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# INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

**GENEVA** 

#### COUNCIL

# Twenty-seventh Ordinary Session Geneva, October 29, 1993

#### REPORT ON ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1993

#### Document prepared by the Office of the Union

#### I. COMPOSITION OF THE UNION

- 1. On January 12, 1993, the Czech Republic and Slovakia deposited with the Secretary-General declarations to the effect that the 1978 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants--to which the former Czechoslovakia had acceded--would continue to apply with respect to those countries.
- 2. On March 16, Finland deposited its instrument of accession to the 1978 Act of the Convention. That Act entered into force with respect to Finland on April 16.
- 3. Under Article 32(3) of the 1978 Act, "Any State which is not a member of the Union and which has not signed this Act 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 Act." Norway requested such advice in a Note Verbale of March 29. At its tenth extraordinary session, held on April 23, the Council took a positive decision. Norway deposited its instrument of accession on August 13. The 1978 Act entered into force with respect to Norway on September 13.
- 4. As of that date, the Union comprises 24 member States: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America. All are party to the 1978 Act, with the exception of Belgium and Spain, who are party to the 1961 Act as amended by the Additional Act of 1972.

5. The table given in the Annex to this report summarizes the position of the various States in relation to the various Acts of the Convention as at September 30, 1993.

#### II. SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

#### Council

6. The Council held its tenth extraordinary session on April 23 under the chairmanship of Mr. R. López de Haro y Wood (Spain) as a result of the request for an opinion submitted by Norway under Article 32(3) of the 1978 Act (see paragraph 3 above).

#### Consultative Committee

- 7. The Consultative Committee held its forty-sixth session on April 23 under the chairmanship of Mr. R. López de Haro y Wood (Spain).
- 8. At that session, the representatives of the member States reported on developments in the situation with regard to implementation of the 1991 Act at national and regional levels. The Committee decided to recommend to the Council that the necessary steps be taken for the texts in Chinese of the 1978 and 1991 Acts of the Convention, drawn up by the Office of the Union in cooperation with the Chinese authorities, to become official texts of those Acts. It also noted the procedure entertained by the Administrative and Legal Committee for drawing up a new Model Law on Plant Variety Protection based on the 1991 Act.
- 9. The proposed central computerized data base on plant variety protection and related matters was discussed in depth. The Committee noted the fact that —at the present stage of the project—a great number of member States, and also a number of States that were not yet members, were basically prepared to participate in the setting—up and running of a central computerized data base which would be made available to users on CD-ROMs. It finally decided that an additional examination would be carried out by the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs and by an ad hoc working group in order that a decision could be taken by the Council at its present session.

#### Administrative and Legal Committee

10. For the work of this Committee, reference is made to document C/27/9.

#### Technical Committee and Working Parties

11. For the work of these bodies, reference is made to documents C/27/10 and C/27/10 Add.

# Ad Hoc Working Group on the Proposed Central Computerized Data Base on Plant Variety Protection and Related Matters

12. The Group met on July 13 to examine the matters that various member States had raised following the forty-sixth session of the Consultative Committee, in accordance with a procedure agreed to by that Committee. The following seven

member States were represented: France, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom; the Commission of the European Communities was also represented and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) provided assistance. The Group also agreed on a work schedule covering, for the present, the format (presentation) of the data to be collected at central level or exchanged and, in the longer term, the production of a prototype after agreement by the Council to the project.

#### III. SEMINARS

#### Regional Seminar in Nairobi

- 13. A Regional Seminar on the Nature of and Rationale for the Protection of Plant Varieties Under the UPOV Convention was held in Nairobi (Kenya) on May 28 and 29 (following the World Congress of the International Association of Plant Breeders for the Protection of Plant Varieties (ASSINSEL)) for the English-speaking States of East Africa. It was organized by UPOV in cooperation with the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute and was opened by the Attorney General of Kenya, Hon. S. Amos Wako, EBS, MP, who in the course of his address, declared that his country was reviewing its legal provisions concerning breeders' rights with a view to their implementation. Some 150 persons attended the Seminar.
- 14. The Seminar dealt with the following main topics in the nine lectures that were presented: general aspects of plant variety protection; implementation of a protection system by the administration; technical criteria for protection; the viewpoint of a breeder and the administration of rights by the breeders; public and private breeding and protection; the seed industry in Africa and plant variety protection.

