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*(Twenty-Seventh year)*

I. COMPOSITION OF THE UNION

1. In 1995, three States deposited with the Secretary-General their instruments of accession to the 1978 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants:

- (a) Portugal on September 14;
- (b) Ukraine on October 3;
- (c) Chile on December 5.

2. The aforementioned Act entered into force with respect to those States one month after deposit of the instruments of accession, i.e., on October 14 for Portugal, November 3 for Ukraine and January 5, 1996, for Chile.

3. As of the latter date, the Union comprises 30 member States: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay. All are party to the 1978 Act, with the exception of Belgium and Spain, which are party to the 1961 Act as amended by the additional Act of 1972.

4. At the close of the year, Mexico, a signatory State to the 1978 Act, took steps with a view to ratification of that Act.

5. 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.” A similar provision is contained in Article 34(3) of the 1991 Act.

6. In 1995, five requests were made on the basis of the 1978 Act:

- (a) by Chile, by letter dated January 27;
- (b) by Paraguay, by letter dated April 19;
- (c) by Bolivia, by letter dated September 15;
- (d) by Belarus, by letter dated October 17;
- (e) by Ecuador, by letter dated October 19.

7. At its twelfth extraordinary session, held on April 28, the Council took positive decisions in respect of the first two of the above mentioned requests. The following two were examined at its twenty-ninth ordinary session on October 17; the Council took a qualified decision in respect of the request by Bolivia and a positive decision with regard to the request by Belarus. The latter decision will be examined in 1996 at an extraordinary session.

8. According to its Article 37(1), the 1991 Act “shall enter into force one month after five States have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, as the case may be, provided that at least three of the said instruments have been deposited by States party to the Act of 1961/1972 or the Act of 1978.” Under Article 30(2), each State or intergovernmental organization must be in a position, under its laws, to give effect to the provisions of the 1991 Act at the time of depositing its instrument. In 1995, several States drew up amending laws and Denmark and Slovakia adopted such laws.

9. The table given at annex to this report summarizes the situation of the various States in relation to the various Acts of the Convention as at December 31, 1995.

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

### Council

10. The Council held its twelfth extraordinary session on April 28 under the chairmanship of Mr. Bill Whitmore (New Zealand) as a result of the requests for advice submitted by Chile and Paraguay under Article 32(3) of the 1978 Act.

11. The Council held its twenty-ninth ordinary session on October 17, also under the chairmanship of Mr. Bill Whitmore. The session was attended by observers from 14 non-member States<sup>1</sup> and nine international organizations.<sup>2</sup>

12. At that session, it took the following main decisions:

(a) It pronounced on the conformity of the laws of Belarus and Bolivia with the UPOV Convention.

(b) It approved the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Union in 1994 and the first nine months of 1995.

(c) It approved the program and budget of the Union for the 1996-97 biennium.

(d) It approved the progress reports on the work of its various subsidiary bodies and either drew up or approved their work plans for the coming year.

(e) It unanimously elected Mr. H. Dieter Hoinkes (United States of America) and Mr. John Carvill (Ireland) as Chairman and Deputy Chairman, respectively, of the Administrative and Legal Committee for a term of three years ending with the completion of the thirty-second ordinary session of the Council, in 1998.

(f) It unanimously elected Mr. Joël Guiard (France) and Mrs. Elise Buitendag (South Africa) as Chairman and Deputy Chairman, respectively, of the Technical Committee for the same term.

#### Consultative Committee

13. The Consultative Committee held its forty-ninth session on April 28 and its fiftieth session on October 16, under the chairmanship of Mr. Bill Whitmore.

14. The Committee examined the following matters at its two sessions: the proposed UPOV central CD-ROM database on plant variety protection and related matters (to be produced in 1996); the impact of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement, constituting annex 1C to the Agreement Establishing the

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<sup>1</sup> Belarus, Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Syria, Tunisia, Venezuela.

<sup>2</sup> Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Trade Organization (WTO), European Community (EC), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI), International Association of Plant Breeders for the Protection of Plant Varieties (ASSINSEL), International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA), International Federation of the Seed Trade (FIS), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

World Trade Organization (WTO)) on plant variety protection; the relationship between biodiversity, plant genetic resources and plant variety protection.

15. At its forty-ninth session, the Committee also decided to extend the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General to November 30, 2001, and heard reports from the representatives of the member States on progress in implementing the 1991 Act. The fiftieth session also prepared the ordinary session of the Council.

#### Administrative and Legal Committee

16. The Administrative and Legal Committee held its thirty-fifth session on April 26 and 27 under the chairmanship of Mr. Henning Kunhardt (Germany). The session was attended by observers from nine non-member States.<sup>3</sup>

17. At the session, the Committee examined a draft model law on the protection of new varieties of plants based on the 1991 Act of the Convention. The session had been prepared by a Working Group comprised of Mrs. Carmen Gianni (Argentina), Mr. José María Elena Rosselló (Spain), Mr. Bart Kiewiet (Netherlands) and Mr. Henning Kunhardt, each acting in an individual capacity; the Working Group had met on February 21 and 22.

#### Technical Committee

18. The Technical Committee held its thirty-second session from October 18 to 20 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jutta Rasmussen (Denmark). The session was attended by observers from five non-member States<sup>4</sup> and five international organizations.<sup>5</sup>

19. The Committee adopted test guidelines for the following 11 taxa on the basis of the preparatory work done by the Technical Working Parties: *Anthurium*; apple; broccoli; cauliflower; chamomile; cherry; flax, linseed; Norway spruce; peach; rhododendron; strawberry.

