office made a presentation at the "Business-oriented overview of intellectual property for law students", organized by WIPO in cooperation with the Law Faculty of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel), Reinhold Cohn Patent Attorneys (Israel) and the Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute (United Kingdom).

54. On June 1 and 2, in Copenhagen, the Office attended the ISF International Seminar "Patent Protection of Plant-Related Innovations: Facts and Issues".

55. On June 9, at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters, the Office lectured at the WIPO Interregional Intermediate Seminar on Industrial Property. Some 100 participants, most of them from developing countries, were present.

56. From June 12 to 16, in Madrid, the Office attended the first session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. An important result was the adoption of the Material Transfer Agreement which governs access and benefit-sharing under the Treaty's multilateral system of plant genetic resources.

57. On June 19, the Office received Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chairman, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority of India, and Mr. R.K. Trivedi, Registrar, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Authority, who were on a study tour on plant variety protection in Europe and North America, coordinated by the Office.

58. On June 20, at the WTO headquarters, the Office was present at the presentation of a study on seed sector development commissioned by the World Bank. The Office made a presentation on the impact of plant variety protection.

59. On June 27, the Messrs. L. Henriksen, President of CIOPORA, Alain Meilland, Vice-President, and Edgar Krieger, Executive Secretary, visited the UPOV headquarters in order to discuss matters of mutual interest and working procedures of UPOV bodies, in particular.

60. On June 27, the Office received Mr. Abdallah Bin Ali Zaher Al-Hanai, Director-General, Directorate General of Organizations and Commercial Relations, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Sultanate of Oman. Mr. Al-Hanai reported that Oman had enacted a law on the protection of new varieties of plants and asked for UPOV's assistance to the accession of Oman to UPOV.

61. On June 28, the Office received Mr. Zurab Neparidze, Deputy Director General, National Intellectual Property Center (SAKPATENTI) of Georgia. Mr. Neparidze reported that at the end of 2005, Parliament had ratified the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention and a new draft law for plant variety protection was currently under examination by Parliament.

62. On June 29, the Office received the visit of Mr. Franz-Joseph Feiter, Secretary General of the Committee of Professional Agricultural Organizations in the European Union (COPA) and the General Confederation of Agricultural Co-operatives in the European Union (COGECA). The importance of new varieties of plants for successful agriculture in Europe was underlined.
63. On July 3, at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters, the Office lectured at the WIPO/WTO Colloquium for Professors in Intellectual Property. Some 30 professors from developing countries and from countries in transition to a market economy were present.
64. On July 4, the Office received Mr. Muhammad Ismail Qureshi, Secretary, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Pakistan, and Mr. Mujeeb Ahmed Khan, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the WTO. Mr. Qureshi expressed a wish for the Office to organize a workshop on plant variety protection in Islamabad.
65. On July 11, the Office received a visit from Ms. Carole Bonneau, Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO), Angers, France, to discuss cooperation in the development of UPOV and CPVO databases.
66. On July 18, the Office had a meeting in Cambridge, United Kingdom, with Professor Wayne Powell, Chief Executive Officer of NIAB.
67. On the morning of July 19, in Cambridge, United Kingdom, the Office had a meeting with Mr. Michael Wray, Controller of Plant Variety Rights, Head of Seeds Division, Plant Variety Rights Office (PVRO) and, later that morning, had a meeting with Ms. Elizabeth Scott, Head, Ornamental Crops, Plant Variety Rights Group, NIAB. On the afternoon of that day, a visit was made to Floranova Limited in Foxley, Norfolk.
68. From July 30 to August 4, in Maputo, Mozambique, the Office participated in the "III. Plant Variety Protection Workshop for the SADC Region" organized by SADC, in cooperation with UPOV, the Iowa State University and ICRISAT. The meeting was attended by around 30 participants from the SADC Member States. The activity is the last of a series of three workshops: the first one was in November 2005, the second one in May 2006, both in Lusaka, Zambia, with the aim of developing a draft regional protocol for plant breeders' rights in the SADC Region. A text of a Draft SADC PBR Protocol was agreed and it was presented to the meeting of SADC Permanent Secretaries of Agriculture in September 2006.
69. On August 2, at the UPOV/WIPO headquarters in Geneva, the Office made a presentation to a group of students from the University of Berkeley (United States of America).
70. On August 17, the Office received Mr. Dao Huy Giam, Minister Counsellor, Head of the Trade Representation Office of Viet Nam to the WTO. Mr. Dao was briefed on the procedure of accession to the UPOV Convention. The briefing was continued on August 22.
71. On August 26 and 27, in Fortaleza, Ceará State, Brazil, the Office made a presentation at the Workshop on the Use of Molecular Techniques in Plant Variety Protection for Vegetatively Propagated Perennial Crops, organized by the Secretariat of Rural Development and Cooperativism, Intellectual Property Department, National Service for Plant Variety Protection of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply of Brazil, in conjunction with UPOV.

72. On August 29, in Tokyo, Japan, the Office was present at the orientation session of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Plant Variety Protection Training Course, held at the headquarters of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan.
73. From August 30 to September 1, in Tokyo, the Office lectured at the JICA Group Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders' Rights. The course was attended by experts from Brazil, China, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Senegal and Thailand.
74. On September 8, H.E. Mohammed Loulichki, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco, Permanent Mission at Geneva, deposited Morocco's instrument of accession to the UPOV Convention at the Office of the Union.
75. On September 8, the Office received the visit of Mr. Naresh Prasad Pokharel, Deputy Permanent Representative (Commerce) of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Nepal to the United Nations and other International Organizations, accompanied by Mr. Kifle Shenkoru of WIPO.
76. On September 14 and 15, in San Remo, Italy, the Office attended the XXII EUCARPIA Symposium - Section Ornamentals. The Office made a presentation on developments in UPOV, with particular focus on developments concerning molecular techniques and essentially derived varieties, and participated in a round table discussion on the "impact of essentially derived varieties (EDV's) on variety development".
77. From September 15 to 18, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, the Office, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan with the financial assistance of MAFF of Japan and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), organized the Second West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention. 50 experts including experts from nine countries in the region (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan) participated.
78. On September 21 and 22, in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, the Office, in cooperation with the State Agency of Science and Intellectual Property of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent) and Sida, with the financial assistance of MAFF of Japan, organized a National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention. Some 100 participants, representing professional circles (breeders, farmers) and officials from KyrgyzPatent and other institutions, were present.
79. On September 27, the Office received the visit of Prof. James Otieno-Odek, Managing Director, Kenya Industrial Property Institute. He was provided with information on the history and impact of plant variety protection.
80. Also on September 27, the Office received the visit of Mr. David Gabunia, Director General, and Mr. Zurab Neparidze, Deputy Director General, SAKPATENTI of Georgia. The Office was provided with the latest draft of the Plant Variety Protection Law of Georgia and explained the procedure of accession to the UPOV Convention.
81. On September 28, the Office received the visit of Mr. Roman Omorov, Director, State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Kyrgyz Republic. As a follow-up to the National

Workshop of September 21 and 22 in Bishkek (see paragraph 78), steps to further enhance plant variety protection in Kyrgyzstan were considered.