#### Regional Seminar in Rabat

- 15. A Regional Seminar on the Nature of and Rationale for the Protection of Plant Varieties Under the UPOV Convention was held in Rabat (Morocco) from June 15 to 17 for the States of North Africa. It was organized by UPOV in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform of Morocco, particularly the Directorate for Plant Protection, Technical Inspection and Repression of Fraud. The Seminar was opened by the Minister for Agriculture and Land Reform, His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Meziane, who stated that a system of plant variety protection would be introduced in Morocco. Some 70 persons attended the Seminar, including officially designated participants from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.
- 16. The Seminar dealt with the following main topics in the 14 lectures that were presented: plant variety protection in the political and economic context; legal aspects of plant variety protection; the concept of variety and its technical criteria; examination practice and UPOV's role in that field; administrative organization of plant variety protection; professional organization in France and plant variety protection; the administration of breeders' rights by a collective breeders' society; the point of view of the Moroccan private sector and authorities; the situation of plant breeding and seed production in Algeria and Tunisia; the advantages of accession to UPOV. The morning of June 17 was devoted to a visit to the facilities and laboratories of the Directorate for Plant Protection, Technical Inspection and Repression of Fraud and of the in vitro potato multiplication laboratory of the Société générale des travaux agricoles (SOGETA).

#### Regional Seminar in Beijing

- 17. A Regional Seminar on the Nature of and Rationale for the Protection of Plant Varieties Under the UPOV Convention was held in Beijing (China) from September 15 to 17, for the following countries of the Asian and Pacific region: Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand. It was organized by UPOV in cooperation with the State Commission for Science and Technology of China ("SSTCC") and with the financial support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan. Some 130 persons attended the Seminar which was opened by the Secretary-General of UPOV. In an address of welcome, Mr. Hui Yongzheng, the Vice Chairman of the SSTCC, declared that China would conform with the international practice of intellectual property protection by protecting plant varieties.
- 18. The Seminar dealt with the following main subjects in eight lectures and reports presented by the participants appointed by their governments: introduction to plant variety protection; technical criteria for protection; protection of plant varieties in Canada and the Netherlands; examination of ornamental varieties; plant variety protection and the flower market; situation of plant breeding and the seed industry in the countries of the region, their legislation in this field and their policy on protection. One day was devoted to visiting the following institutions of the Academy of Agricultural Science of China: the Germplasm Bank, the Biotechnology Center, the Vegetable and Flower Research Institute, the Crop Breeding and Cultivation Institute.

#### IV. RELATIONS WITH STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS

- 19. On January 12, Mr. Zdenek Venera, <u>Chargé d'affaires</u>, a.i., of the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic in Geneva, and Mr. Jan Kubis, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Slovakia in Geneva, called on the Secretary-General to deposit declarations to the effect that the UPOV Convention would continue to apply in respect of the Czech Republic and of Slovakia.
- 20. From January 26 to 28, the Vice Secretary-General participated, as an invited speaker, in a Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights and the Protection of Plant Materials, sponsored by the Crop Science Society of America, the American Society for Horticultural Science, the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America. He took advantage of his presence in Washington (United States of America) to visit the World Bank and meet officials concerned with seed industry projects.
- 21. On February 18, the Vice Secretary-General participated in Sante Fe de Bogotá (Colombia) in a Seminar on Intellectual Property in the Fields of Plant Varieties, Biotechnology and Microorganisms, organized by the Colombian Institute of Agriculture (ICA) and the Ministry of External Trade. The Vice Secretary-General spoke on the subject of essentially derived varieties under the 1991 Act of the Convention.
- 22. On February 19, the Vice Secretary-General participated in Sante Fe de Bogotá (Colombia) in a meeting of the Committee of Experts on Plant Variety Protection, convened by the Junta of the Cartagena Agreement, on the subject of essentially derived varieties.
- 23. On February 25, an official of the Office of the Union attended a round-table on environmental information and documentation in the greater Geneva area, organized by the World Conservation Union (IUCN) in Gland.