20. The Committee considered the progress reports on the work of the Technical Working Parties and broadly defined the future work of those working parties. It also considered questions raised by the working parties in the light of experience gained by member States in the conduct of distinctness, uniformity and stability testing of new plant varieties. It looked more closely at the impact of new methods of biochemical and molecular analysis on the examination of varieties and on the concept of variety itself.

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<sup>3</sup> Belarus, Chile, Colombia, India, Mexico, Peru, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation.

<sup>4</sup> Colombia, Greece, Republic of Korea, Romania, Venezuela.

<sup>5</sup> FAO, EC, OECD, ASSINSEL, FIS.

Technical Working Parties

21. The Technical Working Parties held sessions outside Geneva as follows:

(a) The Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) held its twenty-fourth session from June 20 to 22 in Hanover (Germany), under the chairmanship of Mr. Huib Ghijsen (Netherlands).

(b) The Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC) held its thirteenth session from June 7 to 9 at Slupia Wielka (Poland), under the chairmanship of Mr. Sylvain Grégoire (France).

(c) The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) held its twenty-sixth session from September 11 to 15 at Canterbury (United Kingdom), under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. Buitendag (South Africa).

(d) The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO) held its twenty-eighth session from September 4 to 9 at Ede-Wageningen (Netherlands), under the chairmanship of Mrs. U. Löscher (Germany).

(e) The Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) held its twenty-ninth session from June 26 to July 1 at Roelofarendsveen (Netherlands), under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. Kristóf (Hungary).

22. The basic task of four of these Working Parties is to draw up test guidelines. In addition to the drafts submitted to the Technical Committee for adoption, they drew up further drafts for the following taxa, to be submitted to the professional organizations for comments: rape seed (revision) (TWA); firelily, *Serruria* (TWO); beetroot (revision), leaf chicory, spinach (revision), ginger, pumpkin (TWV).

23. A subgroup of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables met on October 11 at Brion (France) to examine the test guidelines for shallot and onion.

24. The Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs proceeded with the preparation of various documents relating to the statistical processing of data collected in the course of examination of varieties for distinctness and homogeneity. It recommended that the Mahalanobis' generalized distance  $D^2$  be used for determining the closest variety to be shown in the variety description.

Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA Profiling in Particular

25. The Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA Profiling in Particular, held its third session from September 19 to 21 at Wageningen (Netherlands) under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Guiard (France). Observers from Greece and Portugal and from the EC, together with representatives from ASSINSEL, attended the session.

26. The Working Group is active in a new field and, consequently, is still at the stocktaking stage. Methods for determining DNA profiles were presented for 11 species (barley, cluster pine, hydrangea, lucerne, peach, potato, rapeseed, ryegrass, strawberry, sunflower, tomato).

Ad hoc Group on the UPOV Central CD-ROM Database on Plant Variety Protection and Related Matters

27. The Group met on November 23 and 24 to examine questions raised by tests with the first demonstration disc and to finalize procedures for production of the disc.

III. SEMINARS

28. In 1995, UPOV organized two regional seminars and two national seminars on the nature of and rationale for the protection of plant varieties under the UPOV Convention.

(a) On March 13, a national seminar was organized in San José (Costa Rica) in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of Costa Rica and with the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Netherlands. Lectures were delivered on the general and technical aspects of plant variety protection, the 1991 Act, plant variety protection in the Netherlands, and the implications of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) for Costa Rica.

(b) On March 15, a national seminar was organized in Guatemala in cooperation with the Industrial Property Registry of the Ministry of Economy of Guatemala and the Chamber of Commerce in Guatemala and with the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Netherlands. The seminar was opened by Mrs. Irma Luz Toledo Peñate, Vice-Minister for the Economy, and Mr. Fernando Vargas, Vice-Minister for Agriculture. Lectures were given on seed production in Guatemala, the general aspects of the Industrial Property Registry, the general and technical aspects of plant variety protection, the 1991 Act, and the protection of plant varieties in the Netherlands.

(c) From May 3 to 5, a Regional Seminar on the Protection of Plant Varieties under the UPOV Convention was organized in Pretoria (South Africa) in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture of South Africa and with the financial assistance of the Overseas Development Administration of the United Kingdom. The seminar was intended for the member States of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Lectures were given on the general and technical aspects of plant variety protection, on the 1991 Act, on plant breeders' rights in South Africa, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Zimbabwe, on intellectual property rights and the seed industry, and on plant variety protection and vegetatively propagated crops in South Africa. The representatives of participating States gave reports on the current situation of the plant breeding and seed industries in their countries.

(d) From December 5 to 7, a Technical Seminar on Variety Testing for Tropical and Sub-tropical Crops under the UPOV Convention was organized in Medan (Indonesia), in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia and with the financial assistance of

the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan. The Seminar was intended for the countries of South East Asia. Lectures were given on the general aspects of plant variety protection, the technical criteria for protection, the test guidelines, the organization of examination in general and for specific species, the use of molecular techniques in examination, and plant breeding and the production and distribution of propagating material of certain tropical and subtropical crops.

29. Each of the seminars provided an occasion for high-level discussions with the authorities responsible for plant variety protection in the host countries.

#### IV. RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES<sup>6</sup>

30. During the year, the Office of the Union provided information to various member States with regard to the adaptation of their legislation to the 1991 Act and also submitted observations on draft laws. On December 6 and 7, it received the visit of Mr. Roman Suchý, Senior Administrator, Ministry of Agriculture of Slovakia, Mr. Eduard Smelko, private sector lawyer involved in the revision work on the legislation, and Mr. Vladimír Dovica, Third Secretary in the Permanent Mission in Geneva.

