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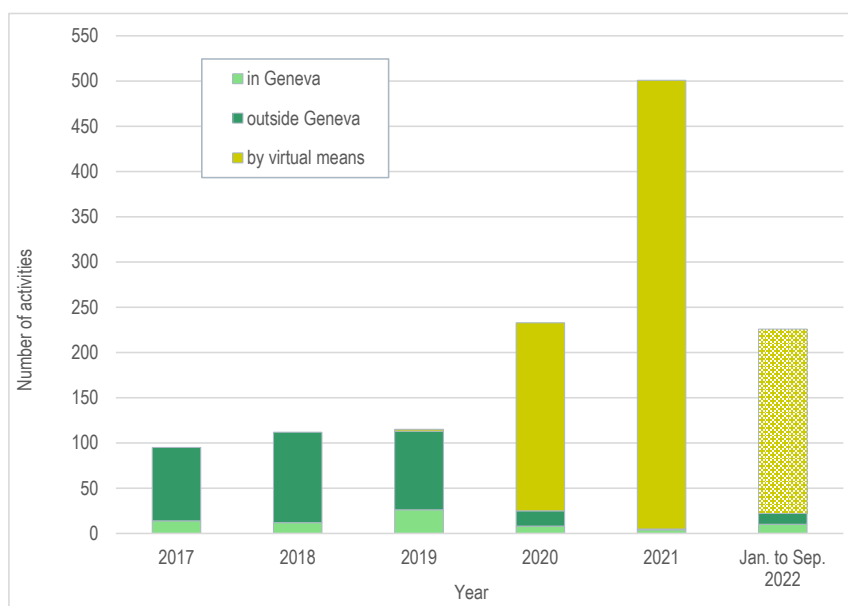
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Ghana became the seventy-eighth member of UPOV on December 3, 2021, as a result of which UPOV now covers 97 States.
2. On March 7, 2022, all staff resumed work on UPOV premises with the possibility of regular part-time teleworking up to a maximum of three days per week.
3. Travel by UPOV staff has resumed on an “important travel only” basis. This means that any specific travel is directly required for the achievement of one or more Expected Results. The number of virtual activities and engagements continues to be much higher than in-person activities.

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



4. In May, the fifty-first session of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) became the first Technical Working Party to enable physical participation since 2019, when the United Kingdom hosted a hybrid meeting in Cambridge.
5. In August, the Train-the-Trainer course on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention, organized by UPOV in cooperation with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and with the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, became the first physical event organized by UPOV in Geneva since 2019.

6. There was exceptional growth in the number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in 2021 compared to previous years, with 2,509 applications. This has been followed by strong underlying growth in 2022. Disregarding the one-off peak in number of applications in June 2021, which was the result of a transitional novelty deadline in the United Kingdom, there has been a 17% increase in applications for the period January to September 2022, compared to the same period in 2021. This growth has occurred within the existing coverage of UPOV PRISMA in terms of members and crops covered.