- 24. On March 15, the Vice Secretary-General participated, as an observer, in a meeting of the Intellectual Property Group of ASSINSEL in Bruges, Belgium.
- 25. On March 16, Mr. Antti Hynninen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland in Geneva, called on the Secretary-General to deposit the instrument of accession of Finland to the 1978 Act of the Convention.
- 26. On March 19, Mr. Jorge Amigo, Director General of the Directorate General of Technological Development of Mexico, and Messrs. Juan A. Toledo and Manuel Márquez, Directors of the Patent and Trademark Divisions, respectively, of that Directorate, visited the Office of the Union to discuss plant variety protection in the light of the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement on that subject.
- 27. On April 1, the Secretary-General received a Note Verbale dated March 29 in which the Government of Norway requested the opinion of the Council on conformity of the Norwegian Act Relating to Plant Breeders' Rights with the provisions of the 1978 Act.
- 28. On April 20, Mr. Ilko Eskenazi, a member of Parliament in Bulgaria, who had been chairman of a committee concerned with the preparation of a new patent law and is a former Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria, visited the Office of the Union to discuss the prospects of legislating on the subject of plant variety protection in the course of 1993.
- 29. On the occasion of the meetings that took place during the week from April 19 to 23, the Vice Secretary-General had talks with representatives of Austria, Mexico, Morocco and Romania.
- 30. On May 10, the Secretary-General wrote to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Austria to inform it of the opinion of the Office of the Union that the amendments introduced into the Plant Variety Protection Law during the parliamentary procedure did not make it necessary to consult the Council again.
- 31. On May 12, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Isaac Edwin Omolo-Okero, Chairman of the Intellectual Property Tribunal of Kenya.
- 32. On May 14, the Secretary-General wrote to Mr. Valery L. Petrov, Chairman of the State Patent Office of Ukraine, which is responsible for the administrative part of the plant variety protection law, to inform him of the procedure for acceding to the Convention.
- 33. From May 24 to 26, the Vice Secretary-General participated in Nairobi (Kenya) in the World Congress of the International Federation of the Seed Trade (FIS).
- 34. During the Congress, the Vice Secretary-General received from Mr. José Amauri Dimarzio, Vice President of the Brazilian Seed Trade Association, the latest version of the draft plant variety protection law of Brazil.
- 35. On May 26, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mr. Nadirbek R. Yousoupbekov, Chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology of Uzbekistan, and Mr. Akil A. Azimov, Director of the Patent Office.
- 36. On May 27 and 28, the Vice Secretary-General participated in Nairobi (Kenya) in the World Congress of the International Association of Plant Breeders for the Protection of Plant Varieties (ASSINSEL).

- 37. On June 3, the Vice Secretary-General met Mr. Sergiu E. Chertan, Minister for the Economy of the Republic of Moldova, and Mr. Eugen Stashcov, Director General of the State Agency for the Protection of Intellectual Property. They explained that a draft plant variety protection law was to be submitted to Parliament in the near future.
- 38. On June 7, the Vice Secretary-General participated in Paris (France) in the annual meeting of representatives of the designated authorities responsible for implementing the OECD seed inspection systems.
- 39. On June 10, the Secretary-General wrote to Mr. Z. Aumeisters, Director of the Patent Office of Latvia, following announcement of adoption of a plant variety protection law, to inform him of the procedure for acceding to UPOV.
- 40. On June 17, an official of the Office of the Union and Mr. José Maria Elena Rosselló, Head of the Register of Varieties, National Institute of Seeds and Nursery Plants of Spain, discussed with the Moroccan authorities the draft plant variety protection law of Morocco.
- 41. On June 18, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Valery L. Petrov, Chairman of the State Patent Office of Ukraine.
- 42. On June 30, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Med Salah Bouzeriba, Director General of the Algerian Institute of Standardization and Industrial Property, who informed him of the Institute's wish to introduce a plant variety protection system in compliance with the Convention and of its intention to hold a national seminar on such protection.
- 43. On July 1 and 2, an official of the Office of the Union participated, in Hannover, Germany, in a European Community meeting on comparative trials of lettuce.
- 44. At the seventh meeting of government experts on industrial property, convened by the Junta of the Cartagena Agreement, in Lima (Peru) from July 12 to 14, an official of WIPO presented the comments and proposals of the Office of the Union on the draft decision establishing a common system of plant variety protection.
- 45. On July 21, the Secretary-General wrote to Mr. Vitali Alexashov, Chairman of the All-Russian State Commission for Agricultural Crop Variety Testing of the Russian Federation, to inform him of the procedure for acceding to the Convention.
- 46. On July 27, the Vice Secretary-General received a courtesy visit from Mr. Hidenori Murakami, who was in Geneva for the GATT negotiations and who had just learned of his appointment as Director of the Seed and Seedlings Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.
- 47. On August 13, Mr. Bjorn Blokhus, Counsellor, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Norway in Geneva, and Mr. Knut Langeland, Second Secretary, deposited with the Office of the Union the instrument of accession of Norway to the 1978 Act of the Convention.
- 48. On August 18, the Secretary-General wrote to Mr. Valery L. Petrov, Chairman of the State Patent Office of Ukraine, on the conformity of the Ukranian Plant Variety Protection Law with the Convention and on the procedure for accession to the Convention.