31. The Office of the Union was also consulted by officials of various member States with regard to the obligations resulting from the TRIPS Agreement, particularly with regard to notification of laws and bilateral and multilateral agreements.

32. On February 1, the Secretary-General received a Note from the Permanent Mission of Chile requesting the advice of the UPOV Council on the conformity of the Chilean Law with the 1978 Act of the UPOV Convention.

33. On May 10, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Howard Mann, a consultant on international and environmental law and policy, who was working for the Canadian Department of the Environment and sought information concerning the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

34. On October 30 and 31, two officials of the Office of the Union traveled to Madrid (Spain) to agree on the Spanish language terminology to be used in the technical documents of UPOV.

35. On November 7, the Vice Secretary-General visited Miss Nicole Bustin, Secretary-General of the Committee for the Protection of New Plant Varieties of France in Paris. The same day, he attended a reception at which Mr. Philippe Vasseur, Minister for Agriculture, decorated Mr. Victor Desprez with the insignia of Commander of the *Légion d'honneur*.

#### V. RELATIONS WITH NON-MEMBER STATES

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<sup>6</sup> See also paragraph 70 (Switzerland).

States of Africa<sup>7</sup>

36. In the course of the seminar held on March 7 and 8 in Santa Fé de Bogotá<sup>8</sup> the Vice Secretary-General met Professor Nora Olembo, Head of the Industrial Property Office of Kenya, who passed to him a copy of the Regulations that had been made to implement the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act 1971 of Kenya, so far as plant breeders' rights were concerned.

37. On August 17, the Office of the Union wrote to Dr. Grant A. Mwakatundu, Commissioner for Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture of Tanzania, with comments on a draft law for the protection of new plant varieties in Tanzania.

38. On December 11, the Vice Secretary-General attended in Cairo (Egypt) the second National Seed Conference, at which he gave a lecture. Outside the Conference, he had discussions with Mr. Salah Abdel el Wanis, Under-Secretary for Agriculture and Director of the Central Administration for Seed. He also met Mr. Mohamed I. El Hawary, Director General, Directorate of Standards and Seed Industry Promotion, and Mr. Gamal Eissa Attya, an official of that Division responsible for matters of plant variety protection.

States of Latin America and the Caribbean<sup>9</sup>

39. On January 31, the Vice Secretary-General wrote to Mr. Luiz Antonio Barreto de Castro, Secretary for the Coordination of Programs, Ministry of Science and Technology of Brazil, concerning aspects of the 1978 and 1991 Acts.

40. Following the meeting of the Subregional Committee for the Protection of Plant Varieties of the Andean Group held in Lima on January 30 and 31, an official of the Union visited the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection of Peru (INDECOPI) where he met Mrs. Begoña Venero Aguirre, Head of the Office for Inventions and New Technologies; the responsibilities of the Institute include the implementation in Peru of Decision 345, which concerns the protection of plant varieties, of the Commission of the Cartagena Agreement.

41. He subsequently visited Quito (Ecuador). On February 2, he gave a lecture on the protection of plant varieties at the offices of the Inter-American Institute for Agricultural Cooperation (IICA) to an audience of officials from the ministries concerned and members of the relevant private sector. He subsequently met, at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Ignacio Pérez Arteta, Under Secretary, and Mr. Eduardo Mayacela, Head of the Division for Inputs, and Mr. Nelson Peñafiel, Director of the National Directorate for Agriculture and Livestock. At the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Integration and Fisheries, he met Mr. Diego Montalvo Escobar, Director, National Directorate of Industrial Property,

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<sup>7</sup> See also paragraph 119 (North Africa, particularly Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia).

<sup>8</sup> See paragraph 137.

<sup>9</sup> See also paragraph 117 (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru).



and Mr. Manuel Santillán Vinueza. All those he spoke to expressed Ecuador's wish to accede to the UPOV Convention.

42. On February 3, he visited the Institute for Agriculture and Livestock of Colombia (ICA), at Santa Fé de Bogotá, where he met Mrs. Luz Alba Cruz de Urbina, Deputy General Manager, and Mr. Jorge Enrique Suárez Corredor, Director of the Seed Division, and other officials. Various measures to be taken to implement the plant variety protection system were examined in those talks.

43. On February 21, the Office of the Union wrote to Mr. Dacio Castello, Director General of Intellectual Property of Honduras, providing information on plant variety protection.

44. On March 2 and 3, the Vice Secretary-General met in Port of Spain with the members of a Committee established to review intellectual property laws in Trinidad and Tobago and discussed the Committee's proposals for the protection of plant varieties.

45. On March 6, the Vice Secretary-General visited the Institute for Agriculture and Livestock of Colombia (ICA), at Santa Fé de Bogotá, where he met Mr. Juan Manuel Ramírez Pérez, General Manager, Mr. Jorge E. Suárez Corredor, Mrs. Ana Luisa Díaz Jiménez, Head of the Seed Certification and Registration Unit, and Mr. Alejandro Mendoza Osorio, Head of the Seed Quality Unit, in order to discuss the steps being taken to implement the Colombian legislation on plant variety protection. Mrs. Begoña Venero Aguirre (Peru) was also present at the discussions as an observer.