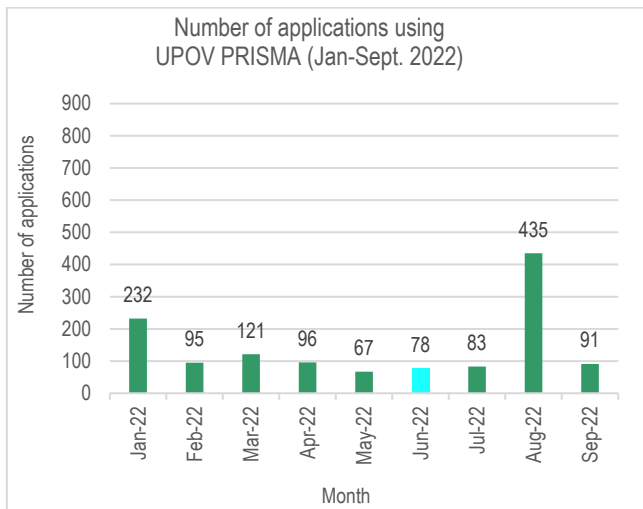
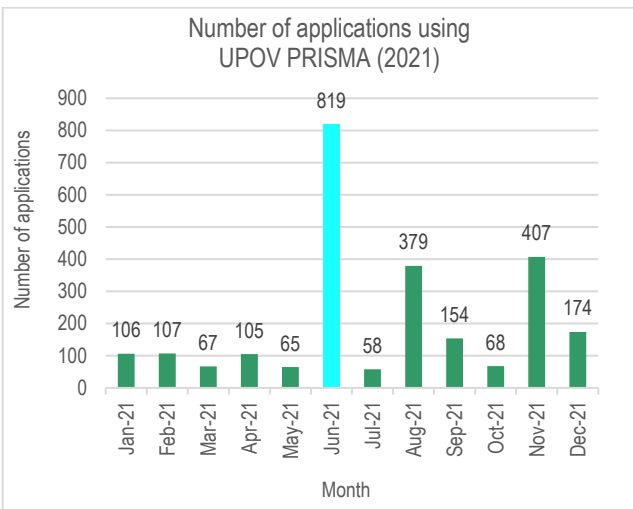
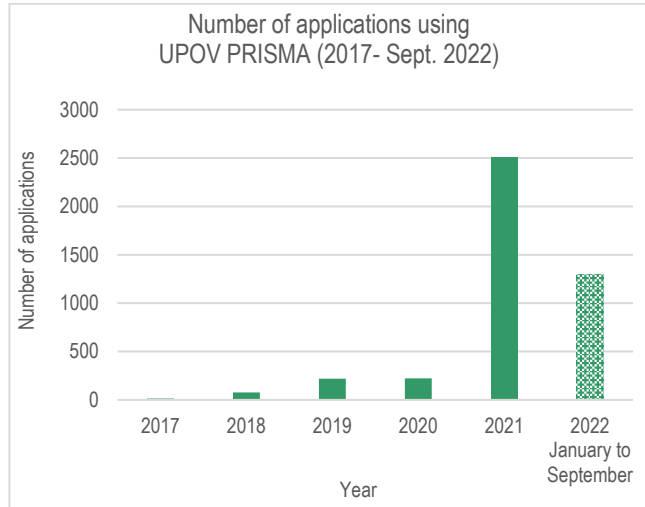


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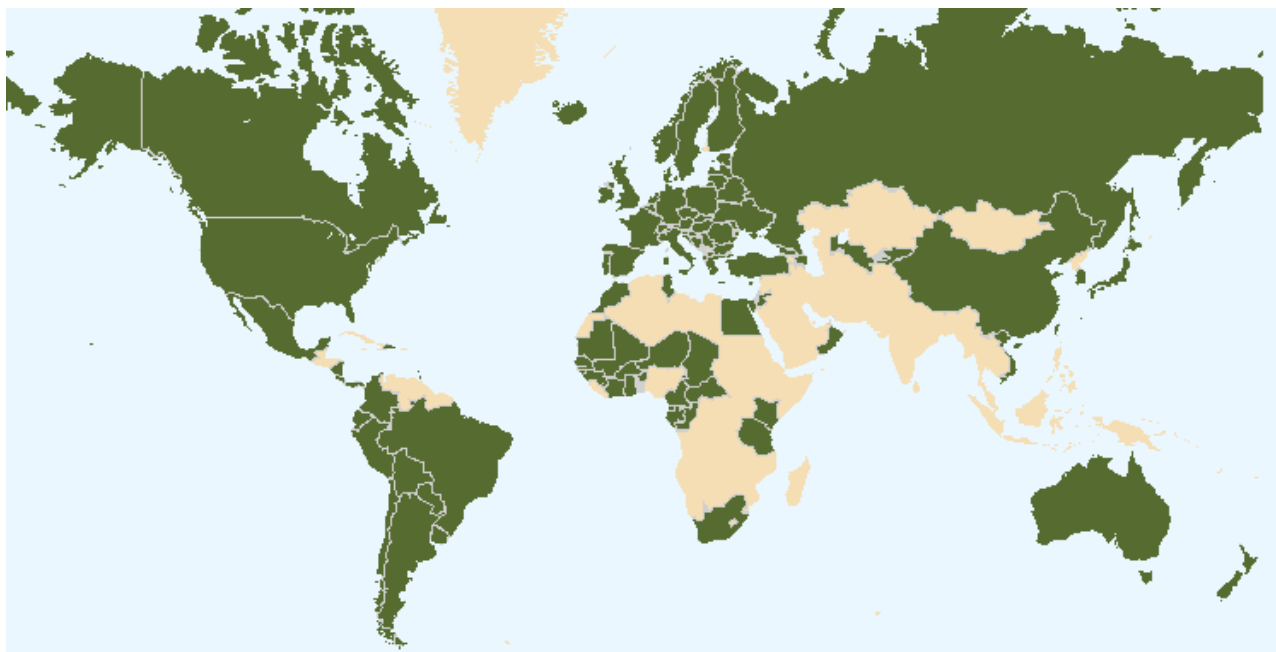
UPOV STATUS