82. On September 29, the Office received the visit of the following representatives of Caribbean States: Mr. Jan C.A. Douglas, Attorney General and Minister for Legal Affairs and Immigration, Dominica; Mr. Colin V.A. Derrick, Minister for Justice, Antigua and Barbuda; Ms. Heather A. Clarke, Registrar, Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office, Barbados; Mr. Alhaji Tejan-Cole, Deputy Registrar, Intellectual Property Office, Belize; Ms. Annette Henry, Crown Counsel, Ministry of Legal Affairs, Grenada; Mrs. Ellaine French, Registrar of Companies, Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property, Saint Lucia; Ms. Pearletta Lanns, Registrar, Intellectual Property, Registry of the Supreme Court, Saint Kitts and Nevis; Mrs. Andrea Young-Lewis, Registrar, Commerce and Intellectual Property Office, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Mr. Richard Aching, Chief Technical Examiner, Intellectual Property Office, Trinidad and Tobago. The benefits of plant variety protection and steps to accede to the UPOV Convention were considered. The visitors expressed the wish to organize a regional seminar on plant variety protection in 2007.

83. On October 2, the Office received the visit of Prof. Dr. A. Damodaran, Centre for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. The benefits of plant variety protection according to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention and membership of UPOV were explained.

84. Also on October 2, the Office received the visit of the Vice President of the Intellectual Property Office of Brazil, Mr. Jorge Ávila, who was accompanied by Mr. Helinton José Rocha, Director, DEPTA/SDC, National Plant Variety Protection Service (SNPC). The relationship between provisions of the UPOV Convention and certain other intellectual property systems was considered. Mr. Ávila expressed the wish to use the UPOV distance learning material in training activities of his office.

85. On October 3, the Office had a meeting with Mr. David Gabunia Director General, and Mr. Zurab Neparidze, Deputy Director General, National Intellectual Property Center (NIPC) of Georgia on the accession procedure to the UPOV Convention and the draft Law of Georgia for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. A draft program of the proposed national seminar to be held in Tbilisi, on November 20 and 21, was discussed.

86. On October 3 and 4, the Office attended a Conference on Intellectual Property Rights and Sustainable Development at Chatham House, London. Based on findings of the UPOV Report on the Impact of Plant Variety Protection, the role of the UPOV System and membership of UPOV in economic development was explained.

87. On October 9, the Office received the visit of Mr. Yasin Tahir, Director General, Intellectual Property Organisation of Pakistan. Mr. Tahir was briefed on principles of the UPOV Convention and on the benefits of plant variety protection according to the UPOV Convention and membership of UPOV.

88. On October 11, the Office received the visit of Ms. Ana Lorena Bolaños, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the WTO. The procedures of the Council and of the Consultative Committee with regard to the examination of laws were explained.

89. On October 11, the Office attended the WIPO Patent Colloquium "The Research Exemption".

90. On October 12, the Office received the visit of Mr. John Ogier, Intellectual Property Registrar, Intellectual Property Office, State of Guernsey and discussed international law matters concerning the possible application of the UPOV Convention to the territory of Guernsey.
91. On October 16, the Office received the visit of Mr. Sotaro Ito, Director, and Mr. Toru Semba, Deputy Director, Seeds and Seedlings Division, MAFF of Japan. The organization of the Workshop on Enforcement to be held in Tokyo from November 15 to 17 was discussed. There was an exchange of views concerning the activities in the West and Central Asian Region. Mr. Semba provided the Office of UPOV with a concept paper concerning the organization of a PVP symposium for APEC countries.
92. On October 17, the Office received the visit of Mr. Sofian Mohd. Salleh, Director General, and Mr. Cheah Lee Shen, Deputy Director, Crop Quality Control Division, of the Department of Agriculture of Malaysia.
93. On October 20, in connection with the sessions of the Council and its Committees from October 16 to 19, the first session of the Administrative and Legal Committee Advisory Group (CAJ-AG) was held. The CAJ-AG started to work on explanatory notes related to a number of provisions of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention according to a program established by the CAJ.
94. On October 23, the Office received the visit of Mr. Kessi, Technical Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture of Gabon. Provisions of the UPOV Convention, benefits of membership of UPOV and the plant variety protection situation in Africa were explained.
95. From November 6 to 8, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Office participated in a Seminar for Small and Medium-Scale Innovators and Users of Genetic Resources on Managing Intellectual Property Rights and Access to Genetic Resources, organized by WIPO. The Office lectured on the impact of plant variety protection with particular reference to small and medium enterprises.
96. From November 6 to 11, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Office organized, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture of Malaysia, and with the financial assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, the Seventh Asian Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Variety Protection. Some 80 experts participated. 14 Asian countries, the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and the Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet) were represented. Experts from the following members of the Union made presentations: Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom.
97. On November 12, in Kuala Lumpur, the Office organized, in cooperation with APSA, a Workshop on Plant Variety Protection in the Asia Pacific region. The Workshop was held in connection with the APSA's Annual Congress, Asian Seed 2006. The aim was to provide a forum for an exchange of information between officials responsible for plant variety protection in the region and the seed industry. Accordingly, a presentation on their plant variety protection systems was made by four UPOV members (China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Singapore), four States having initiated the procedure to accede to the UPOV Convention (India, Malaysia, the Philippines and Viet Nam), and by Indonesia and Thailand.
98. On November 13, also in Kuala Lumpur, the Office participated in APSA's Annual Congress, Asian Seed 2006, and in a session of APSA's Standing Committee on Intellectual

Property Rights, in particular. The meeting was informed that the APSA Executive Committee would adopt a Position Paper on Plant Variety Protection which would recommend the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention as an appropriate form of protection of breeders' rights.

99. From November 15 to 17, in Tokyo, the Office participated in the Workshop on the Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights under the UPOV Convention, organized by MAFF of Japan in cooperation with UPOV. Some 150 participants were present, among them representatives of 13 members of the Union, four observer organizations, as well as some 25 foreign participants, including officials and representatives of breeders' associations and the private sector.

100. On the fringes of the aforementioned Workshop, the Office considered, with the responsible manager of the JICA Plant Variety Protection Course, the integration of the UPOV Distance Learning Course DL-205 into the JICA Course program and recommended to offer the JICA Course primarily to PVP officials of those States who had recently acceded to the UPOV Convention or were in the process of doing so.