46. On March 9 and 10, the Vice Secretary-General and Mr. Huib Ghijsen, Head of the Registration and Plant Breeders' Rights Department at Wageningen (Netherlands), visited Panama. On the first day, they met the General Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr. José Donoso, the National Director of Commerce, Mr. Rodolfo Espino, and the General Director of the Industrial Property Registry, Mrs. Luz Celeste Ríos de Davis, together with senior staff of the registry. They discussed matters of plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention and the possibility of holding a national seminar on that topic. On the second day, they met officials of the Research Institute for Agriculture and Livestock of Panama.

47. On March 13, on the occasion of the national seminar held in San José (Costa Rica), the Vice Secretary-General and Mr. Huib Ghijsen met the Vice-Minister for Justice, Mrs. Mónica Blanco Valverde, and the Director of the Intellectual Property Registry, Mrs. Liliana Alfaro Rojas.

48. On March 14, they visited the Ministry for Foreign Trade where they met Mr. Fernando Ocampo, Adviser to the Minister. They then visited Mr. Ricardo Garrón, Vice-President of the National Assembly, and paid a brief visit to the Intellectual Property Registry situated within the National Registry of the Ministry of Justice.

49. Later, they visited the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock where they were received by Mr. Oscar Campos Chavarría, Vice-Minister. Also present were Dr. Bernardo Mora Brenes, Director of Agriculture and Livestock Research in the Ministry, Ing. José Manuel Rodríguez, President of the Board of Directors of the National Seed Office, and Ing. Ana

Corina Guevara Fernández, Executive Director of the National Seed Office, and other officials. They discussed the plant variety protection situation in Costa Rica and the draft regulations made under the existing national seed law and intended to create a system of plant variety protection in Costa Rica.

50. On March 16, the day after the National Seminar held in Guatemala, the Vice Secretary-General and Mr. Huib Ghijsen visited agricultural research centers in Guatemala.

51. On April 3, the Office of the Union received a letter from Ing. Agr. Carlos Alberto Pflingst, Acting Director of the Seed Directorate of Paraguay, requesting that the conformity of the law of Paraguay with the UPOV Convention be considered by the Council of UPOV at its extraordinary session on April 28, 1995. On April 6, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Rigoberto Gauto, Chargé d'affaires, Permanent Mission of Paraguay in Geneva, to discuss that request with him.

52. On May 10, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mr. Carlos Eduardo Illescas Rivera, Industrial Property Registrar of Guatemala, who inquired concerning the possibility of UPOV cooperating in holding a second national seminar in his country.

53. On May 10, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mrs. Begoña Venero Aguirre (Peru) and discussed with her a draft decree for the application of Decision 345 of the Commission of the Cartagena Agreement.

54. On May 11, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Rolando Miguel Hernández Vigaud, Head of the Legal Department of the National Office of Inventions, Technical Information and Marks of Cuba, who stated that his country was preparing a plant variety protection law in conformity with the 1978 Act.

55. On May 12, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Rolando J. Vega Méndez, Director and Registrar of Industrial Property in Venezuela, who expressed the wish of his country to accede to the UPOV Convention.

56. On May 22 and 23, the Vice Secretary-General took part, in Brasilia (Brazil), in a seminar on the "Draft Law for the Protection of Plant Varieties in the Light of the 1978 Version of UPOV," organized jointly by the Brazilian Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization (EMBRAPA) and by the Brazilian Seed Trade Association (ABRASAM), and gave two lectures.

57. On May 24, he visited the headquarters of EMBRAPA, where he met its President, Dr. Alberto Duque Portugal. He also visited the Chamber of Deputies of the Brazilian Congress, where he met the President of the Agricultural Committee, Deputy Alcides Modesto.

58. On May 30, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mrs. Emilia Lara Díaz, Head of the Patent Department of the National Office of Inventions, Technical Information and Marks of Cuba, who sought information on plant variety protection.

59. On June 8, the Vice Secretary-General visited the offices of the National Seed Council in La Paz (Bolivia), and subsequently called on the National Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock, Ing. Edgar Talavera Solíz.
60. On June 9, he visited the Regional Seed Office of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where he met Mr. Jorge Suárez, National Director of the National Seed Council, and Mr. Jorge Rosales King, President of Prosemillas, with whom he discussed the draft national implementing regulations for Decision 345 of the Commission of the Cartagena Agreement.
61. On June 11, the Vice Secretary-General participated in a meeting organized by Ing. Alejandro Trueba Carranza, Director General of Agricultural Policy in the Secretariat for Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development of Mexico, and the Mexican Seed Trade Association. A broad cross-section of persons interested in the intellectual property protection of plant varieties was present at the meeting, which the Vice Secretary-General addressed on the subject of protection under the UPOV Convention.
62. On July 28, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Gustavo Anda Sevilla, Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Ecuador in Geneva, who sought information on the procedure for accession to the 1978 Act of the Convention.
63. On August 29, Mr. Manuel Santillán Vinueza, of the National Directorate of Industrial Property of Ecuador, visited the Office of the Union and reported that the Directorate had received 250 applications for the protection of plant varieties.
64. On September 28, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mrs. Connie Matos de Guerrero, Foreign Trade Adviser of the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, who inquired concerning the compatibility of protection under the UPOV Convention with her country's obligations under the TRIPS Agreement.
65. On October 2, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mrs. América Santos Rivera, Director of the National Office of Inventions, Technical Information and Marks of Cuba, and discussed with her the possibility of holding a national seminar in Cuba.
66. On October 3, the Secretary-General received a letter from Mr. Carlos Agreda Lema, National Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock of Bolivia, in which he requested that the UPOV Council examine the conformity of the Bolivian legislation with the UPOV Convention.
67. On October 24, the Office of the Union received from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador a request for examination by the UPOV Council of the conformity of Ecuador's legislation with the UPOV Convention.
68. On October 24, the Office of the Union received a final text of the draft implementing regulations for Decision 345 of the Commission of the Cartagena Agreement drawn up by the authorities of Peru.
69. On November 1, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Germán Ortega Almeida, First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Ecuador in Geneva, and of Mr. Alfredo

Peñaherrera Wright, a lawyer from Quito, and discussed with them the procedure for acceding to the UPOV Convention.