Members

7. Ghana deposited its instrument of accession to the UPOV Convention on November 3, 2021, and became the seventy-eighth member of UPOV on December 3, 2021.

8. As of September 30, 2022, the Union comprised 78 members (76 States and 2 organizations), covering 97 States (see figure 3). The “List of UPOV members” is reproduced in Annex I.

Figure 3. Members of the Union as at September 30, 2022



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

9. On September 30, 2022, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

- (a) 61 members (covering 82¹ 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

10. At the request of Armenia dated September 22, 2022, the Draft Law on the Protection of Varieties of Plants of Armenia will be examined by the Council, at its fifty-sixth ordinary session, to be held on October 28, 2022, for conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

11. The following map provides a graphic overview of developments concerning the status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2022:

¹ 82 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.

Figure 4 - Changes of status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2022



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- States and organizations that requested advice from the Council of UPOV during the first nine months of 2022: Armenia
- 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 2022

Members of the Union (2): Georgia, Mexico

Non-members of the Union (5): Antigua and Barbuda, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia

ACTIVITIES IN 2022

Sessions of UPOV Bodies

12. The following meetings were held during the first nine months of 2022 (in chronological order):

- WG-HRV/1: March 15 (virtual meeting)
- EAF/19: March 16 (virtual meeting)
- WG-SHF/1: March 17 (virtual meeting)
- TC-EDC: March 22 and 23 (virtual meeting)
- TWV/56: April 18 to 22 (virtual meeting)
- TWA/51: May 23 to 27, Cambridge, United Kingdom
- TWO/54: June 13 to 17, hosted by Germany (virtual meeting)
- TWF/53: July 11 to 15 (virtual meeting)
- WG-HRV/2: September 6 (virtual meeting)
- WG-SHF/2: September 7 (virtual meeting)
- TWM/1: September 19 to 23 (virtual meeting)

Other meetings and events

13. During the first nine months of 2022, the Office undertook a total of 12 missions outside Geneva, participated in 10 physical meetings in Geneva and in a total of 204 virtual events. A summary of those activities is provided in Annex III to this document.

Distance learning courses

14. 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

15. There was exceptional growth in the number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in 2021 compared to previous years, with 2,509 applications. This has been followed by strong underlying growth in 2022. Disregarding the one-off peak in number of applications in June 2021, which was the result of a transitional novelty deadline in the United Kingdom, there has been a 17% increase in applications for the period January to September 2022, compared to the same period in 2021. This growth has occurred within the existing coverage of UPOV PRISMA in terms of members and crops covered.

PLUTO database

16. From January 1 to September 30, 2022, the Office published 207 updates of the Plant Variety Database (PLUTO).

17. The number of PLUTO users registered by category is as follows:

Service	Number of users
Standard service	2419
Eligible officials	132
Paying service	36
PVP contributors*	43

* 29 UPOV members contribute their data to PLUTO via CPVO and therefore do not need a PVP contributor account.

Publications

Test Guidelines

18. The following 14 revised or partially revised Test Guidelines were adopted by the TC at its fifty-seventh session, held on October 25 and 26, 2021, and were published on the UPOV website in 2022:

Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
NEW TEST GUIDELINES / NOUVEAUX PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN / NEUE PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / NUEVAS DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN					
TG/337/1	Pistachio	Pistachier	Pistazie	Pistachero	<i>Pistacia vera</i> L.
TG/338/1	Physic Nut	Jatropha	Purgiernuss	Piñón mexicano	<i>Jatropha curcas</i> L.
REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS					
TG/95/4	Lagerstroemia	Lagerstroemia	Lagerstroemia	Lagerstroemia	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> L.
TG/70/5	Apricot	Abricotier	Marille, Aprikose	Albaricoquero	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i> L.
TG/197/2	Eustoma	Eustoma	Eustoma	Eustoma	<i>Eustoma exaltatum</i> (L.) Salisb. ex G. Don subsp. <i>russellianum</i> (Hook.) Kartesz
TG/281/2	Echinacea	Echinacée	Echinacea, Igelkopf	Equinácea	<i>Echinacea</i> Moench