101. On November 14, in Tokyo, the Office made a visit to MAFF of Japan, where it met with Mr. Yoshio Kobayashi, Vice-Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Mr. Hidenori Murakami, Vice-Minister for International Affairs of MAFF. Both Vice-Ministers, in their professional career, had previously been Directors of the Seed and Seedlings Division of MAFF and had participated in UPOV sessions in Geneva, and they stressed the importance of plant variety protection.

102. On November 20, in Tbilisi (Georgia), the Office organized, in cooperation with SAKPATENTI of Georgia, a National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention. The Workshop was chaired by Mr. David Gabunia, Director General of SAKPATENTI. Some 30 participants were present, including Members of Parliament, scientists, breeders and representatives of the intellectual property sector.

103. From November 20 to 24, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, the Office organized, in cooperation with the Government of Spain and WIPO, the Fifth Training Course for Ibero-American Countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. Delegates from 19 Latin American countries participated and were offered the opportunity to take the UPOV Distance Learning Course DL-205 as part of the training.

104. On November 21, also in Tbilisi, the Office discussed with officials of SAKPATENTI the Draft Law of Georgia for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. The Law was adopted by the Parliament of Georgia on December 29, 2006.

105. On November 22, the Office had a meeting with the Delegation of Montenegro on the draft law of plant variety protection and the accession procedure to the UPOV Convention.

106. On November 24, Mr. Pham Hong Nga, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Viet Nam at Geneva, deposited Viet Nam's instrument of accession to the UPOV Convention at the Office of the Union.

107. On November 24, in Seoul, Republic of Korea, a Symposium on the Application of Molecular Techniques for Plant Breeding and in Plant Variety Protection was organized jointly by the Korean Society for Seed Science and Industry (KOSID) and the National Seed

Management Office (NSMO) of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with UPOV. Some 200 participants were present, including a number of the participants of the tenth session of the BMT, which had preceded the Symposium.

108. On November 25, the Office attended a session of the WTO Council for TRIPS.

109. On November 28 and 29, in Bogotá, Colombia, the Office lectured in a Seminar on the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

110. On November 29 and 30, in Bonn, Germany, the Office attended a Workshop entitled “*Schutz und Nutzung geistigen Eigentums in der Pflanzenzüchtung*”, organized by the *Bundesverband Deutscher Pflanzzüchter e. V.* The Office gave a lecture on basic principles of the UPOV Convention and on the impact of plant variety protection.

111. The Office attended relevant parts of the Tenth Session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (WIPO-IGC), held in Geneva from November 30 to December 8.

112. On December 8, the Office received the visit of Mr. Emmanuel Sackey, Head of the Search and Examination Section of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), who was participating in the WIPO-IGC. The Office explained UPOV activities in Africa, in particular the planned Plant Variety Protection Workshop in Nairobi in June 2007.

113. On December 12 and 13, in Angers, France, the Office attended a CPVO meeting with representatives of its examination offices.

114. On December 15, in Lausanne, Switzerland, the Office gave a lecture on Plant Breeders' Rights in the frame of the DESS Program (Master in advanced studies) of the University of Lausanne.

IV. RELATIONS WITH STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS

115. With regard to relations with States and organizations, a major part of the activities of the Office was focussed on advice and assistance on plant variety protection legislation, the procedure for acceding to the Convention by potential members of the Union, or members of the Union that intended to accede to the 1991 Act of the Convention and on questions related to the implementation of plant variety protection. The Office provided written and/or oral comments, paid visits to authorities or received representatives of the respective States and Organizations in order to provide the requested advice. In this respect, the Office had contacts with Albania, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Egypt, El Salvador, European Community, Georgia, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Montenegro, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Serbia, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

116. The Office met with representatives of international organizations to coordinate activities or to explain UPOV's position. The Office participated in meetings of or discussions with CBD, the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

(CGRFA), African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of WIPO, the WTO Council for TRIPS, the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Bioversity International (the former International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI)) and the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA). The Office maintained close contacts with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The Office was contacted by SADC for guidance and assistance for the development of plant breeders' rights legislation.

117. The Office provided guidance on the provisions of the Convention to members of the Union and to other parties.

118. The Office met regularly with professional associations in order to follow developments in the practical application of plant variety protection at a global and regional level. Of particular relevance were meetings with ISF and CIOPORA, and with AFSTA, APSA, ESA and Fleuroselect.

V. SELECTED RESULTS OF UPOV IN 2006

119. Results achieved by UPOV in 2006 on the basis of the work of the Council, its subsidiary bodies and the Office, are summarized in Annex II to this document. Annex III contains an overview of the missions undertaken by the staff of the Office.

VI. PUBLICATIONS

120. The Office of the Union published:

- (a) one issue of "Plant Variety Protection", the Gazette and Newsletter of UPOV;
- (b) five updated discs in the series constituting the UPOV central database, "UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database";
- (c) UPOV-Bericht über die Auswirkungen des Sortenschutzes (UPOV Publication No. 353(G));
- (d) the following Test Guidelines were adopted and published on the UPOV website:

| Document No. | English | Français | Deutsch | Español | Botanical name |
|--------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------------|---|
| TG/4/8 | Ryegrass | Ray-grass | Weidelgras | Ballico, Raygrás | Lolium perenne L.; Lolium multiflorum Lam. ssp. italicum (A. Br.) Volkart; Lolium multiflorum Lam. var. westerwoldicum Wittm; Lolium boucheanum Kunth; Lolium rigidum Gaudin. |
| TG/11/8 | Rose | Rosier | Rose | Rosal | Rosa L. |
| TG/13/10 | Lettuce | Laitue | Salat | Lechuga | Lactuca sativa L. |