- 49. On August 20, the Vice-Secretary-General paid a visit to Mr. Ernesto Tironi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile in Geneva, to discuss with him the interest of his country for an eventual accession to UPOV.
- 50. On September 6, the Office of the Union wrote Mrs. Mioara Radulescu, Director General of the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks of Romania, concerning the conformity of the law of Romania with the UPOV Convention.
- 51. On September 9, the Vice Secretary-General met in Lima (Peru) with Dr. Octavio Chirinos and Dr. Victor Kong, Advisers to the Minister for Agriculture of Peru, and with the Committee which is preparing a revised seed law of Peru, which will include provisions concerning the protection of new plant varieties.
- 52. Later on the same day and on September 10, the Vice Secretary-General addressed a Seminar organized by the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection of Peru (INDECOPI), which Institute incorporates, inter alia, the Patent Office and the Trade Marks Registry, on the subjects of the protection of plant varieties under the UPOV Convention and the relationship between the conservation of biodiversity and the protection of plant varieties. At the request of the International Bureau of WIPO, he also spoke on the subject of the Main Aspects of the Protection of Biotechnological Inventions.
- 53. On September 15, the Secretary-General was received by Jiang Zemin (President of the Republic and General Secretary, Central Committee of the Communist Party of China) in the Great Hall of the People, Beijing, China. The Vice Secretary-General and an official of the Office of the Union were in attendance together with officials of the International Bureau of WIPO.
- 54. On September 17, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mr. Arry A. Sigit, Head of the Subdirectorate of Patent Applications and Classification of Indonesia.
- 55. On September 20, the Secretary-General forwarded to the Senate Agriculture's Subcommittee on Agricultural Research, Conservation, Forestry and General Legislation of the United States of America a statement to support the Bill to amend the Plant Variety Protection Act.
- 56. On September 20, the Office of the Union sent documentation on UPOV and plant Variety protection to the Ministry of Agriculture of Estonia and to the Estonian Seed and Variety Inspection.
- 57. On September 20, the Vice Secretary-General and an official of the Office of the Union addressed a group of senior officials from the Ministries of Agriculture, Commerce and Industry and from the Department of Biotechnology of the Government of India in New Dehli and answered questions. The meeting was chaired by Dr. C.R. Bhatia, Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology. On the same day, the Vice Secretary-General and an official of the Office of the Union addressed a meeting and answered questions in the Ministry of Agriculture of India which was presided over by Professor V.L. Chopra, Director General of the Indian Council for Agricultural Research. They subsequently met the Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. M.S. Gill. The Vice Secretary-Geneal also met the Chairman of the Seed Association of India, Dr. B.R. Barwale, and members of his association.
- 58. On September 21, the Vice Secretary-General and an official of the Office of the Union visited the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources of India in New Delhi and met its Director, Dr. R.S. Rana, and officials of the Bureau.