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PARTIAL REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS PARTIELLES DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS /
TEILREVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES PARCIALES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS

TG/13/11 Rev.2	Lettuce	Laitue	Salat	Lechuga	<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L.
TG/53/7 Rev. 2	Peach	Pêcher	Pfirsich	Durazno, Meocotonero	<i>Prunus persica</i> (L.) Batsch
TG/84/4 Corr. 2 Rev. 2	Japanese Plum	Prunier japonais	Ostasiatische Pflaume	Ciruelo japonés	<i>Prunus salicina</i> Lindl.
TG/98/7 Rev. 2	Actinidia	Actinidia	Kiwi	Kiwi	<i>Actinidia</i> Lindl.
TG/187/2 Rev.	Prunus Rootstocks	Porte-greffes de prunus	Prunus-Unterlagen	Portainjertos de prunus	<i>Prunus</i> L.
TG/244/1 Rev.	Wild Rocket	Roquette sauvage	Wilde Rauke	Roqueta silvestre	<i>Diplotaxis tenuifolia</i> (L.) DC.
TG/245/1 Rev.	Garden Rocket	Roquette cultivée	Ölrauke	Roqueta	<i>Eruca sativa</i> Mill.
TG/276/1 Rev.	Hemp	Chanvre	Hanf	Cáñamo	<i>Cannabis sativa</i> L.

19. The following Test Guidelines were adopted by correspondence by the TC by correspondence:

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NEW TEST GUIDELINES / NOUVEAUX PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN /
NEUE PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / NUEVAS DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN

TG/339/1	Zinnia	Zinnia	Zinnie	Zinnia	<i>Zinnia × marylandica</i> D. M. Spooner et al.; <i>Zinnia angustifolia</i> Kunth; <i>Zinnia elegans</i> Jacq.; <i>Zinnia haageana</i> Regel; <i>Zinnia peruviana</i> (L.) L.
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REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS /
REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS

TG/37/11	Turnip	Navet	Herbstrübe, Mairübe	Nabo	<i>Brassica rapa</i> L. var. <i>rapa</i>
TG/68/4	Berberis	Berberis	Berberitze	Bérbero	<i>Berberis</i> L.
TG/238/2	Tea	Théier	Tee, Teestrauch	Te, Té	<i>Camellia sinensis</i> (L.) Kuntze

Press Releases

20. The Office published one press release.

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, 2022

State/Organization	Date on which State/Organization became member of UPOV	Number of contribution units	Latest Act ¹ 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
Ghana	December 3, 2021	0.2	1991 Act..... December 3, 2021
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

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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	
Russian Federation.....	April 24, 1998	2.0	1991 Act.....	April 24, 1998
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
Türkiye	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: 78)

* 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, 2022: Total by language	160	44	3	50	257

DL-305 "Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights"					
	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305, Session I, 2022: Total by language	44	13	-	21	78

DL-305A "Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights"					
	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305A, Session 1, 2022: Total by language	29	9	-	11	49

DL-305B "DUS Examination"					
	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305B, Session I, 2022: Total by language	38	10	-	5	53

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2022



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[Appendix follows]

