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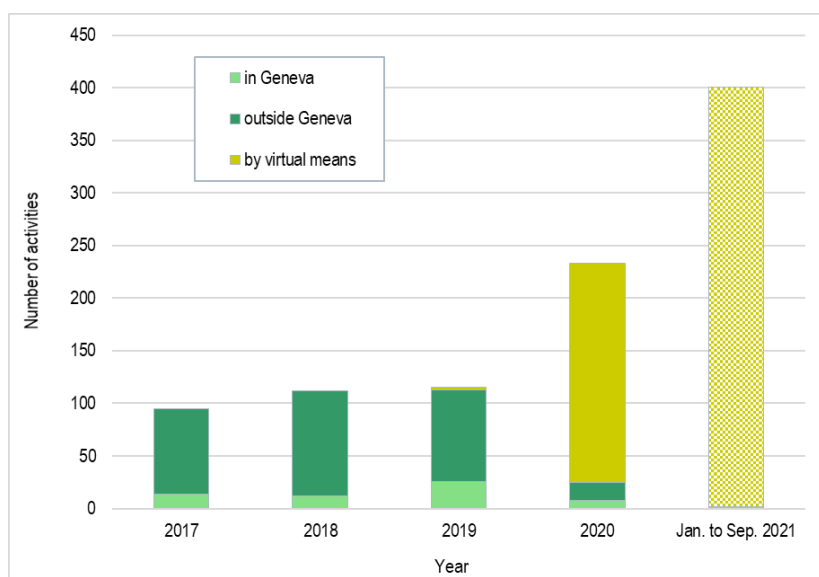
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines became the seventy-seventh member of UPOV on March 22, 2021.
2. In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a number of measures continued to be taken in 2021 in recognition of UPOV's commitment to the health and safety of its personnel, as well as the communities where they live and work, while delivering the program of work approved by the Council. As the epidemiological situation improved, a phased return to work for UPOV staff began in September and is due to be complete by mid-November, except for staff in a "vulnerable" category. Returning personnel will work on premises at least two days per week.
3. All meetings of UPOV bodies in the first nine months of 2021 were conducted by virtual means.
4. No official travel was undertaken in the first nine months of 2021.
5. The lack of travel has been compensated by virtual activities, resulting in an increased number of meetings or activities compared to 2019 (see Figure 1).

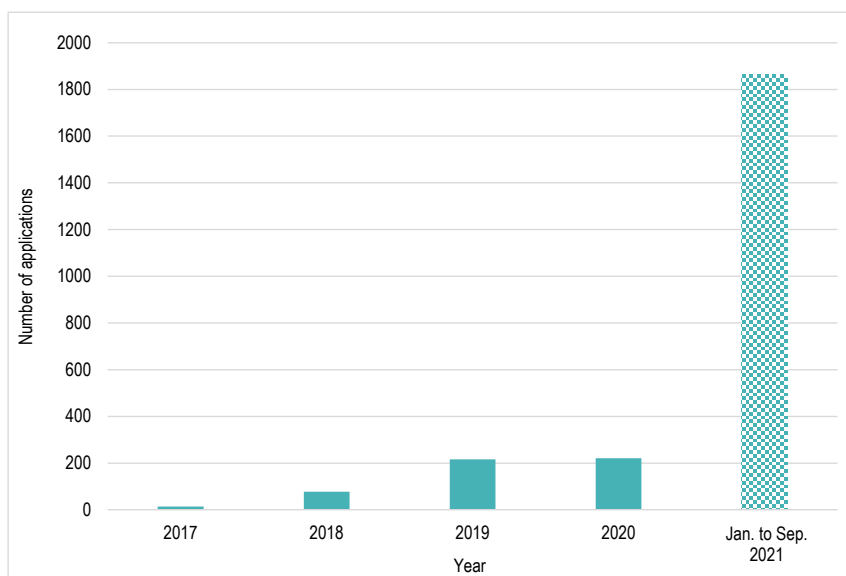
Figure 1. Number of missions, activities and meetings involving UPOV



6. The move to virtual meetings of UPOV bodies, combined with consideration of documents by correspondence, resulted in significantly more time being allocated to meeting preparation and administration. This was possible because of the reduction in travel time of UPOV staff and time required for organizing travel to physical activities. In terms of financial resources, the reduction in travel costs was somewhat offset by the additional cost of hosting virtual meetings of UPOV bodies that meet in Geneva. The reduction in travel costs also enabled investment in IT development work on UPOV PRISMA, PLUTO and e-PVP to be advanced.