70. On November 27, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mrs. Begoña Venero Aguirre (Peru) and organized for her a visit to the Plant Variety Protection Office of Switzerland in Berne.

71. At the beginning of December, the Office of the Union was informed that the Parliament of Colombia had adopted a law enabling that country to accede to the 1978 Act of the Convention.

72. On December 7, the Office of the Union wrote to Mr. Eduardo Benítez Paulin, Director of the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service of Mexico, with regard to ratification of the 1978 Act by that country.

73. On December 21, the Secretary-General wrote to the Permanent Mission of Brazil with regard to the conditions for accession to the 1978 Act. On the same day, the Vice Secretary-General discussed with Mrs. Vanda Scartzini, President of the National Industrial Property Institute of Brazil, the progress of work on the Brazilian plant variety protection law.

#### States of Asia and the Pacific

74. On April 26, the Vice Secretary-General received a visit from the observer delegation of the Republic of Korea which was participating in the thirty-fifth session of the Administrative and Legal Committee. They explained the situation concerning the introduction of plant variety protection in their country and asked various questions.

75. On April 27, the Vice Secretary-General received a visit from Mr. Ramarao Nuthakki, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture of India and Mr. Mangala Rai, Assistant Director General, Indian Council for Agricultural Research, who described the preparation of legislation on plant variety protection in their country.

76. On May 10, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Taufik M.E. Maroef of the Bureau of Laws and Legislation in the Cabinet Secretariat of Indonesia, who described the role of his office in legislation for the protection of plant varieties.

77. On June 6, the Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Yuan Ke Xing, Director General, Department of Rural Science and Technology, China, and of Mrs. Li Xiaolin, Deputy Director General of that Department, together with other officials of the Department, who asked for information concerning the UPOV system of plant variety protection.

78. On August 28, the Vice Secretary-General received an invitation from the Ministry of Agriculture to visit China in the context of a seed industry project of the World Bank to discuss proposals for the introduction of a law for the protection of new plant varieties with Chinese officials.

79. He visited China from October 4 to 10. From October 4 to 7, he participated in a seminar organized by the World Bank. On October 9 and 10, he met senior members of various institutions involved in the setting-up of legislation on plant variety protection and, in particular, the members of the Inter-Ministerial Committee responsible for producing the preliminary draft of the law.

80. On October 17, a group of eight experts in the field of varieties and seed in India, who were in Europe on a study visit under the aegis of the World Bank and of FAO, attended the session of the Council. The next day, they had talks with the Vice Secretary-General.

81. On November 10 and December 4, an official of the Union received the visit of Mr. Luis M. Bombín, Head of the General Legal Affairs Service of the Legal Office of FAO, who had been called upon to visit Malaysia to advise the Government of that country on legislation in the field of varieties and seed.

82. On November 15, the Vice Secretary-General wrote to Mrs. Hang Sanba, Director of Division, Department of Rural Science and Technology of China, with regard to the conditions for accession to the 1978 Act of the Convention.

83. On November 20, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Hemant Krishan Singh, Deputy Permanent Representative of India in Geneva, and Mr. Dilip Sinha, Counsellor, Permanent Mission, who handed to him an *aide-mémoire* setting out India's intention to accede to the 1978 Act of the Convention and requesting information on the deadline for depositing instruments of accession. The conditions for accession to the 1978 Act were subsequently set out in a letter dated November 23.

84. On December 14, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Ignacio S. Sapalo, Director of the Bureau of Patents, Trademarks and Technology Transfer of the Philippines, and Mr. Ferdinand M. Negre, a private lawyer working on behalf of that Office.

#### States of Europe and Central Asia

##### *Countries in transition to market economy*

85. On January 3, the Vice Secretary-General wrote to Mr. Eugen M. Stashkov, Director General of the State Agency for Industrial Property Protection of the Republic of Moldova, with comments on a draft law for the protection of plant varieties in Moldova.

86. On January 31, the Office of the Union wrote to Mr. Akil A. Azimov, Director of the Uzbek Patent Office, concerning the provisional statement on selection achievements adopted by the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan.

87. On February 28, the Secretary-General wrote to Mr. Alexander Chikvaidze, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, in response to a request for assistance in relation to plant variety protection matters.

88. On March 27, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mr. Saparbay A. Eminov, Head of the Intersectorial Committee for Techniques and Information Processing of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan, and Mr. Bayram O. Kazakov, Head of the Department of New Technology and Education in the same Office, to whom information concerning plant variety protection was passed.

89. On April 6, the Vice Secretary-General discussed in a telephone conversation with Mr. Roman O. Omorov, Head of the Patent Department of Kyrgyzstan, the possibility of organizing a UPOV regional seminar for the countries of Central Asia in Bishkek.