| Document No. | English | Français | Deutsch | Español | Botanical name |
|--------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| TG/26/5 | Chrysanthemum | Chrysanthème | Chrysantheme | Crisantemo | Chrysanthemum ×morifolium Ramat. (Chrysanthemum ×grandiflorum Ramat.); Chrysanthemum pacificum Nakai (Ajania pacifica Bremer and Humphries) and hybrids between them |
| TG/29/7 | Alstroemeria, Herb Lily | Alströmère, Lis des Incas | Inkalilie | Alstroemeria | Alstroemeria L. |
| TG/35/7 | Sweet cherry | Cerisier doux | Süßkirsche | Cerezo dulce | Prunus avium L. (Cerasus avium (L.) Moench) |
| TG/230/1 | Sour cherry; Duke cherry | Cerisier acide; Griotte | Sauerkirsche; - | Cerezo ácido, Guindo; Cerezo Duke | Prunus cerasus L.; Prunus ×gondouinii (Poit. & Turpin) Rehder |
| TG/67/5 | Red Fescue; Sheep's Fescue; Hair Fescue; Reliant Hard Fescue; Shade Fescue; Pseudovina | Fétuque rouge; Fétuque ovine, Fétuque des moutons, Fétuque durette, Poil de chien; -; -; Fétuque hétérophylle; - | Rotschwengel; Schafschwengel; Feinblättriger Schwengel, Haar-Schaf-Schwengel; Härtlicher Schwengel; Borstenschwengel, Verschiedenblättriger Schwengel; - | Cañuela roja, Festuca roja; Cañuela de oveja, Cañuela ovina, Festuca ovina; -; -; -; - | Festuca rubra L.; Festuca ovina L.; Festuca filiformis Pourr.; Festuca brevipila R. Tracey; Festuca heterophylla Lam.; Festuca pseudovina Hack. ex Wiesb. |
| TG/72/6 | Willow | Saule | Weide | Sauce | Salix L. |
| TG/73/7 | Blackberry & hybrids | Ronce fruitière et hybrides | Brombeere und Hybriden | Zarzamora e híbridos | Rubus L. subg. Eubatus sect. Moriferi et Ursini et hybridi |
| TG/75/7 | Cornsalad; - | Mâche; - | Feldsalat; - | Hierba de los canónigos ; - | Valerianella locusta L.; Valerianella eriocarpa Desv. |
| TG/76/8 | Sweet Pepper, Hot Pepper, Paprika, Chili | Piment, Poivron | Paprika | Aji, Chile, Pimiento | Capsicum annum L. |
| TG/97/4 | Avocado | Avocatier | Avocado | Aguacate, Palta | Persea americana Mill. |
| TG/104/5 | Melon | Melon | Melone | Melón | Cucumis melo L. |
| TG/112/4 | Mango | Manguier | Mango | Mango | Mangifera indica L. |
| TG/115/4 | Tulip | Tulipe | Tulpe | Tulipán | Tulipa L. |
| TG/151/4 | Calabrese, Sprouting Broccoli | Broccoli | Brokkoli | Bróculi, Bróculi, | Brassica oleracea L. convar. botrytis (L.) Alef. var. cymosa Duch. |
| TG/196/2 | New Guinea Impatiens | Impatiens de Nouvelle-Guinée | Neuguinea-Impatiens | Impatiens de Nueva Guinea | Impatiens New Guinea Group |
| TG/217/2 | Cactus Pear; Xoconostles | Figuier de Barbarie; Xoconostles | Feigenkaktus; Xoconostles | Chumbera, Tuna; Xoconostles | Opuntia Group 1; Group 2 |
| TG/226/1 | Dahlia | Dahlia | Dahlie | Dalia | Dahlia Cav. |
| TG/227/1 | Hop | Houblon | Hopfen | Lúpulo | Humulus lupulus L. |
| TG/228/1 | Medics | - | - | - | Medicago L. (excl. M. sativa L.) |
| TG/229/1 | Peppermint | Menthe poivrée | Pfefferminze | Menta piperita | Mentha ×piperita L. |

121. The Council is invited to note this report.

[Annexes follow]

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MEMBERS OF THE UNION

(December 31, 2006)

| Member | Date of Signature ¹ | Date of Deposit of Instrument ^{1,2} | Date Upon Which State Became Bound ¹ |
|------------|---|---|---|
| Albania | - - - - | - - - -September 15, 2005 | - - - October 15, 2005 |
| Argentina | - - - | - - November 25, 1994 - | - - December 25, 1994 - |
| Australia | - - - - | - - February 1, 1989 December 20, 1999 | - - March 1, 1989 January 20, 2000 |
| Austria | - - - - | - - June 14, 1994 June 1, 2004 | - - July 14, 1994 July 1, 2004 |
| Azerbaijan | - - - - | - - - November 9, 2004 | - - - December 9, 2004 |
| Belarus | - - - - | - - - December 5, 2002 | - - - January 5, 2003 |
| Belgium | December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991 | November 5, 1976 November 5, 1976 - - | December 5, 1976 February 11, 1977 - - |
| Bolivia | - - - - | - - April 21, 1999 - | - - May 21, 1999 - |
| Brazil | - - - - | - - April 23, 1999 - | - - May 23, 1999 - |

¹ *1st line:* International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961

2nd line: Additional Act of November 10, 1972

3rd line: Act of October 23, 1978

4th line: Act of March 19, 1991

² of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

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| Member | Date of Signature ¹ | Date of Deposit of Instrument ^{1, 2} | Date Upon Which State Became Bound ¹ |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Bulgaria | - - - | - - March 24, 1998 | - - April 24, 1998 |
| Canada | - - October 31, 1979 March 9, 1992 | - - February 4, 1991 - | - - March 4, 1991 - |
| Chile | - - - - | - - December 5, 1995 - | - - January 5, 1996 - |
| China | - - - - | - - March 23, 1999 - | - - April 23, 1999 - |
| Colombia | - - - - | - - August 13, 1996 - | - - September 13, 1996 - |
| Croatia | - - - - | - - - August 1, 2001 | - - - September 1, 2001 |
| Czech Republic ^{3/} | - - - - | - - - October 24, 2002 | - - January 1, 1993 November 24, 2002 |
| Denmark | November 26, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991 | September 6, 1968 February 8, 1974 October 8, 1981 April 26, 1996 | October 6, 1968 February 11, 1977 November 8, 1981 April 24, 1998 |
| Ecuador | - - - - | - - July 8, 1997 - | - - August 8, 1997 - |
| Estonia | - - - - | - - - August 24, 2000 | - - - September 24, 2000 |
| European Community | - - - - | - - - June 29, 2005 | - - - July 29, 2005 |

³ Continuation of the accession of Czechoslovakia (instrument deposited on November 4, 1991; State bound on December 4, 1991).

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| Member | Date of Signature ¹ | Date of Deposit of Instrument ^{1,2} | Date Upon Which State Became Bound ¹ |
|------------|---|--|--|
| Finland | - - - - | - - March 16, 1993 June 20, 2001 | - - April 16, 1993 July 20, 2001 |
| France | December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991 | September 3, 1971 January 22, 1975 February 17, 1983 - | October 3, 1971 February 11, 1977 March 17, 1983 - |
| Germany | December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991 | July 11, 1968 July 23, 1976 March 12, 1986 June 25, 1998 | August 10, 1968 February 11, 1977 April 12, 1986 July 25, 1998 |
| Hungary | - - - - | - - March 16, 1983 December 1, 2002 | - - April 16, 1983 January 1, 2003 |
| Iceland | - - - - | - - - April 3, 2006 | - - - May 3, 2006 |
| Ireland | - - September 27, 1979 February 21, 1992 | - - May 19, 1981 - | - - November 8, 1981 - |
| Israel | - - - October 23, 1991 | November 12, 1979 November 12, 1979 April 12, 1984 June 3, 1996 | December 12, 1979 December 12, 1979 May 12, 1984 April 24, 1998 |
| Italy | December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991 | June 1, 1977 June 1, 1977 April 28, 1986 - | July 1, 1977 July 1, 1977 May 28, 1986 - |
| Japan | - - October 17, 1979 - | - - August 3, 1982 November 24, 1998 | - - September 3, 1982 December 24, 1998 |
| Jordan | - - - - | - - - September 24, 2004 | - - - October 24, 2004 |
| Kenya | - - - - | - - April 13, 1999 - | - - May 13, 1999 - |
| Kyrgyzstan | - - - - | - - - May 26, 2000 | - - - June 26, 2000 |

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| Member | Date of Signature ¹ | Date of Deposit of Instrument ^{1,2} | Date Upon Which State Became Bound ¹ |
|-------------|---|--|---|
| Latvia | - - - - | - - July 30, 2002 | - - - August 30, 2002 |
| Lithuania | - - - - | - - November 10, 2003 | - - - December 10, 2003 |
| Mexico | - July 25, 1979 - | - July 9, 1997 - | - August 9, 1997 - |
| Moldova | - - - - | - - - September 28, 1998 | - - - October 28, 1998 |
| Morocco | - - - - | - - - September 8, 2006 | - - - October 8, 2006 |
| Netherlands | December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991 | August 8, 1967 January 12, 1977 August 2, 1984 October 14, 1996 | August 10, 1968 February 11, 1977 September 2, 1984 April 24, 1998 |
| New Zealand | - - July 25, 1979 December 19, 1991 | - - November 3, 1980 - | - - November 8, 1981 - |
| Nicaragua | - - - | - - August 6, 2001 - | - - September 6, 2001 - |
| Norway | - - - - | - - August 13, 1993 - | - - September 13, 1993 - |
| Panama | - - - - | - - April 23, 1999 - | - - May 23, 1999 - |
| Paraguay | - - - - | - - January 8, 1997 - | - - February 8, 1997 - |
| Poland | - - - - | - - October 11, 1989 July 15, 2003 | - - November 11, 1989 August 15, 2003 |

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| Member | Date of Signature ¹ | Date of Deposit of Instrument ^{1,2} | Date Upon Which State Became Bound ¹ |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| Portugal | - - - - | - - September 14, 1995 - | - - October 14, 1995 - |
| Republic of Korea | - - - - | - - - December 7, 2001 | - - - January 7, 2002 |
| Romania | - - - - | - - - February 16, 2001 | - - - March 16, 2001 |
| Russian Federation | - - - - | - - - March 24, 1998 | - - - April 24, 1998 |
| Singapore | - - - - | - - - June 30, 2004 | - - - July 30, 2004 |
| Slovakia ³ | - - - - | - - - - | - - January 1, 1993 - |
| Slovenia | - - - - | - - - June 29, 1999 | - - - July 29, 1999 |
| South Africa | - - October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991 | October 7, 1977 October 7, 1977 July 21, 1981 - | November 6, 1977 November 6, 1977 November 8, 1981 - |
| Spain | - - - March 19, 1991 | April 18, 1980 April 18, 1980 - - | May 18, 1980 May 18, 1980 - - |
| Sweden | - January 11, 1973 December 6, 1978 December 17, 1991 | November 17, 1971 January 11, 1973 December 1, 1982 December 18, 1997 | December 17, 1971 February 11, 1977 January 1, 1983 April 24, 1998 |
| Switzerland | November 30, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991 | June 10, 1977 June 10, 1977 June 17, 1981 - | July 10, 1977 July 10, 1977 November 8, 1981 - |

³ Continuation of the accession of Czechoslovakia (instrument deposited on November 4, 1991; State bound on December 4, 1991).

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| Member | Date of Signature ¹ | Date of Deposit of Instrument ^{1,2} | Date Upon Which State Became Bound ¹ |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|
| Trinidad and Tobago | - - - - | - - December 30, 1997 - | - - January 30, 1998 - |
| Tunisia | - - - - | - - - July 31, 2003 | - - - August 31, 2003 |
| Ukraine | - - - - | - - October 3, 1995 - | - - November 3, 1995 - |
| United Kingdom | November 26, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991 | September 17, 1965 July 1, 1980 August 24, 1983 December 3, 1998 | August 10, 1968 July 31, 1980 September 24, 1983 January 3, 1999 |
| United States of America | - - October 23, 1978 October 25, 1991 | - - November 12, 1980 January 22, 1999 | - - November 8, 1981 February 22, 1999 |
| Uruguay | - - - - | - - October 13, 1994 - | - - November 13, 1994 - |
| Uzbekistan | - - - - | - - - October 14, 2004 | - - - November 14, 2004 |
| Viet Nam | - - - - | - - - November 24, 2006 | - - - December 24, 2006 |

Total: 63 members

[Annex II follows]

ANNEX II

RESULTS TABLE

(Based on information provided in the
Program and Budget 2006-2007 – Document C/39/4)

Sub-program UV.2: Improved Services to Contracting Parties / Ensuring an Effective System of Plant Variety Protection

In the legal and administrative, as well as in the technical areas, the Union has produced and adopted a considerable number of basic documents which enhance the understanding and the implementation of the provisions of the Convention in an internationally harmonized and effective way, and thus, further improve the quality of protection and reduce its cost at a national or regional level.

- Objectives:**
- ◆ To maintain and improve the quality of protection provided by the UPOV system.
 - ◆ To provide and develop the legal and technical basis for international cooperation in a harmonized approach to plant variety protection according to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

Expected results

1. Increased international harmonization of the implementation of the UPOV Convention

Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators

1. Administrative and legal guidance on how to implement the UPOV Convention proposed to or adopted by the UPOV Council or its Committees

- Draft explanatory notes on variety denominations under the UPOV Convention (document CAJ/53/2)
- Development of information materials concerning the UPOV Convention (document CAJ/53/3)
- Creation of the Administrative and Legal Committee Advisory Group (CAJ-AG)
- Recommendations concerning long-term financial issues of the Union (document C(Extr.)/23/5)
- Decision on the Working Capital Fund (document C(Extr.)/23/5)
- First reflection on a UPOV assistance database presented to the Consultative Committee
- Overview of existing activities of UPOV in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders' rights (document CC/72/3)

Expected results

2. *Increased international harmonization of technical specificities for the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability(DUS) of new varieties*

Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators

2. *Guidance on the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability of new varieties proposed to, or adopted by, the UPOV Council or its Committees*

- TGP documents previously approved by the Technical Committee and published on the UPOV website:
 - TGP/0/1 “List of TGP Documents and Latest Issue Dates”
 - TGP/2/1 “List of Test Guidelines Adopted by UPOV”
 - TGP/5/1 “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing”
 - TGP/6/1 “Arrangements for DUS Testing”
 - TGP/7/1 “Development of Test Guidelines”
- Drafts of the following TGP documents advanced in the Technical Working Parties:
 - TGP/4 “Constitution and Management of Variety Collections”
 - TGP/8 “Use of Statistical Procedures in DUS Testing”
 - TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”
 - TGP/10 “Examining Uniformity”
 - TGP/12 “Special Characteristics”
 - TGP/13 “Guidance for New Types and Species”
 - TGP/14 “Glossary of Technical, Botanical and Statistical Terms Used in UPOV Documents”
- 23 Test Guidelines* adopted by the TC, comprising:
 - 19 revised Test Guidelines: TWA (2), TWF (6), TWO (6), TWV (5)

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|---------------|--|
| Africa: | ZA (0.5) |
| Americas: | MX (2) |
| Asia/Pacific: | AU (0.5), NZ (0.5) |
| Europe: | DE (2.5), ES (2), FR (2), GB (2), HU (3), NL (4) |
 - 4 new Test Guidelines: TWA (1.5), TWF (0.5), TWO (1), TWV (1)

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| Africa: | ZA (1) |
| Europe: | DE (1), FR (1), GB (1) |
- 64 draft Test Guidelines advanced by the Technical Working Parties, comprising
 - 25 revisions: TWA (2), TWF (6), TWO (9), TWV (8)

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| Africa: | ZA (0.5) |
| Americas: | BR (1), CA (2), UY (1) |
| Asia/Pacific: | JP (1), NZ (1) |
| Europe: | DE (4.5), DK (1), ES (0.5), FR (5.5), GB (1), HU (0.5), NL (4.5), PL (1) |
 - 39 new Test Guidelines: TWA (6.5), TWF (8), TWO (17), TWV (7.5)

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| Africa: | ZA (1) |
| Americas: | AR (1), BR (5), CA (1), EC (1), MX (4.5) |
| Asia/Pacific: | AU (1), CN (1), JP (2), KR (2), SG (2) |
| Europe: | DE (2), ES (0.5), FR (6), GB (2), IT (0.5), SK (1), UA (2) |
| Near/Middle East: | IL (3.5) |

Total of 25 members of the Union involved in drafting Test Guidelines.

* Number in brackets: 0.5 means that there was shared responsibility with another Technical Working Party or with a Leading Expert from another member of the Union.

| Expected results | Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators |
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| <p>2. <i>Increased international harmonization of technical specificities for the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability(DUS) of new varieties (continued)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 306 experts representing 29 members of the Union (members), 1 observer State (obs) and 5 observer organizations (orgs) participated in the Technical Working Parties as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">TWA (China): 21 members (65 participants) / 1 org (1 participant)TWC (Kenya): 15 members (43 participants) / 1 obs (1 participant)TWF (Brazil): 17 members (41 participants) / 1 org (1 participant)TWO (Brazil): 18 members (44 participants) / 1 org (1 participant)TWV (Mexico): 16 members (56 participants) / 1 org (2 participants)BMT (Republic of Korea) 15 members (46 participants) / 5 orgs (5 participants)• 138 experts representing 19 members / 2 orgs participated in the Preparatory Workshops as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">TWA: 8 members (23 participants)TWC: 5 members (11 participants)TWF: 6 members (12 participants)TWO: 5 members (16 participants)TWV: 8 members (47 participants) / 1 org (1 participant)BMT: 9 members (27 participants) / 1 org (1 participant) |
| <p>3. <i>Clarification of the role of publication of variety descriptions</i></p> | <p>3. <i>Policy on publication of variety descriptions proposed to or adopted by the UPOV Council</i></p> <p>Project to consider the publication of variety descriptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The <i>Ad hoc</i> Working Group on the Publication of Variety Descriptions (WG-PVD) agreed that, at this stage, no urgent matters concerning administrative, legal and financial issues need to be addressed and agreed that the model studies should be completed.• Results of model studies reviewed by the relevant Technical Working Parties, the WG-PVD and the Technical Committee. |

Expected results

4. Improved accessibility of information relevant for examination of applications

Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators

4. Databases

- Program agreed by the TC for the improvement of the UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database as follows:
 - (a) introduction of the UPOV code;
 - (b) improving the ease of contributing data to the UPOV-ROM through the development of a data submission table allowing data to be provided without the use of TAG format;
 - (c) providing training in the use of the UPOV-ROM;
 - (d) development of web-based version of Plant Variety Databases.
- Standardized classification of genera and species for improved database performance: 6,000 UPOV codes created
- Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) concerning development of UPOV Plant Variety Database and CPVO centralized database of variety denominations
- GENIE database updated
 - 6,000 UPOV codes
 - status of protection by genus / species within UPOV (based on document C/40/6)
 - information on cooperation in examination (based on document C/40/5)
 - experience in DUS testing (based on document TC/42/4)
 - variety denomination classes (based on UPOV/INF/12/1)

Sub-Program UV.3: Extending the Coverage of Protection of New Varieties of Plants

The Union has assisted a number of States in the implementation of plant variety protection based on the UPOV Convention. It has also provided advice to governments, mainly of developing countries and countries in transition to a market economy, in the adoption of relevant legislation.

- Objectives:**
- ◆ To assist States and certain organizations in implementing an effective plant variety rights system.
 - ◆ To assist States and certain organizations, particularly governments of developing countries and countries in transition to a market economy, in the preparation and enactment of legislation conforming with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

Expected results Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators

- 1. Introduction of a legal basis of plant variety protection according to the UPOV system by a growing number of States and inter-governmental organizations*
- 1.1 Number of comments on laws and regulations.*
- Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritius, Mexico, Pakistan, South African Development Community (SADC), Tajikistan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam.
- 1.2 Comments provided on laws and regulations which have been taken into account by States and intergovernmental organizations.*
- Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Montenegro, Serbia, South African Development Community (SADC), Tajikistan and Viet Nam.