7. There was considerable growth in the number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in 2021 compared to previous years, with 1,864 applications being made from January 1 to September 30, 2021, compared to 221 in 2020 (see Figure 2).

Figure 2. Applications in UPOV PRISMA (annual)



16. The new version of the PLUTO database was launched on October 11, 2021, at the new URL <https://pluto.upov.int>.

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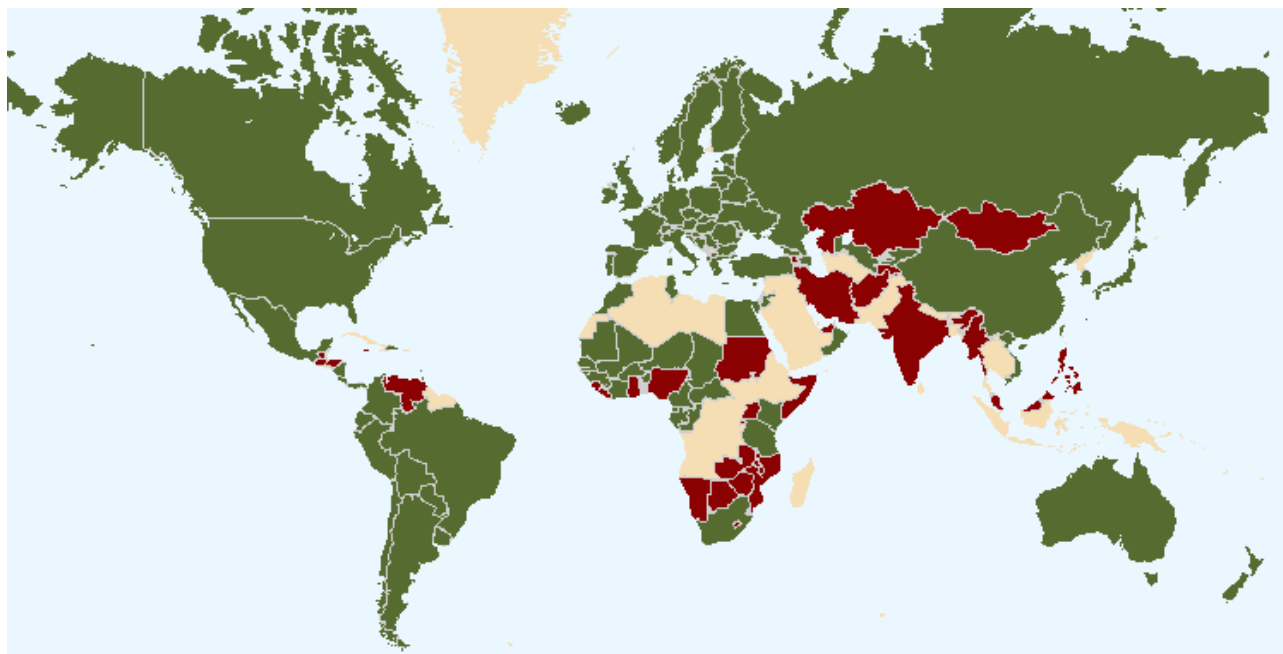
UPOV STATUS

Members

8. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines deposited its instrument of accession to the UPOV Convention on February 22, 2021, and became the seventy-seventh member of UPOV on March 22, 2021.

9. As of September 30, 2021, the Union comprised 77 members (75 States and 2 organizations), covering 96 States (see figure 3). The “List of UPOV members” is reproduced in Annex I.

Figure 3. Members of the Union as at September 30, 2021



The boundaries shown on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UPOV concerning the legal status of any country or territory

Situation in Relation to the Various Acts of the Convention

10. On September 30, 2021, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

- (a) 60 members (covering 81¹ States) were bound by the 1991 Act; and
- (b) 17 members were bound by the 1978 Act.