- 59. On September 22, the Vice Secretary-General and an official of the Office of the Union visited Islamabad (Pakistan). They met Professor Mohammed Hanif Quazi, Member (Crop Sciences) of the Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Dr. Imtizaj Jusain, Consultant in the Agribusiness Cell of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Co-operatives of Pakistan, and Mr. Sulman Farooqui, Secretary General of the said Ministry, who urged prompt action to implement and to bring the draft law for the protection of plant varieties, prepared by officials of his Ministry, into conformity with the UPOV Convention. They subsequently visited the Federal Seed Certification Department (Dr. Syed Irfan Ahmed, Director General) and the National Seed Registration Department (Dr. Akhlaq Husain, Director).
- 60. On September 24, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of a group of high officials of India who were on a tour in Europe in the framework of a seed project financed by the World Bank to study the legal and regulatory basis of the seed sector, including plant variety protection. The group comprised Ms. Santha Sheela Nair, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Dr. Mangala Rai, Assistant Director General (Seeds), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and four Directors of State Seed Certification Agencies (Messrs. P.B. Dhar, G.C. Dash, Naga Subba Reddy Redyam and G. Prakash). The tour had been organized by FAO. The group spent the whole day with the Office of the Union.
- 61. On September 27, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Dr. Akil A. Azimov, Director of the Patent Office of Uzbekistan.
- 62. On September 27, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Eugen Stashcov, Director General of the State Agency of the Republic of Moldova for the Protection of Industrial Property.
- 63. On September 29, the Office of the Union sent documentation to the Ministry of Agriculture of Pakistan making suggestions on the changes that were necessary to its draft law to bring it into conformity with the UPOV Convention.
- 64. On September 30, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Valery I. Kudashov, Head of the Patent Office of Belarus.
- 65. On September 30, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Tolesh E. Kaudyrov, Chairman of the National Patent Office of Kazakhstan.
- 66. During the report period, the Office of the Union provided assistance to the authorities of the following States in drafting or amending their plant variety laws or in the procedure for acceding to the Convention: Australia, Austria, Chile, Morocco, Norway, Russian Federation, South Africa, Ukraine, Zimbabwe.

#### V. PUBLICATIONS

- 67. The Office of the Union published:
  - (i) the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention in Italian;
- (ii) a new edition (1993 edition) of the general information brochure in English, French, German and Spanish;
- (iii) a new edition of the folder on UPOV and plant variety protection in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish.

- (iv) two issues of the periodical "Plant Variety Protection";
- (v) the Spanish version of Part I of the "Collection of Important Texts and Documents"; one supplement to Part I in English, French and German, and another one in four languages; one trilingual supplement to Part II (Test Guidelines);
  - (vi) one supplement to the "Collection of Laws and Treaties."
    - 68. The Council is invited to take note of this report.

[Annex follows]

#### ANNEX

#### MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION (as at September 30, 1993)

| State          | Date of<br>signature <sup>1</sup>  | Date of deposit of instrument <sup>1,2</sup>               | Date of effect <sup>1</sup>                              |
|----------------|--|--|--|
| Australia      | _  | _  | _  |
|                | -<br>-<br>-  | -<br>February 1, 1989<br>-                                 | -<br>March 1, 1989<br>-                                  |
| Belgium        | December 2, 1961<br>November 10, 1972<br>October 23, 1978<br>March 19, 1991  | November 5, 1976<br>November 5, 1976<br>-                  | December 5, 1976<br>February 11, 1977<br>-<br>-          |
| Canada         | -<br>-<br>October 31, 1979<br>March 9, 1992                                  | -<br>-<br>February <b>4,</b> 1991<br>-                     | -<br>-<br>March 4, 1991<br>-                             |
| Czech Republic | -<br>-<br>-<br>-   | -<br>-<br>-<br>-   | -<br>-<br>January 1, 1993<br>-                           |
| Denmark        | November 26, 1962<br>November 10, 1972<br>October 23, 1978<br>March 19, 1991 | September 6, 1968<br>February 8, 1974<br>October 8, 1981   | October 6, 1968<br>February 11, 1977<br>November 8, 1981 |
| France         | December 2, 1961<br>November 10, 1972<br>October 23, 1978<br>March 19, 1991  | September 3, 1971<br>January 22, 1975<br>February 17, 1983 | October 3, 1971<br>February 11, 1977<br>March 17, 1983   |
| Finland        | -<br>-<br>-  | -<br>-<br>-<br>March 16, 1993                              |  |

First Line: International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961 ("Act of 1961").