90. On April 26, the Vice Secretary-General met with Dr. Kristo Iliev, President of the Patent Office of Bulgaria, who told him of plans to legislate on plant variety protection in his country.

91. On April 27, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Yuriy Rogovsky, Deputy Chairman, State Commission for Testing and Protection of Selection Achievements of the Russian Federation, and Mrs. Tatjana Gorpinchenko, Director, Center for Quality Control of Plant Varieties, who discussed with him arrangements concerning possible accession by their country to the UPOV Convention.

92. On May 11, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Valery J. Kudashov, Chairman of the Belarus Patent Office, who handed to him the Russian text of the Plant Variety Protection Law of Belarus, which entered into force on July 7.

93. Also on May 11, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mrs. Mioara Radulescu, Director General of the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks of Romania, who discussed the status of the proposed plant variety protection law of Romania.

94. On June 27, the Vice Secretary-General visited Chisinau (Republic of Moldova). He met Mr. Eugeniu I. Revenco, Director of Research in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and Mr. Dimitri Brynzila, President of the State Commission for Variety Testing and Registration. He subsequently visited the State Agency for Industrial Property Protection of Moldova where he met the Director General, Mr. Eugen Stashkov, and the Research Institute for Selection and Technology in Horticulture, where he met the Director, Mr. Feodor C. Popovich.

95. In the afternoon of the same day, the Vice Secretary-General visited the Parliament of Moldova where he met the Chairman and members of the Parliament Committee for Agriculture and the Processing Industry and discussed the passage of plant variety protection legislation. He then visited the National Institute for Vines and Wine of the Republic of Moldova.

96. On June 28, he participated in a meeting of plant breeders from the Agricultural Research Institutes of Moldova, held in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and spoke on the UPOV Convention and answered questions. He subsequently visited the Offices of the President of the Republic of Moldova where he met the Agricultural Adviser to the President, who told him of the intention of the Government to enact legislation on the protection of plant

varieties and to accede to UPOV. He later visited the Maize and Sorghum Research Institute of Moldova and met its Director, Mr. Vasile E. Micu.

97. On June 29, the Vice Secretary-General visited the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks of Romania in Bucharest and met its Director General, Mrs. Mioara Radulescu, Mr. Nicolae Pirvu, President of the State Committee for the Testing of Plant Varieties, and other officials.

98. On June 30, the Vice Secretary-General met with Mr. Julian Pusca, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Agriculture, and Mr. Nicolae Pogorevici, Director of the Horticulture Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, and discussed the timetable for legislating on the protection of plant varieties.

99. On July 24, the Vice Secretary-General met in Sofia the Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry of Bulgaria, Mr. V. Chichibaba, together with Mr. Maria Lazarova, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Professor Hristo Karjin, President of the Agricultural Academy of Bulgaria, and Mr. Chelev Dimiter, Director of the State Variety Testing Commission and other officials, and discussed the proposed legislation of Bulgaria for the protection of new plant varieties and animal breeds and, in particular, the desire of the Bulgarian Government that the new Bulgarian law should conform with the 1991 Act.

100. On July 25, the Vice Secretary-General met in the Ministry of Agriculture with the Group of Experts responsible for drafting the new plant variety protection law of Bulgaria.

101. On July 27, the Vice Secretary-General met with Dr. Kristo Iliev, President of the Bulgarian Patent Office, and Professor Stefan Stefanov of the Technical University of Sofia, who expressed interest in including plant variety protection material in the courses studied by students at the Technical University.

102. On September 27, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Akil A. Azimov (Uzbekistan), who discussed legal developments concerning plant variety protection in his country and invited a representative of the Office of the Union to visit his country.

103. Also on September 27, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. David Gabunia, Chairman of the Patent Office of Georgia, and of Mr. Nureddin M.A. Babirly, Director of the Department of Patents and Licensing of the State Committee for Science and Engineering of Azerbaijan, and discussed with them the interest of their countries in plant variety protection.

104. On September 28, the Vice-Secretary General received the visit of Mr. Valery J. Kudashov, Chairman of the Patent Office of Belarus, and of Mr. Alexander Chenado, Deputy Head, Patent Examination Division of that Office, and discussed with them the plant variety protection law of Belarus and the wish of that country to receive the advice of the Council of UPOV on the conformity of that law with the UPOV Convention.

105. Also on September 28, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Eugen Stashkov (Republic of Moldova), who told him that a Bill introducing a law for the protection of plant varieties was currently before the Parliament of Moldova.

106. On September 29, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Khabiboulo F. Fayazov, Director of the National Center for Patents and Information of Tajikistan, and discussed the interest of his country in introducing a law for the protection of plant varieties.

107. Also on September 29, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Roman O. Omorov, Head of the Patent Department of Kyrgyzstan, and Mr. Abdikalil T. Tokoev, Deputy Head of the Department, and discussed the regulation for the protection of plant varieties which was already in force. They invited the Office of the Union to cooperate with their country in organizing an international seminar on plant variety protection in Kyrgyzstan in 1996. That invitation was accepted on October 3.

108. On October 3, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mr. Sarkis L. Khantardjian, President of the Patent Office of Armenia, and provided him with documentation on plant variety protection and on UPOV.

109. On October 16, Mr. Eugeniu I. Revenco (Republic of Moldova) handed to the Office of the Union the text of a draft law on plant variety protection that had been submitted to Parliament.

110. On October 17, the Secretary-General received a letter from Mr. I.P. Shakolo, Vice-Minister for Agriculture of Belarus, requesting the advice of the UPOV Council on conformity of the Law of Belarus with the 1978 Act of the UPOV Convention.