States/organizations that have initiated the procedure to become a member of the Union

11. In 2021, the Council reaffirmed its decision on conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention in respect of the following laws:

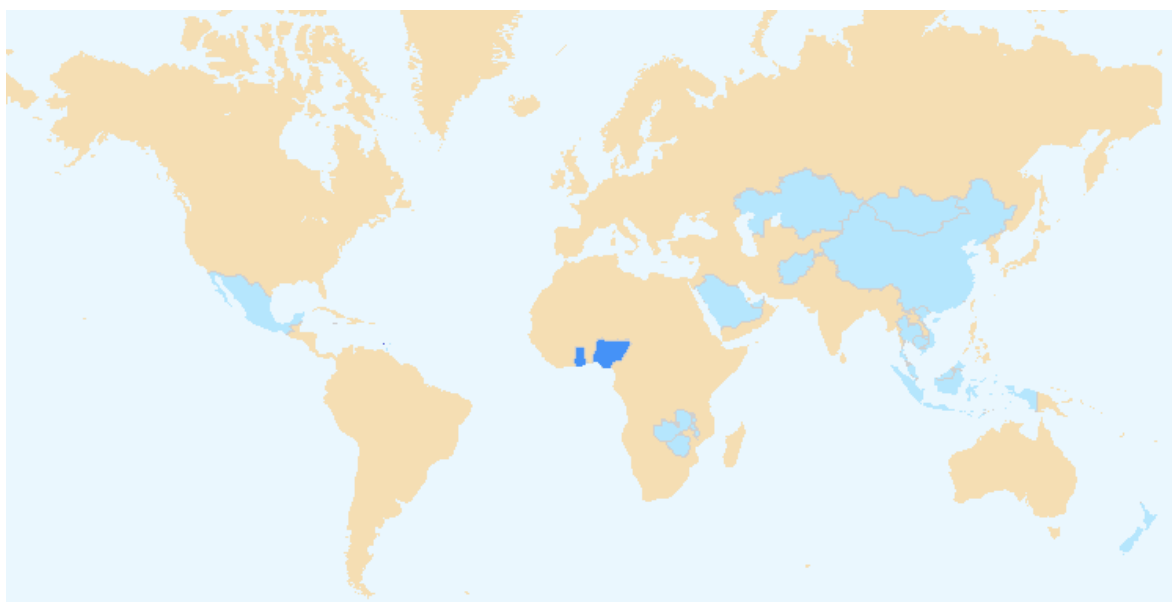
- (i) the “Plant Variety Protection Act” (Act 1050 of 2020) of Ghana, which was adopted by the Parliament of Ghana and enacted by the President on December 29, 2020;
- (ii) the “Plant Variety Protection Act, 2021” of Nigeria, which was adopted by the National Assembly on March 3, 2021.

12. At the request of Jamaica dated September 27, 2021, the New Plant Varieties (Rights of Breeders) Bill, 2021, of Jamaica will be examined by the Council, at its fifty-fifth ordinary session, to be held via electronic means on October 30, 2021, for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

¹ 81 States comprises those States bound by the 1991 Act and States covered by the plant breeders' rights regional systems due to their membership to the European Union and OAPI.

13. The following map provides a graphic overview of developments concerning the status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2021:

Figure 4 - Changes of status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2021



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- State that became member of the Union during the first nine months of 2021: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (1)
- States and organizations that requested advice from the Council of UPOV during the first nine months of 2021: Ghana, Jamaica and Nigeria (3)
- States and organizations that were in contact with the Office of the Union for assistance in the development of legislation on plant variety protection during the first nine months of 2021

Members of the Union (5): China, Mexico, New Zealand, Trinidad and Tobago and Viet Nam

Non-members of the Union (16): Afghanistan, Barbados, Cambodia, Ghana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Malawi, Mongolia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Zambia and Zimbabwe

ACTIVITIES IN 2021

Sessions of UPOV Bodies

14. The following meetings were held via electronic means during the first nine months of 2021:

- WG-EDV/2: February 4
- TC-EDC: March 23 and 24
- EAF/17: March 25
- WG-EDV/3: April 27
- TWV/55: May 3 to 7, hosted by Turkey
- TWO/53: June 7 to 11, hosted by the Netherlands
- TWA/50: June 21 to 25, hosted by the United Republic of Tanzania
- TWF/52: July 12 to 16, hosted by China
- TWC/39: September 20 to 22, hosted by the United States of America
- BMT/20: September 22 to 24, hosted by the United States of America

Other meetings and events

15. During the first nine months of 2021, the Office undertook a total of 2 missions (in Geneva) and participated in a total of 399 virtual events. A summary of those activities is provided in Annex III to this document.