Expected results Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators

- 2. Implementation of plant variety protection*
- 2.1 Number of training activities initiated/implemented.*
- Training activities initiated by the Office and implemented by members of the Union:
- Training program for Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chairperson, and Mr. R.K. Trivedi, Registrar, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority of India (Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, June 2006)
- Training activities organized by UPOV:
- National Seminar, Brasilia, Brazil, March 2006
 - National Workshop, Bangkok, Thailand, May 2006
 - National Workshop, Jakarta, Indonesia, May 2006
 - Workshop on the Use of Molecular Techniques in Plant Variety Protection for Vegetatively Propagated Perennial Crops, Fortaleza, Brazil, August 2006
 - National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, September 2006
 - Second West and Central Asian Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, September 2006
 - Fifth Training Course for Ibero-American Countries on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, November 2006
 - Seventh Asian Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Variety Protection, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 2006
 - UPOV-APSA Workshop on Plant Variety Protection in the Asia Pacific Region, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 2006
 - National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection, Tbilisi, Georgia, November 2006

| Expected results | Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators |
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| <i>2. Implementation of plant variety protection (continued)</i> | <p>UPOV made presentations at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Briefing session for FAO officials, Rome, Italy, January 2006– Annual meeting of the German Section of the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPOVA), Hanover, Germany, February 2006– Second Southern African Development Community (SADC) Regional Workshop, Lusaka, Zambia, May 2006– WIPO course on intellectual property, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2006– WIPO course “Business-oriented overview on intellectual property for law students”, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2006– WIPO Interregional Intermediate Seminar on Intellectual Property, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2006– World Bank Workshop on seed sector development, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2006– WIPO/WTO Colloquium for Professors in Intellectual Property, Geneva, Switzerland, July 2006– Third SADC Regional Workshop, Maputo, Mozambique, July/August 2006– WIPO Workshop for students of Berkley University, Geneva, Switzerland, August 2006– JICA Group Training Course on the Protection of Plant Breeders’ Rights, Tokyo, Japan, August/September 2006– XXII Eucarpia Symposium, San Remo, Italy, September 2006– Conference on Intellectual Property Rights and Sustainable Development, London, United Kingdom, October 2006– Seminar for Small and Medium-Scale Innovators and Users of Genetic Resources on Managing Intellectual Property Rights, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 2006– Workshop on <i>Schutz und Nutzung geistigen Eigentums in der Pflanzenzüchtung</i>, Bonn, Germany, November 2006– Symposium on the Application of Molecular Techniques for Plant Breeding and in Plant Variety Protection, Seoul, Republic of Korea, November 2006– Workshop on the Enforcement of Plant Breeders’ Rights under the UPOV Convention, Tokyo, November 2006 <p><i>2.2 Number of participants in the UPOV distance learning courses</i></p> <p>UPOV DL-205 “Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention”</p> <p>Session I (February / March 2006): 51 participants Session II (September/October 2006): 147 participants</p> |
| Expected results | Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators |
| <i>3. Geographical expansion of the UPOV system</i> | <p><i>3. Additional members of the Union</i></p> <p>Iceland, Morocco, Viet Nam</p> |

| Expected results | Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators |
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| <i>4. Number of genera and species for which protection is offered</i> | <p><i>4.1 Number of genera/species protected by members of the Union.</i></p> <p>At the end of 2006, a total of 38 members of the Union offered protection for all plant genera and species (37 in 2005) and 25 members of the Union offered protection for a limited number of plant genera and species (23 in 2005) (see document C/40/6).</p> <p>The following members of the Union extended their lists of protected plant genera and species in 2006: Republic of Korea, South Africa</p> <p>Number of plant genera and species with PBR entries in the UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database: 2,336 (Dec. 2005) 2,522 (Aug. 2007)</p> |

| Expected results | Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators |
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| <i>5. Strengthening of international cooperation and specialization in plant variety protection</i> | <p><i>5.1 Number of bilateral and regional arrangements on plant variety protection.</i></p> <p>Agreement for cooperation in variety testing extends to approximately 570 genera or species (see document C/40/5)</p> <p><i>5.2 Publication of information on available experience in DUS testing</i></p> <p>Practical experience in examination of DUS reported for approximately 1,900 genera or species (see document TC/42/4)</p> |

| Expected results | Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators |
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| <i>6. Incentives for the development of agriculture and the overall economy of the States and intergovernmental organizations concerned</i> | <p><i>6.1 Number of titles granted.</i></p> <p>8,473 titles granted by members of the Union in 2005 (see document C/40/7)</p> <p><i>6.2 Number of titles in force</i></p> <p>66,772 titles in force with members of the Union at the end of 2005 (see document C/40/7)</p> |

Sub-Program UV.4: External Relations

UPOV's public profile continues to become more visible. Intergovernmental organizations, such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Council for TRIPS) of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Conference of the Parties for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and research institutes of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) have invited UPOV to contribute to their work. International professional associations have intensified contact with UPOV. Reference to UPOV has been made in bilateral international agreements on trade. Understanding of UPOV's role and activities have improved. UPOV's improved website has continued to receive increased interest.

- Objectives:**
- ◆ To increase public awareness of UPOV and strengthen its impact.
 - ◆ To increase the understanding of UPOV's role and activities.
 - ◆ To develop UPOV's corporate image.
 - ◆ To maintain the attractiveness of the UPOV system

Expected results

1. Recognition of the importance of the UPOV system by relevant Organizations

Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators

1.1 Number of occasions UPOV was invited to participate in or to make presentations at meetings of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

- Council for TRIPS (WTO), CBD, WIPO Intergovernmental Committee, FAO/CGRFA, OECD, International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), CGIAR, Central Advisory Service (CAS), IPGRI, IRRI, ICARDA, TFNet, CPVO

- Invitations from international breeders' and growers' associations

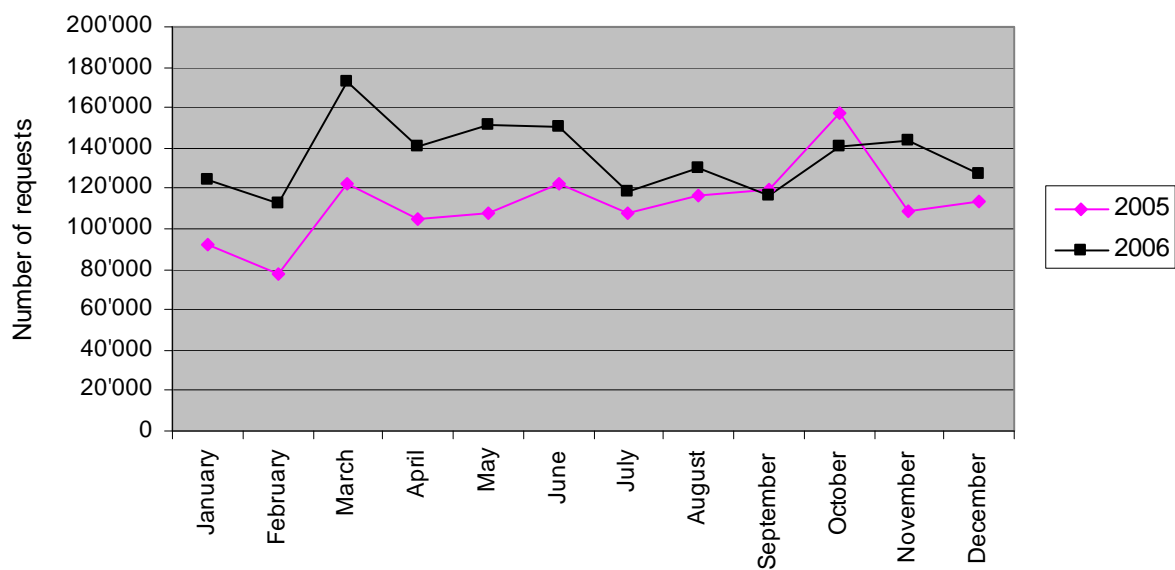
Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA)
European Seed Association (ESA)
International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)
International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA)
International Seed Federation (ISF)
African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA)
British Society of Plant Breeders (BSPB)
The British Association of Rose Breeders (BARB)
Fleuroselect
Latin-American Seed Federation (FELAS)

| Expected results | Results Achieved: Selected Performance Indicators |
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| <i>2. Better understanding about UPOV and the basic principles of the UPOV Convention</i> | <i>2.1 Number of requests for information received</i> 16 (approx) requests per working day (letters, e-mails, etc) (Total in 2006 = 3,786) (Total in 2005 = 2,040) |
| | <i>2.2 Number of references to the UPOV system</i> Five press releases in 2006 One issue of "Plant Variety Protection" UPOV Gazette and Newsletter in 2006 Six issues of UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database in 2006 |
| | <i>2.3 Number of visits to the UPOV website</i> The average number of visits to the UPOV website by month was 135,654 (112,415 in 2005) (see Appendix for details) |

[Appendix follows]

APPENDIX

EVOLVING USE OF UPOV WEBSITE



* *Example:* Open UPOV website → UPOV documents → Council → C/40 session → Draft Agenda (E) = 5 requests

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III

OVERVIEW OF MISSIONS IN 2006

| Mission | Location/Month | Staff |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) | Rome, Italy (January) | Jördens, Button |
| Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG-ABS) | Granada, Spain (January) | Jördens, Tabata |
| Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of Germany | Berlin, Germany (January) | Jördens |
| German Section of the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA) | Hanover, Germany (January) | Jördens |
| Workshop on Farm Management in Switzerland | Strickhof, Zurich, Switzerland (March) | Jördens |
| Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) | Hanoi, Viet Nam (March) | Huerta |
| EMBRAPA | Brasilia, Brazil (March) | Jördens, Lavignolle |
| National Seminar on the Impact and Developments of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention | Brasilia, Brazil (March) | Jördens, Lavignolle |
| Eighth Ordinary meeting of COP-8 | Curitiba, Brazil (March) | Jördens, Lavignolle |
| Second Meeting of the Contact Group for the drafting of Standard Material Transfer Agreement under the IT/PGRFA | Alnarp, Sweden (April) | Tabata |
| Federal Office for Agriculture | Berne, Switzerland (May) | Jördens |

| Mission | Location/Month | Staff |
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| National Workshop on PVP | Bangkok, Thailand (May) | Tabata |
| National Seed Associations Meeting of APSA | Bangkok, Thailand (May) | Tabata |
| Meeting with Government officials | Jakarta, Indonesia (May) | Tabata |
| Second SADC Regional Workshop | Lusaka, Zambia (May) | Jördens, Lavignolle |
| World Seed Congress 2006 | Copenhagen (May) | Jördens |
| ISF International Seminar | Copenhagen (May) | Jördens |
| Governing Body of IT/PGRFA | Madrid (June) | Jördens |
| Preparatory Workshop TWC and TWC | Nairobi, Kenya (June) | Lavignolle |
| Preparatory Workshop TWV and TWV | Guanajuato, Guanajuato State, Mexico (June) | Button, Lavignolle |
| Meeting with NIAB | Cambridge, United Kingdom (July) | Button |
| Visit to Floranova Limited | Foxely, United Kingdom (July) | Button |
| III Plant Variety Protection Workshop for the SADC Region | Maputo, Mozambique (July) | Jördens, Lavignolle |
| Preparatory Workshop TWA and TWA | Beijing, China (July) | Button, Lavignolle |
| Preparatory Workshop TWF and TWF | Salvador, Bahia State, Brazil (August) | Lavignolle |
| Workshop on the Use of Molecular Techniques in PVP for Vegetatively Propagated Perennial Crops | Fortaleza, Ceará State, Brazil (August) | Lavignolle |
| Preparatory Workshop TWO and TWO | Fortaleza, Ceará State, Brazil (August/September) | Lavignolle |
| JICA Plant Variety Protection Course | Tokyo (August) | Tabata |

| Mission | Location/Month | Staff |
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| XXII Eucarpia Symposium | San Remo, Italy (September) | Button |
| Second West and Central Asian Regional Workshop | Dushanbe, Tajikistan (September) | Jördens, Tabata |
| National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection | Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (September) | Jördens, Tabata |
| Conference on Intellectual Property Rights and Sustainable Development | London (October) | Button |
| Seventh Asian Regional Technical Meeting | Kuala Lumpur (November) | Jördens, Button, Tabata |
| Workshop on PVP | Kuala Lumpur (November) | Jördens, Button, Tabata |
| APSA Annual Congress | Kuala Lumpur (November) | Jördens, Button, Tabata |
| Workshop on the Enforcement of Plant Breeders Rights under the UPOV Convention | Tokyo (November) | Jördens, Button, Tabata, Huerta |
| National Workshop on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention | Tbilisi, Georgia (November) | Jördens |
| Symposium on the Application of Molecular Techniques for Plant Breeding | Seoul, Republic of Korea (November) | Button, Tabata |
| Preparatory Workshop and BMT | Seoul, Republic of Korea(November) | Button, Tabata |
| Fifth Training Course for Ibero- American Countries | Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia (November) | Lavignolle |
| Seminar on the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention | Bogotá, Colombia (November) | Lavignolle |
| Seminar for Small and Medium Scale Enterprises | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (November) | Lavignolle |

| Mission | Location/Month | Staff |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Workshop <i>Schutz und Nutzung geistigen Eigentums in der Pflanzenzüchtung</i> | Bonn, Germany (November) | Jördens |
| CPVO meeting with representatives of its examination offices | Angers, France (December) | Button |
| DESS Program, University of Lausanne | Lausanne, Switzerland (December) | Button |

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