Second Line: Additional Act of November 10, 1972.

Third Line: Act of October 23, 1978. Fourth Line: Act of March 19, 1991.

of ratification where the State has signed the Act of 1961 or the Additional Act, depending on the case; of ratification, acceptance or approval where the State has signed the Act of 1978; of accession where it has not signed the text concerned.

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| State                        | Date of<br>signature <sup>l</sup>   | Date of deposit of instrument <sup>1,2</sup>              | Date of effect <sup>1</sup>                            |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Germany                      | December 2, 1961<br>November 10, 1972<br>October 23, 1978<br>March 19, 1991 | July 11, 1968<br>July 23, 1976<br>March 12, 1986<br>-     | August 10, 1968<br>February 11, 1977<br>April 12, 1986 |
| Hungary                      | -<br>-<br>-<br>-  | -<br>-<br>March 16, 1983<br>-                             | -<br>-<br>-<br>April 16, 1983<br>-                     |
| Ireland                      | -<br>September 27, 1979<br>February 21, 1992                                | -<br>-<br>May 19, 1981<br>-                               | -<br>-<br>November 8, 1981<br>-                        |
| Israel                       | -<br>-<br>-<br>October 23, 1991   | November 12, 1979<br>November 12, 1979<br>April 12, 1984  |  |
| Italy                        | December 2, 1961<br>November 10, 1972<br>October 23, 1978<br>March 19, 1991 | June 1, 1977<br>June 1, 1977<br>April 28, 1986<br>-       | July 1, 1977<br>July 1, 1977<br>May 28, 1986<br>-      |
| J <b>a</b> pan               | -<br>-<br>October 17, 1979<br>-   | -<br>-<br>August 3, 1982<br>-                             | -<br>-<br>September 3, 1982<br>-                       |
| Mexico (not<br>yet a member) | -<br>-<br>July 25, 1979<br>-  | -<br>-<br>-<br>-  | -<br>-<br>-<br>-                                       |
| Netherlands                  | November 10, 1972   | August 8, 1967<br>January 12, 1977<br>August 2, 1984<br>- | February 11, 1977                                      |
| New Zealand                  | -<br>July 25, 1979<br>December 19, 1991                                     | -<br>-<br>November 3, 1980<br>-                           | -<br>-<br>November 8, 1981<br>-                        |
| Norway                       | -<br>-<br>-<br>-  | -<br>-<br>August 13, 1993<br>-                            | -<br>September 13, 1993                                |

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|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Poland                         | -<br>-<br>-  | -<br>-<br>October 11, 1989<br>-                            | -<br>November 11, 1989<br>-                               |
| Slovakia                       | -<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-  | -<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-                                      | -<br>-<br>January 1, 1993<br>-                            |
| South Africa                   | -<br>-<br>October 23, 1978<br>March 19, 1991                                 | October 7, 1977<br>October 7, 1977<br>July 21, 1981        | November 6, 1977<br>November 6, 1977<br>November 8, 1981  |
| Spain                          | -<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>March 19, 1991   | April 18, 1980<br>April 18, 1980<br>-<br>-                 | May 18, 1980<br>May 18, 1980<br>-<br>-                    |
| Sweden                         | January 11, 1973<br>December 6, 1978<br>December 17, 1991                    | November 17, 1971<br>January 11, 1973<br>December 1, 1982  | December 17, 1971<br>February 11, 1977<br>January 1, 1983 |
| Switzerland                    | November 30, 1962<br>November 10, 1972<br>October 23, 1978<br>March 19, 1991 | June 10, 1977<br>June 10, 1977<br>June 17, 1981<br>-       | July 10, 1977<br>July 10, 1977<br>November 8, 1981        |
| <br>United<br>Kingdom          | November 26, 1962<br>November 10, 1972<br>October 23, 1978<br>March 19, 1991 | September 17, 1965<br>July 1, 1980<br>August 24, 1983<br>- | July 31, 1980   |
| United<br>States of<br>America | -<br>October 23, 1978<br>October 25, 1991                                    | -<br>-<br>November 12, 1980<br>-                           | -<br>-<br>November 8, 1981<br>-                           |

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