Distance learning courses

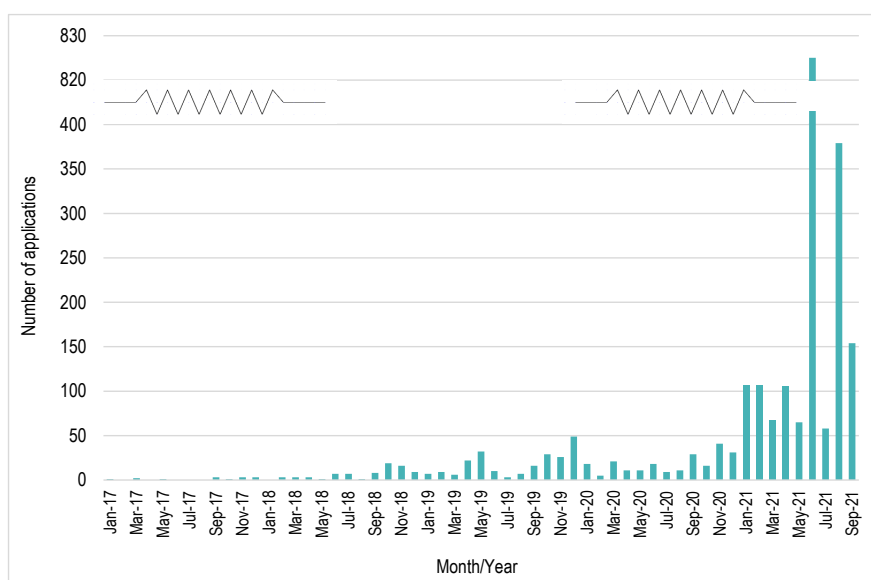
16. One session of each of the UPOV Distance Learning Courses DL-205 “Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention”, DL-305 “Examination of applications for plant breeders’ rights” (DL-305A and DL305B in one course), DL-305A “Administration of Plant Breeders’ Rights” and DL-305B “DUS Examination” was organized in English, French German and Spanish. A breakdown of the students participating in the UPOV distance learning courses DL-205 and DL-305 is included in Annex II.

UPOV PRISMA

17. There was considerable growth in the number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in 2021 compared to previous years, with 1,864 applications being made from January 1 to September 30, 2021, compared to 221 in 2020 (see Figure 4).

18. For varieties for which an application was made for Plant Variety Rights at the CPVO by December 31, 2020, but not yet decided by the CPVO, an application for Plant Breeders’ Rights in the United Kingdom made within six months of December 20, 2020, (June 30, 2021) was given the same priority date as the one in the CPVO application. Therefore, there was an exceptionally large number of applications for Plant Breeders’ Rights in the United Kingdom, and consequently UPOV PRISMA, in June 2021.

Figure 4 – Number of applications using UPOV PRISMA (monthly)



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NEW TEST GUIDELINES / NOUVEAUX PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN /
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TG/334/1	Ranunculus	Renoncule	Hahnenfuß	Ranúnculo	<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i> L.; <i>Ranunculus cortusifolius</i> Willd.
TG/335/1	Coreopsis	Coréopsis	Mädchenauge	Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis</i> L.
TG/336/1	Brown Mustard	Moutarde Brune	Sareptasenf	Mostaza de Sarepta, Mostaza india	<i>Brassica juncea</i> (L.) Czern.

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TG/5/8	Red Clover	Trèfle violet	Rotklee	Trébol rojo	<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L.
TG/16/9	Rice	Riz	Reis	Arroz	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.
TG/34/7	Timothy	Fléole	Lieschgras	Fleo	<i>Phleum nodosum</i> L.; <i>Phleum pratense</i> L.
TG/58/7	Rye	Seigle	Roggen	Centeno	<i>Secale cereale</i> L.
TG/133/5	Hydrangea	Hortensia	Hortensie	Hortensia	<i>Hydrangea</i> L.
TG/143/5	Chick-Pea	Pois chiche	Kichererbse	Garbanzo	<i>Cicer arietinum</i> L.

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TG/26/5 Corr.2 Rev.	Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthème	Chrysanthemum	Crisantemo	<i>Chrysanthemum</i> L.
TG/207/2 Rev.	Calibrachoa	Calibrachoa	Calibrachoa	Calibrachoa	<i>Calibrachoa</i> Cerv.
TG/240/1 Rev.	Common Sea Buckthorn	Argousier	Sanddorn	Espino amarillo	<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i> L.

Press Releases

20. The Office published four press releases.

21. The Council is invited to note this report.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEX I MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants* UPOV Convention (1961), as revised at Geneva (1972, 1978 and 1991)

Status on September 30, 2021

State/Organization	Date on which State/Organization became member of UPOV	Number of contribution units	Latest Act ⁱ of the Convention to which State/Organization is party and date on which State/Organization became party to that Act
African Intellectual Property Organization ⁱⁱ	July 10, 2014	0.2	1991 Act July 10, 2014
Albania	October 15, 2005	0.2	1991 Act October 15, 2005
Argentina	December 25, 1994	0.5	1978 Act December 25, 1994
Australia	March 1, 1989	1.0	1991 Act January 20, 2000
Austria	July 14, 1994	0.75	1991 Act July 1, 2004
Azerbaijan	December 9, 2004	0.2	1991 Act December 9, 2004
Belarus	January 5, 2003	0.2	1991 Act January 5, 2003
Belgium ⁱⁱⁱ	December 5, 1976	1.5	1991 Act June 2, 2019
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	May 21, 1999	0.2	1978 Act May 21, 1999
Bosnia and Herzegovina	November 10, 2017	0.2	1991 Act November 10, 2017
Brazil	May 23, 1999	0.25	1978 Act May 23, 1999
Bulgaria	April 24, 1998	0.2	1991 Act April 24, 1998
Canada	March 4, 1991	1.0	1991 Act July 19, 2015
Chile	January 5, 1996	0.2	1978 Act January 5, 1996
China	April 23, 1999	2.0	1978 Act ^{iv} April 23, 1999
Colombia	September 13, 1996	0.2	1978 Act September 13, 1996
Costa Rica	January 12, 2009	0.2	1991 Act January 12, 2009
Croatia	September 1, 2001	0.2	1991 Act September 1, 2001
Czech Republic	January 1, 1993	0.5	1991 Act November 24, 2002
Denmark ^v	October 6, 1968	0.5	1991 Act April 24, 1998
Dominican Republic	June 16, 2007	0.2	1991 Act June 16, 2007
Ecuador	August 8, 1997	0.2	1978 Act August 8, 1997
Egypt	December 1, 2019	0.2	1991 Act December 1, 2019
Estonia	September 24, 2000	0.2	1991 Act September 24, 2000
European Union ^{vi}	July 29, 2005	5.0	1991 Act July 29, 2005
Finland	April 16, 1993	1.0	1991 Act July 20, 2001
France	October 3, 1971	5.0	1991 Act May 27, 2012
Georgia	November 29, 2008	0.2	1991 Act November 29, 2008
Germany	August 10, 1968	5.0	1991 Act July 25, 1998
Hungary	April 16, 1983	0.5	1991 Act January 1, 2003
Iceland	May 3, 2006	0.2	1991 Act May 3, 2006
Ireland	November 8, 1981	1.0	1991 Act January 8, 2012
Israel	December 12, 1979	0.5	1991 Act April 24, 1998
Italy	July 1, 1977	2.0	1978 Act May 28, 1986
Japan	September 3, 1982	5.0	1991 Act December 24, 1998
Jordan	October 24, 2004	0.2	1991 Act October 24, 2004
Kenya	May 13, 1999	0.2	1991 Act May 11, 2016
Kyrgyzstan	June 26, 2000	0.2	1991 Act June 26, 2000
Latvia	August 30, 2002	0.2	1991 Act August 30, 2002
Lithuania	December 10, 2003	0.2	1991 Act December 10, 2003
Mexico	August 9, 1997	0.75	1978 Act August 9, 1997
Montenegro	September 24, 2015	0.2	1991 Act September 24, 2015
Morocco	October 8, 2006	0.2	1991 Act October 8, 2006
Netherlands	August 10, 1968	3.0	1991 Act ^{vii} April 24, 1998
New Zealand	November 8, 1981	1.0	1978 Act November 8, 1981
Nicaragua	September 6, 2001	0.2	1978 Act September 6, 2001
North Macedonia	May 4, 2011	0.2	1991 Act May 4, 2011
Norway	September 13, 1993	1.0	1978 Act September 13, 1993
Oman	November 22, 2009	1.0	1991 Act November 22, 2009
Panama	May 23, 1999	0.2	1991 Act November 22, 2012
Paraguay	February 8, 1997	0.2	1978 Act February 8, 1997
Peru	August 8, 2011	0.2	1991 Act August 8, 2011
Poland	November 11, 1989	0.5	1991 Act August 15, 2003
Portugal	October 14, 1995	0.2	1978 Act October 14, 1995
Republic of Korea	January 7, 2002	1.5	1991 Act January 7, 2002
Republic of Moldova	October 28, 1998	0.2	1991 Act October 28, 1998
Romania	March 16, 2001	0.2	1991 Act March 16, 2001
Russian Federation	April 24, 1998	2.0	1991 Act April 24, 1998

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	March 22, 2021	0.2	1991 Act March 22, 2021
Serbia.....	January 5, 2013	0.2	1991 Act January 5, 2013
Singapore.....	July 30, 2004	0.2	1991 Act July 30, 2004
Slovakia	January 1, 1993	0.5	1991 Act June 12, 2009
Slovenia	July 29, 1999	0.2	1991 Act July 29, 1999
South Africa.....	November 6, 1977	1.0	1978 Act November 8, 1981
Spain.....	May 18, 1980	2.0	1991 Act July 18, 2007
Sweden	December 17, 1971	1.5	1991 Act April 24, 1998
Switzerland.....	July 10, 1977	1.5	1991 Act September 1, 2008
Trinidad and Tobago	January 30, 1998	0.2	1978 Act January 30, 1998
Tunisia	August 31, 2003	0.2	1991 Act August 31, 2003
Turkey.....	November 18, 2007	0.5	1991 Act November 18, 2007
Ukraine.....	November 3, 1995	0.2	1991 Act January 19, 2007
United Kingdom.....	August 10, 1968	2.0	1991 Act January 3, 1999
United Republic of Tanzania.....	November 22, 2015	0.2	1991 Act November 22, 2015
United States of America.....	November 8, 1981	5.0	1991 Act ^{viii} February 22, 1999
Uruguay	November 13, 1994	0.2	1978 Act November 13, 1994
Uzbekistan	November 14, 2004	0.2	1991 Act November 14, 2004
Viet Nam	December 24, 2006	0.2	1991 Act December 24, 2006

(Total: 77)

* The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), established by the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, is an independent intergovernmental organization having legal personality. Pursuant to an agreement concluded between the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and UPOV, the Director General of WIPO is the Secretary-General of UPOV and WIPO provides administrative services to UPOV.

ⁱ "1978 Act" means the Act of October 23, 1978, of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants; "1991 Act" means the Act of March 19, 1991, of the Convention.

ⁱⁱ Operates a plant breeders' rights system which covers the territory of its 17 member States (member States of OAPI: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo).

ⁱⁱⁱ With a notification under Article 34(2) of the 1978 Act.

^{iv} With a declaration that the 1978 Act is not applicable to Hong Kong, China.

^v With a declaration that the Convention of 1961, the Additional Act of 1972, the 1978 Act and the 1991 Act are not applicable to Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

^{vi} Operates a plant breeders' rights system which covers the territory of its 27 member States (member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden).

^{vii} Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

^{viii} With a reservation pursuant to Article 35(2) of the 1991 Act.

[Annex II follows]

ANNEX II PARTICIPATION IN THE UPOV DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

DL-205 "Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention"					
	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
Session I, 2021: Total by language	127	70	2	57	256

Pre- training support sessions of DL-205 "Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention"					
	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-205 special sessions, 2021: Total by language	65	4	0	7	76

DL-305 "Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights"					
	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305, Session I, 2021: Total by language	24	14	1	11	50

DL-305A "Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights"					
	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305A, Session 1, 2021: Total by language	26	2	0	14	42

DL-305B "DUS Examination"					
	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305B, Session I, 2021: Total by language	28	3	1	8	40

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2021



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APPENDIX ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

UPOV terms

BMT	Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular
CAJ	Administrative and Legal Committee
DL-205	UPOV distance learning course "Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention"
DL-305	UPOV distance learning course "Examination of Applications for Plant Breeders' Rights"
DL-305A	UPOV distance learning course "Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights" (part A of DL-305)
DL-305B	UPOV distance learning course "DUS Examination" (part B of DL-305)
DUS	Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability
EAF (see also UPOV PRISMA)	UPOV Electronic Application Form
EDV	essentially derived variety
Office	Office of the Union
PBR	Plant Breeder's Right
PLUTO	UPOV Plant Variety Database
TC	Technical Committee
TC-EDC	Enlarged Editorial Committee
TWA	Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops
TWC	Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs
TWF	Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops
TWM	Technical Working Party on Testing Methods and Techniques
TWO	Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees
TWP(s)	Technical Working Party(ies)
TWV	Technical Working Party for Vegetables
WG-EDV	Working Group on Essentially Derived Varieties
UPOV PRISMA	UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool
WSP	World Seed Partnership

Acronyms (included in Annex III)

2050Today	A climate action initiative bringing together a community of international Geneva institutions
4SD	Skills, Systems & Synergies for Sustainable Development
AAFC	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
AATF	African Agricultural Technology Foundation
ABAPI (Brazil)	<i>Associação Brasileira de Agentes da Propriedade Industrial</i> (Brazilian Association of Industrial Property Agents)
ABPI (Brazil)	<i>Associação Brasileira da propriedade intelectual</i> (Brazilian Association of Intellectual Property)
AFSTA	African Seed Trade Association
AGRA	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
AIPH	International Association of Horticultural Producers
APBA	African Plant Breeders Association
APBREBES	Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society
APSA	Asia and Pacific Seed Association
ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
ASA (Argentina)	<i>Asociación Semilleros Argentinos</i> (Argentine Seed Growers Association)
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASIWA	Alliance for Seed Industry in West Africa
ASTA	American Seed Trade Association
BrulPO	Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam
Bundessortenamt (Germany)	Federal Plant Variety Office of Germany
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CARIFORUM	Caribbean Forum of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States

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CarlPI	CARIFORUM Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CBD SBI	Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the CBD
CBD SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the CBD
CFIA	Canadian Food Inspection Agency
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
CIOFORA	International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Varieties
CIPO (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)	Commerce and Intellectual Property Office of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CLI	CropLife International
CNI (Brazil)	<i>Confederação Nacional da Indústria</i> (National Confederation of Industry of Brazil)
COPA-COGECA (European Union)	Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations - General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives
CORAF (see also WECARD)	<i>Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour la Recherche et le Développement Agricoles</i>
CPVO	Community Plant Variety Office of the European Union
CROCEVIA	International Centre Crossroad
CSA (China)	China Seed Association
DCST	Development Center of Science and Technology of China
DOA (Malaysia)	Department of Agriculture of Malaysia
DOA (Thailand)	Department of Agriculture of Thailand
EAPVP Forum	East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum
ECUASEM	Ecuadorian Seed Association
ECVC	European Coordination Via Campesina
EMBRAPA (Brazil)	Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation
EU40	Platform of young Pro-European Members of the European Parliament and of the 28 EU national parliaments
EUIPO	European Intellectual Property Office
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FIAN	Foodfirst Information and Action Network
GESLIVE (Spain)	Affiliate company of the National Association of Plant Breeders (ANOVE) of Spain
GEVES (France)	<i>Groupe d'Étude et de contrôle des Variétés Et des Semences</i>
GNIS (France)	<i>Groupement national interprofessionnel des semences et plants</i> , renamed SEMAE on January 27, 2021 (see further down)
GRUR (Germany)	German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property
HEPIA (Switzerland)	<i>Haute école du paysage, d'ingénierie et d'architecture de Genève</i> (Geneva School of Landscape, Engineering and Architecture of Switzerland)
ICA (Colombia)	<i>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario</i> (Colombian Agricultural Institute)
IDIAP (Panama)	<i>Instituto de Innovación Agropecuaria de Panamá</i>
INASE (Argentina)	<i>Instituto Nacional de Semillas</i> (National Seed Institute of Argentina)
INASE (Uruguay)	<i>Instituto Nacional de Semillas</i> (National Seed Institute of Uruguay)
INDECOPI (Peru)	<i>Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual</i> (National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property of Peru)
INPI (Brazil)	<i>Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial</i> (National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil)
IPC	International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
IP Key SEA	IP Key South-East Asia
IPOS	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
ISF	International Seed Federation
ISTA	International Seed Testing Association
ITPGRFA	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

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JATAFF	Japan Association for Techno-innovation in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JICE	Japan International Cooperation Center
JIPO	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office
KEPHIS	Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service
MAFF (Cambodia)	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia
MAFF (Japan)	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan
MAFI (Indonesia)	Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries of Indonesia
MAIL (Afghanistan)	Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan
MAPA (Spain)	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain
MARA (China)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China
MARD (Montenegro)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro
MARD (Viet Nam)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam
MFARD (Mongolia)	Mongolian Farmers Association for Rural Development
MISTI (Cambodia)	Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of Cambodia
MOCCAE (United Arab Emirates)	Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates
MOFA (Japan)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Naktuinbouw	The Netherlands Inspection Service for Horticulture
NASC (Nigeria)	National Agricultural Seed Council of Nigeria
NCSS (Japan)	National Center for Seeds and Seedlings of Japan
NESG (Nigeria)	Nigerian Economic Summit Group
NFGA (China)	National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China
OAPI	African Intellectual Property Organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development
OREVADO (Dominican Republic)	Office of Plant Variety Registration and Protection of Breeders' Rights of the Dominican Republic
PRONACOM (Guatemala)	<i>Programa Nacional de Competitividad</i> (National Competitiveness Program of Guatemala)
PRV (Sweden)	Swedish Patent and Registration Office
PSIA (Philippines)	Philippine Seed Industry Association
ROM Global	Results-Oriented Monitoring of Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Centrally Managed Thematic Interventions (European Commission contractor)
SAA	Seed Association of the Americas
SADER (Mexico)	<i>Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico)
SAG	<i>Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero</i> (Agricultural and Livestock Service of Chile)
SAIP (Saudi Arabia)	Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property
SCCI (Zambia)	Seed Control and Certification Institute of Zambia
SeCan	Canada's Seed Partner
SEMAE (France)	<i>L'interprofession des semences et plants</i> (French Interprofessional Organisation for Seeds and Plants)
SENADI (Ecuador)	<i>Servicio Nacional de Derechos Intelectuales</i> (National Service for Intellectual Rights of Ecuador)
SENAVE (Paraguay)	<i>Servicio Nacional de Calidad y Sanidad Vegetal y de Semillas</i> National Service of Quality and Plant and Seed Health of Paraguay
Sida (Sweden)	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SIL	Soybean Innovation Lab
SNICS (Mexico)	<i>Servicio Nacional de Inspección y Certificación de Semillas</i> (National Seed Inspection and Certification Service of Mexico)
SNPC (Brazil)	<i>Serviço Nacional de Proteção de Cultivares</i> (National Cultivar Protection Service of Brazil)
TTIPO	Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Property Office

UIPVE	Ukrainian Institute for Plant Variety Examination
UN EMG	United Nations Environment Management Group
UNFSS	United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards
UNIGE	University of Geneva
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
WFO	World Farmers' Organization
WJO	WIPO Japan Office
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

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