111. Also on October 17, the Vice Secretary-General received from Mrs. Adriana Paraschiv, Head of the Examination Department of the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks of Romania, an English translation of the latest version of the draft law on the protection of plant varieties.

112. On November 30, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Atanas Atanassov, Director of the Genetic Engineering Institute of Bulgaria, and discussed with him the effects of the law on plant variety protection submitted to Parliament.

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113. On January 26, the Office of the Union corresponded with Mrs. Margellou, Director of International Relations and Legal Affairs of the Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property of Greece, concerning protection of plant varieties under the UPOV Convention.

114. On August 2, the Office of the Union wrote to Mrs. Liljana Varga, Assistant Director of the Industrial Property Protection Office of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to provide information which she had requested on plant variety protection.

115. On October 19, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Michael Gavras, Assistant Director of the Plant Production Supply Division of the Ministry of Agriculture of

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<sup>10</sup> See also paragraph 119 (Cyprus, Turkey).



Greece, in order to examine with him the possibilities provided by the plant varieties and seeds legislation to introduce a plant variety protection system.

116. On November 28, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Dimitar Belcev, Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in Geneva, who handed to him a letter from the Minister for Agriculture of his Government concerning possible assistance by UPOV in the setting-up of a plant variety protection system. A positive reply was given by the Secretary-General on November 30.

## VI. RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS<sup>11</sup>

117. On January 30 and 31, an official of the Union participated in the second meeting of the Subregional Committee for the Protection of Plant Varieties of the Andean Group in Lima (Peru). This occasion was used to pay a visit to the authorities of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

118. On February 2, he visited the Offices of the Inter-American Institute for Agricultural Cooperation (IICA) in Quito (Ecuador), where he met Mr. Patricio Martínez Jaime, foreign trade and integration expert.

119. From March 19 to 23, an official of the Union participated in a meeting of the Council of the WANA (West Asia and North African) Seed Network in Antalya (Turkey). This network is organized by the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA). The Council meeting was convened by ICARDA with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture of Turkey. The meeting was opened by Mr. Refaeddin Sahin, Minister for Agriculture of Turkey, who mentioned the promulgation of a plant variety protection law in Turkey in 1994. Further information concerning developments and the preparation of laws for the protection of plant varieties was obtained from participants from Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey.

120. From May 29 to June 2, the Vice Secretary-General participated in the World Congresses of the International Federation of the Seed Trade (FIS) and the International Association of Plant Breeders for the Protection of Plant Varieties (ASSINSEL) in Buenos Aires (Argentina).

121. On June 12 and 13, an official of the Office of the Union participated in the 24th Congress of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) in Copenhagen (Denmark) and gave information concerning developments in UPOV.

122. On June 19, an official of the Office of the Union participated in the Annual Meeting of Representatives of Designated National Authorities of OECD, Paris (France) and gave information on recent developments in UPOV.

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<sup>11</sup> See also paragraphs 78, 79 and 80 (World Bank), 80 and 81 (FAO).

123. From June 19 to July 2, an official of the Office of the Union participated in the sixth session of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources of FAO in Rome (Italy).

124. On August 8, the Secretary-General wrote to Mr. Stuart Harbinson, Chairman of the Council for TRIPS of the World Trade Organization (WTO), in response to a request from the Council for TRIPS for information concerning UPOV's technical and financial cooperation with developing countries.

125. On August 23, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Piers Trehane, editor of the International Code for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants, with whom he and other officials of the Union discussed the relationship between that code and the UPOV rules for denominations.

126. In September and October, the Office of the Union had contacts with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and provided information for the drafting of documents for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held in Djakarta (Indonesia) from November 6 to 17.

127. On September 1, the Secretary-General sent an invitation to Mr. Renato Ruggiero, Director General of WTO, inviting him to designate a representative of WTO to participate in an observer capacity at the twenty-ninth ordinary session of the UPOV Council.

128. On September 21, the Council for TRIPS of WTO invited the Office of the Union to be represented in an observer capacity at its meeting held on that day and at its subsequent meeting. The Vice Secretary-General attended the meeting of the Council for TRIPS held on September 21.

129. On September 22, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. José Esquinas-Alcazar, Secretary of the Commission for Plant Genetic Resources of FAO, and Mr. Arturo Purcell, Senior Liaison Officer of FAO in Geneva.

130. On October 10, an official of the Office of the Union participated in a meeting held by the EC Commission on comparative trials of shallot and onion varieties at Brion (France).

131. On October 18, the Secretary-General and an official of the Office of the Union met Mr. Graham Jenkins and Mr. Wolfgang Siebeck, two consultants from the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) who were carrying out a study on the way in which IPGRI should act to ensure the free circulation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

132. On October 22 and 23, the Vice Secretary-General participated in a meeting of the Genetic Resources Policy Committee of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) at the Headquarters of the World Bank in Washington, D.C. (United States of America).

133. On November 16 and 17, the Vice Secretary-General participated in a workshop on seed industry privatization in the WANA region, organized by ICARDA, the Deutsche Gesellschaft

für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and the Ministry of Agriculture of Tunisia, in Tunis, where he gave a lecture.

134. On November 21, the Vice Secretary-General participated in a meeting of the Council for TRIPS of WTO.

135. On December 11, an official of the Office of the Union attended in an observer capacity a session of the Council for TRIPS that adopted a draft agreement between WIPO and WTO concerning the conditions for cooperation between the two organizations in the fields of notification of intellectual property laws and regulations, of communication of State and other emblems and of technical and legal assistance and technical cooperation for the developing countries.

136. On December 14, the Secretary-General and an official of the Office of the Union met Mr. Michael Flitner and Mr. Dan Leskien, two consultants from IPGRI who were carrying out a study on *sui generis* systems of protection.

## VII. OTHER EXTERNAL RELATIONS

137. On March 7 and 8, the Vice Secretary-General participated in an international seminar in Santa Fé de Bogotá (Colombia), organized by the Inter-American Institute for Agricultural Cooperation (IICA) and the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) on the topic “the effects of intellectual property rights on agriculture in developing countries.” During the seminar, a report was presented on the study of the impact of plant breeders’ rights in developing countries based on the experience of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Uruguay.

138. On May 22, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mrs. Jayashree Watal, Senior Consultant, and of Mr. C. Niranjan Rao, Associate Fellow, of the International Council for Research on International Economic Relations, who asked questions concerning the UPOV Convention and the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement concerning plant varieties.

139. On May 29, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mr. Edwin H. Baker, Associate Resident Counsel to the Office of Technology Transfer, University of California (United States of America), who was interested in the plant variety protection system.

140. From June 14 to 16, the Vice Secretary-General participated in an international symposium on the protection of industrial property in the field of biotechnology organized by the Mexican Institute for Industrial Property, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO). He gave a paper on the protection of plant varieties under the UPOV Convention and was a member of a discussion panel.

141. On September 19, an official of the Office of the Union participated in the General Assembly in Grenoble (France) of the Union of French Maize Producers (SEPROMA), and spoke on developments in UPOV.

142. On October 17, an official of the Office of the Union gave a lecture on the protection of plant varieties and UPOV as part of a training course organized by WIPO and EPO on search and examination in the field of biotechnology.

143. On October 19, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of a group of members of the Japanese Society of Independent Breeders.

#### VIII. PUBLICATIONS

144. The Office of the Union published:

(a) a new edition (1995) of the UPOV General Information Brochure in English, French, German and Spanish;

(b) updated editions of the information leaflet on UPOV and plant variety protection in English, French, German and Spanish;

(c) three issues of the periodical “Plant Variety Protection”;

(d) one supplement to Part I of the “Collection of Important Texts and Documents” in English, French, German and Spanish and one trilingual supplement to Part II (test guidelines);

(e) two supplements and an index to the Collection of Laws and Treaties;

(f) the records of the national seminars held in Malaysia and in Pakistan in November and December 1994.

145. *The Council is invited to approve this report.*

[Annex follows]

## ANNEX

MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION  
(as of December 31, 1995)

State	Date of Signature <sup>1</sup>	Date of Deposit of Instrument <sup>1,2</sup>	Date Upon Which State Became Bound <sup>1</sup>
Argentina	- - - -	- - November 25, 1994 -	- - December 25, 1994 -
Australia	- - - -	- - February 1, 1989 -	- - March 1, 1989 -
Austria	- - - -	- - June 14, 1994 -	- - July 14, 1994 -
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 - -
Canada	- - October 31, 1979 March 9, 1992	- - February 4, 1991 -	- - March 4, 1991 -
Chile	- - - -	- - December 5, 1995 -	- - January 5, 1996 -
Czech Republic <sup>3</sup>	- - - -	- - - -	- - January 1, 1993 -

<sup>1</sup> *First line:* International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961  
*Second line:* Additional Act of November 10, 1972  
*Third line:* Act of October 23, 1978  
*Fourth line:* Act of March 19, 1991.

<sup>2</sup> of ratification where the State has signed the Convention or the Additional Act, as the case may be; of ratification, acceptance or approval if the State has signed the Act of 1978; of accession where it has not signed the text concerned.

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

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Denmark	November 26, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 6, 1968 February 8, 1974 October 8, 1981 -	October 6, 1968 February 11, 1977 November 8, 1981 -
Finland	- - - -	- - March 16, 1993 -	- - April 16, 1993 -
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 -	August 10, 1968 February 11, 1977 April 12, 1986 -
Hungary	- - - -	- - March 16, 1983 -	- - April 16, 1983 -
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 -	December 12, 1979 December 12, 1979 May 12, 1984 -
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 -	- - September 3, 1982 -
Mexico (not yet member)	- - July 25, 1979 -	- - - -	- - - -
Netherlands	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	August 8, 1967 January 12, 1977 August 2, 1984 -	August 10, 1968 February 11, 1977 September 2, 1984 -

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New Zealand	- - July 25, 1979 December 19, 1991	- - November 3, 1980 -	- - November 8, 1981 -
Norway	- - - -	- - August 13, 1993 -	- - September 13, 1993 -
Poland	- - - -	- - October 11, 1989 -	- - November 11, 1989 -
Portugal	- - - -	- - September 14, 1995 -	- - October 14, 1995 -
Slovakia <sup>3</sup>	- - - -	- - - -	- - January 1, 1993 -
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 17, 1971 February 11, 1977 January 1, 1983 -
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 -
Ukraine	- - - -	- - October 3, 1995 -	- - November 3, 1995 -

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United Kingdom	November 26, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 17, 1965 July 1, 1980 August 24, 1983 -	August 10, 1968 July 31, 1980 September 24, 1983 -
United States of America	- - October 23, 1978 October 25, 1991	- - November 12, 1980 -	- - November 8, 1981 -
Uruguay	- - - -	- - October 13, 1994 -	- - November 13, 1994 -

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