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The annexes to this document contain the reports from Mexico and Portugal.

[Two annexes follow]

ANNEX I

MEXICO

Situation in the Legislative Field

The implementing regulations to the Federal Law of October 25, 1996, on Plant Varieties have been adopted and published in the Official Journal of the Federation on September 25 of this year.

Situation in the Administrative Field

Since the entry into force of the Law and up to October 15, 1998, a total of 220 applications were received in respect of 27 species, mainly of agricultural crops (80) and ornamentals (80). The six top species were rose (75), maize (50), sorghum (17), strawberry (14), cotton (11) and potato (10). The distribution by country of origin was as follows: Mexico (85), United States of America (72), France (40), Netherlands (12), Italy (6), Canada (2), Cuba (1), Israel (1) and Japan (1).

Situation in the Technical Field

A review of the varieties that will serve as references in the case of certain agricultural crops is being conducted together with experts from universities, research institutes, private sector companies and governmental institutions.

An illustrated guide for the characterization of maize varieties is in the final stages of preparation.

An official of the Registry participated in the training course held in Spain in June under the auspices of UPOV.

Activities for the Promotion of Plant Variety Protection

Various courses, conferences, seminars and workshops have been organized in various parts of the country.

Developments in Related Field of Activity

The Catalogue of Varieties subject to Certification contains 1856 varieties from 47 species, mainly maize and sorghum. Out of those, 31% are from the National Research Institute for Forestry, Agriculture and Livestock.

[Annex II follows]

ANNEX II

PORTUGAL

Situation in the Legislative Field

The draft law to amend the plant variety protection law and adapt it to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention is near completion.

The protection system currently applies to 88 genera and species.

Situation in the Administrative Field

The introduction of the Community plant variety rights system has led to a large decrease in national applications.

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