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-HRV	Working Group on harvested Material and Unauthorized use of Propagating Material
WG-SHF	Working Group on Guidance concerning Smallholder Farmers in relation to private and non-commercial use
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
AAFC	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
ABIPCO	Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office
AFSTA	African Seed Trade Association
AGC (Brunei)	Attorney General's Chambers
AIPH	International Association of Horticultural Producers
AMS (United States of America)	Agricultural Marketing Service
ANOVE	Affiliate company of the National Association of Plant Breeders
AOMB (the Netherlands)	General Agency on Patents and Brands
APHA (United Kingdom)	Animal and Plant Health Agency
APSA	Asia and Pacific Seed Association
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BASF	Belgium Coordination Center
BruIPO	Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam
Bundessortenamt (Germany)	Federal Plant Variety Office of Germany
CARDI	Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CarlPI	CARIFORUM Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation
CATIE	Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (Tropical Agricultural Research and Teaching Center)
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
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
CLI	CropLife International
CNIPA	China National Intellectual Property Administration
COBURU (Poland)	Central Research Center for Varieties of Cultivated Plants
CORAF	Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour la Recherche et le Développement Agricoles
CPVO	Community Plant Variety Office of the European Union
CREA (Italy)	Council for Agricultural Research and Economics
CSA (China)	China Seed Association
DCST	Development Center of Science and Technology of China
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of United Kingdom
DOA (Philippines)	Department of Agriculture of Philippines
EAER	Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research of Switzerland
EAPVP Forum	East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum
EAPVP Pilot Project	East Asia Plant Variety Protection Pilot Project
EEAS	European External Action Service
EMBRAPA (Brazil)	Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation
EMBO	European Molecular Biology Organization
EPSO	European Plant Science Organisation
EUIPO	European Intellectual Property Office
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FOAG	Federal Office for Agriculture of Switzerland
GDA	General Directorate of Agriculture of Cambodia
GES	Geneva English School
GEVES (France)	Groupe d'Étude et de contrôle des Variétés Et des Semences
GNIS (France)	Groupement national interprofessionnel des semences et plants, renamed SEMAE on January 27, 2022 (see further down)
ICA (Colombia)	Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (Colombian Agricultural Institute)
INASE (Argentina)	Instituto Nacional de Semillas (National Seed Institute of Argentina)
INASE (Uruguay)	Instituto Nacional de Semillas (National Seed Institute of Uruguay)
INDECOPI (Peru)	Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual (National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property of Peru)
INIA (Peru)	Instituto Nacional de Innovación Agraria (National Institute of Agrarian Innovation)
INIFAP (Mexico)	Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales, Agrícolas y Pecuarias (National Institute of Forestry, Agricultural and Livestock Research)
INPA	Institut National de Recherche Agricole
INTA	Instituto Nicaragüense de Tecnología Agropecuaria (Nicaraguan Institute of Agricultural Technology)
IP Key SEA	IP Key South-East Asia
IPONZ	Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand
IPOS	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
ISF	International Seed Federation
ISRA	Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles
ISTA	International Seed Testing Association
ITPGRFA	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
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
LNV	Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands
MAF (Norway)	Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Norway
MAF (Türkiye)	Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Türkiye
MAFF (Cambodia)	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia
MAFF (Japan)	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan
MAPA (Spain)	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain
MARA (China)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China
MARD (Israel)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Israel
MARD (Viet Nam)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam
MISTI (Cambodia)	Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of Cambodia
MOA (Kazakhstan)	Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan
MOA (Jordan)	Ministry of Agriculture of Jordan
MOA (United Republic of Tanzania)	Ministry of Agriculture of United Republic of Tanzania
MOFA (Japan)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Naktuinbouw	The Netherlands Inspection Service for Horticulture
NASC (Nigeria)	National Agricultural Seed Council of Nigeria
NIAB	National Institute of Agricultural Botany
NCSS (Japan)	National Center for Seeds and Seedlings of Japan
NVWA	Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority
OAPI	African Intellectual Property Organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development
OFINASE (Costa Rica)	Oficina Nacional de Semillas (National Seed Office)
OREVADO (Dominican Republic)	Office of Plant Variety Registration and Protection of Breeders' Rights of the Dominican Republic
PAIRED	Partnership for Agricultural Research, Education and Development
SADER (Mexico)	Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico)
SEMAE (France)	L'interprofession des semences et plants (French Interprofessional Organisation for Seeds and Plants)
SENADI (Ecuador)	Servicio Nacional de Derechos Intelectuales (National Service for Intellectual Rights of Ecuador)
SNICS (Mexico)	Servicio Nacional de Inspección y Certificación de Semillas (National Seed Inspection and Certification Service of Mexico)
SNL	Structure Nationale de Liaison
SNPC (Brazil)	Serviço Nacional de Proteção de Cultivares (National Cultivar Protection Service of Brazil)
THASTA	Thai Seed Trade Association
TTIPO	Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Property Office
UKZUZ (Czech Republic)	Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture
UN	United Nations
UNIGE	University of Geneva
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WFO	World Farmers' Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization