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Report on activities during the first nine months of 2023

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

 During the first nine months there was a focus on digitalization services for UPOV members and on how to integrate better key stakeholders in the UPOV membership journey: UPOV Train the Trainer Program and engagement with policy makers. Other key developments are summarized below.

 The Council, at its thirty-fifth extraordinary session held in Geneva on March 23, 2023:

(a) appointed Ms. Yolanda Huerta Casado (Spain), to the post of Vice Secretary-General;

 (b) promoted Mr. Leontino Rezende Taveira (Brazil) to a newly created position of Director of Global Development and Technical Affairs at the D1 level; and

 (c) appointed Mr. Martin Ake Ekvad (Sweden) as Director of Legal Affairs on the D1 level post vacated through the appointment of Ms. Huerta.

 The number of countries requesting assistance in legislative matters increased from 7 States during the first nine months of 2022 to 18 States during the same period in 2023 (see figure 3 “Status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2023”).

 The UPOV Office granted observer status to Rwanda in the Council, CAJ, TC and the TWPs. It also granted observer status to Nigeria in the TWPs.

 On September 28, Viet Nam became the first UPOV member to deploy all UPOV e‑PVP components, and the first UPOV member to use the UPOV e‑PVP Administration Module and UPOV e‑PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.

 The number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in the period January to September 2023 (1,256), was 3% lower than the same period in 2022 (1,298).

Figure 1 – Applications in UPOV PRISMA during the first nine months of 2023



 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 (MAFF) of Japan, took place at UPOV Headquarters in Geneva from June 20 to 23, with a total of 20 participants, from 15 different States and two organizations. Speakers from 5 different organizations (CIOPORA, ISF, FAO, Mnandi Africa, WIPO) also contributed in the training. The program is focusing on providing information and support to policy makers in the UPOV membership journey of their countries.

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# UPOV status

## Members

 As of September 30, 2023, the Union comprised 78 members (76 States and 2 organizations), covering 97 States (see figure 2). The “List of UPOV members” is reproduced in Annex I.

Figure 2. Members of the Union as of September 30, 2023



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

 On September 30, 2023, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

 (a) 61 members (covering 82[[1]](#footnote-2) 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

 During the first nine months of 2023, no request for examination of the conformity of the legislation or proposed legislation of any State or organization was received by the Office of the Union.

 The following map provides a graphic overview of developments concerning the status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2023:

Figure 3 - Status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2023



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.

 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 2023

Members of the Union (5): Azerbaijan, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, South Africa

Non-members of the Union (13): Bahrain, Cambodia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Namibia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Suriname, Timor-Leste and United Arab Emirates

# Activities in 2023

## Sessions of UPOV Bodies

 The following meetings[[2]](#footnote-3) were held during the first nine months of 2023 (in chronological order):

* CC/VSG/1 January 31 (hybrid meeting)
* SC-VSG/2 January 31 and February 1 (hybrid meeting)
* WG-DUS/2 February 8 (virtual meeting)
* CC/WG-EDV/2 February 27 (virtual meeting)
* EAM/1 March 15 (hybrid meeting)
* WG-DUS/3 March 20 (hybrid meeting)
* TC-EDC March 20 and 21 (hybrid meeting)
* WG-HRV/3 March 21 (hybrid meeting)
* UPOV/SEM/GE/23 March 22 (hybrid meeting)
* CC/100 March 23 (hybrid meeting)
* C(Extr.)/35 March 23 (physical participation only)
* CC/WG-EDV/3 March 24 (hybrid meeting)
* WG-SHF/3 March 24 (hybrid meeting)
* TWV/57 May 1 to 5, Antalya, Türkiye (hybrid meeting)
* TWA/52 May 22 to 26 (virtual meeting)
* TWO/55 June 12 to 16 (virtual meeting)
* TWF/54 July 3 to 7, Nîmes, France (hybrid meeting)
* WG-DUS/4 September 5 (virtual meeting)

 On March 22, UPOV organized a “Seminar on the interaction between plant variety protection and the use of plant breeding technologies” (UPOV/SEM/GE/23), in a hybrid format, which was attended by 312 participants. A video of the seminar is available on the [Seminar webpage](https://www.upov.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=74774), with interpretation channels in English, French, German and Spanish. All presentations are available on the Seminar webpage.

## Other meetings and events

 During the first nine months of 2023, the Office undertook a total of 22 missions outside Geneva, participated in 34 physical meetings in Geneva and in a total of 89 virtual events. A summary of those activities is provided in Annex III to this document.

## Distance learning courses

 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 e‑PVP

 UPOV e‑PVP was launched on September 28, 2023.

 UPOV e‑PVP provides the following components to assist UPOV members in implementing the UPOV system of plant variety protection:

a. UPOV PRISMA: online application tool for making applications to PVP Offices

b. UPOV e‑PVP Administration Module: digitalized system for PVP offices to manage applications and grants, communicate with applicants and holders, publish information and transmit data to the PLUTO database

c. UPOV e‑PVP DUS Report Exchange Module: platform for PVP offices to exchange DUS reports

d. PLUTO database: information on plant varieties

 UPOV e‑PVP also provides the basis for platforms for UPOV member cooperation in the administration

and examination of applications.

 On September 28, Viet Nam became the first UPOV member to deploy all UPOV e‑PVP components, and the first UPOV member to use the UPOV e‑PVP Administration Module and UPOV e‑PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.

## UPOV PRISMA

 There was no change in the coverage of UPOV PRISMA in terms of members in the period
January to September 2023. The number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in the period January to September 2023 (1,256), was 3% lower than the same period in 2022 (1,298).

## PLUTO database

 From January 1 to September 30, 2023, the Office published 183 updates of the Plant Variety Database (PLUTO).

 These was strong growth in the number of Standard service users (+58%) and Premium service users (+38%) in 2023 to the end of September. The number of PLUTO users registered by category is as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Service | Number of users Sep. 2022 | Number of users Sep. 2023 | Difference (%) |
| Standard service | 2419 | 3844 | +58% |
| Premium service | 36 | 50  | +38% |
| Eligible officials | 132 | 142 | +7% |

## Publications

### Test Guidelines

 The following 17 revised or partially revised Test Guidelines were adopted by the TC at its fifty-eighth session, held on October 24 and 25, 2022, and were published on the UPOV website in 2023:

| \*\* | TWP | Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento | English | Français | Deutsch | Español | Botanical name |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D’EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS |
| DE | TWA | TG/23/7(proj.4) | Potato | Pomme de terre/ | Kartoffel | Papa, Patata | *Solanum tuberosum* L. |
| FR | TWA | TG/31/9(proj.3) | Cocksfoot | Dactyle | Knaulgras | Dactilo | *Dactylis glomerata* L. |
| AR | TWA | TG/80/7(proj.9) | Soya Bean | Soja | Sojabohne | Soya, Soja | *Glycine max* (L.) Merr. |
| JP | TWO | TG/86/6(proj.4) | Anthurium | Anthurium | Flamingoblume | Anthurium | *Anthurium* Schott |
| PARTIAL REVISIONS OF TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS PARTIELLES DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D’EXAMEN ADOPTÉS /TEILREVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES PARCIALES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS |
| GB | TWA | TG/3/12, TC/58/29 | Wheat | Blé | Weizen | Trigo | *Triticum aestivum* L. emend. Fiori et Paol. |
| FR | TWV | TG/7/10 Rev.2, TC/58/23 | Pea | Pois | Erbse | Guisante, Arveja | *Pisum sativum* L. |
| QZ | TWO | TG/11/8 Rev., TC/58/27 | Rose | Rosier | Rose | Rosal | *Rosa* L. |
| NL | TWV | TG/55/7 Rev.6, TC/58/24 | Spinach | Épinard | Spinat | Espinaca | *Spinacia oleracea* L. |
| DE | TWA | TG/58/7, TC/58/28 | Rye | Seigle  | Roggen  | Centeno | *Secale cereale* L. |
| NL | TWV | TG/65/4 Rev., TC/58/21 | Kohlrabi  | Chou-rave  | Kohlrabi  | Col rábano  | *Brassica oleracea* L. var. *gongylodes* L. |
| CZ | TWF | TG/125/7, TC/58/16 | Walnut  | Noyer  | Walnuss  | Nogal  | *Juglans regia* L. |
| AU | TWF | TG/137/5, TC/58/30 | Blueberry | Myrtille | Heidelbeere | Arándano americano | *Vaccinium angustifolium* Aiton, *V. corymbosum* L., *V. formosum* Andrews, *V. myrtilloides* Michx., *V. myrtillus* L., *V. virgatum* Aiton, *V. simulatum* Small |
| FR | TWV | TG/154/4, TC/58/22 | Leaf Chicory | Chicorée à feuille (sauvage) | Blattzichorie | Achicoria de hoja | *Cichorium intybus* L. var. *foliosum* Hegi |
| NL | TWV | TG/162/4, TC/58/20 | Garlic | Ail | Knoblauch | Ajo | *Allium sativum* L. |
| NL | TWV | TG/244/1 Rev., TC/58/26 | Lincoln’s-weed, Sand mustard, Sand rocket,Wall rocket, Wild rocket | Roquette sauvage | Wilde Rauke | Roqueta silvestre | *Diplotaxis tenuifolia* (L.) DC. |
| NL | TWV | TG/245/1 Rev., TC/58/19 | Arugula, Cultivated Rocket, Garden Rocket, Rocket-salad, Rugula, Salad Rocket | Roquette cultivée | Ölrauke, Rauke, Ruke, Rukola, Senfrauke | Oruga común, Roqueta | *Eruca sativa* Mill. |
| NL | TWV | TG/294/1 Corr. Rev.3, TC/58/25 | Tomato Rootstocks  | Porte-greffe de tomate  | Tomaten-unterlagen  | Portainjertos de tomate  | *Solanum habrochaites* S. Knapp *&* D.M. Spooner*; S. lycopersicum* L. x *S. habrochaites* S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner; *S. lycopersicum* L. x *S. peruvianum* (L.) Mill*.; S. lycopersicum* L. x *S. cheesmaniae* (L. Ridley) Fosberg; *S. pimpinellifolium* L. *x S.habrochaites* S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner |

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

| \*\* | TWP | Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento | English | Français | Deutsch | Español | Botanical name |
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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 |
| DE | TWF | TG/22/11 | Strawberry | Fraisier | Erdbeere | Fresa, Frutilla | *Fragaria* L. |
| HU | TWA | TG/81/7 | Sunflower | Tournesol | Sonnenblume | Girasol | *Helianthus annuus* L. |
| DE | TWO | TG/94/7 | Ling, Scots Heather | Callune | Besenheide | Calluna | *Calluna vulgaris* (L.) Hull |
| NL | TWA | TG/168/4 | Statice | Statice | Statice | Limonium | *Limonium* Mill.; *Goniolimon* Boiss.; P*sylliostachys* (Jaub. & Spach) Nevski |

*Videos*

 The following videos were published on the UPOV website in 2023:

*Netherlands (Kingdom of):*

* Diversity in Tomato

*Viet Nam:*

* Farmer-Breeders in Viet Nam
* Development of the flower industry in Viet Nam
* Transformation of the seed sector in Viet Nam

Role of PVP in supporting national agricultural policy in Viet Nam

### Press Releases

 The Office published two press releases.

 *The Council is invited to note this report.*

[Annexes follow]

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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, 2023**

| State/Organization | Date on which State/Organizationbecame member of UPOV | Number of contributionunits | Latest Act[[3]](#endnote-2) of the Convention to which State/Organization is party and date on which State/Organization became party to that Act |
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| African Intellectual Property Organization[[4]](#endnote-3)  | 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[[5]](#endnote-4)  | 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[[6]](#endnote-5)  | 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[[7]](#endnote-6)  | 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[[8]](#endnote-7)  | 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 | 1991Act  | 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 (Kingdom of the)  | August 10, 1968 | 3.0 | 1991 Act[[9]](#endnote-8)  | 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 |
| 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[[10]](#endnote-9)  | 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[[11]](#endnote-10)  | 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)

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ANNEX II PARTICIPATION IN THE UPOV DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

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| **DL-205** “Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention” |
|   | English | French | German | Spanish | Chinese | **Total** |
| Session I, 2023: Total by language | 137 | 14 | 3 | 84 | 159 | **397** |

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| **DL-305** “Examination of applications for plant breeders’ rights” |
|   | English | French | German | Spanish | **Total** |
| DL-305, Session I, 2023: Total by language | 21 | 7 | 0 | 20 | **48** |

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| **DL-305A** “Administration of Plant Breeders’ Rights” |
|   | English | French | German | Spanish | **Total** |
| DL-305A, Session I, 2023: Total by language | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | **24** |

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| **DL-305B** “DUS Examination” |
|   | English | French | German | Spanish | **Total** |
| DL-305B, Session I, 2023: Total by language | 27 | 3 | 0 | 6 | **36** |

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2023



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[Appendix follows]

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APPENDIX ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**UPOV terms**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| BMT | Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular |
| C(Extr.) | Extraordinary session of the Council |
| CAJ | Administrative and Legal Committee  |
| CC | Consultative Committee |
| CC/VSG | 2023 Informal Meeting for Members of the Union Concerning the Procedure for the Appointment of a New Vice Secretary-General |
| CC/WG-EDV | Consultative Committee Working Group on Essentially Derived Varieties |
| 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 |
| EAM  | Meeting on Electronic Applications |
| EDV | essentially derived variety |
| Office | Office of the Union |
| PBR | Plant Breeder’s Right |
| PLUTO | UPOV Plant Variety Database |
| SC-VSG | Ad hoc Sub-Committee concerning the appointment of a new Vice Secretary-General |
| 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 |
| UPOV e‑PVP  | UPOV e‑PVP comprises a package of electronic tools for implementation of the UPOV system of plant variety protection by UPOV members. UPOV e‑PVP includes UPOV PRISMA, UPOV e‑PVP Administration Module, UPOV e‑PVP DUS Report Exchange Module, and the PLUTO database. |
| UPOV PRISMA | UPOV PRISMA PBR Application Tool |
| UPOV/SEM/GE/23 | Seminar on the interaction between plant variety protection and the use of plant breeding technologies |
| WG-DUS | Working Group on DUS Support |
| 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 |
| WSP | World Seed Partnership |

**Acronyms (included in Annex III)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| AFSTA  | African Seed Trade Association |
| AIPH | International Association of Horticultural Producers |
| AMPPI (Mexico) | Asociación Mexicana para la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual (Mexican Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property) |
| AOHE | Association of European Horticultural Breeders |
| APBREBES | Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society |
| APSA | Asia and Pacific Seed Association |
| BruIPO | Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam |
| CAAS | Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences |
| CARDI | Cambodian Agricultural Research and Development Institute |
| CARICOM | Caribbean Community |
| CarIPI  | CARIFORUM Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation |
| CFIA | Canadian Food Inspection Agency |
| CICR | International Committee of the Red Cross |
| CIOPORA | International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Varieties |
| CIPTC | China International Talent Training Center |
| CNIPA | China National Intellectual Property Administration |
| COREP | Consorzio per la Ricerca e l’Educazione Permanente (Consortium for Research and Continuing Education) |
| CPVO | Community Plant Variety Office of the European Union |
| DGAL (France) | Direction générale de l’alimentation du Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire(General Directorate for Food of the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty) |
| DSCT (China) | Development Center of Science and Technology of China |
| EAPVP Forum | East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum |
| EUIPO | European Intellectual Property Office |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| GLIPA | Global Intellectual Property Alliance |
| INIAF (Plurinational State of Bolivia) | Instituto Nacional de Innovación Agropecuaria y Forestal(National Institute for Agricultural and Forestry Innovation) |
| ISF | International Seed Federation |
| 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 |
| MAFF (Japan) | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan |
| MAPA (Spain) | Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain) |
| MARA (China) | Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China |
| MOCCAE (United Arab Emirates) | Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates |
| MPA (Spain) | Subdirección General de Medios de Producción Agricolas (General Subdirectorate for Agricultural Production Means of Spain) |
| NFGA (China) | National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development |
| OEVV (Spain) | Oficina Española de Variedades Vegetales (Spanish Plant Variety Office) |
| OHCHR | United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner |
| SAA | Seed Association of the Americas  |
| SEMAE (France) | L’interprofession des semences et plants (French Interprofessional Organisation for Seeds and Plants) |
| SNPC (Brazil) | Serviço Nacional de Proteção de Cultivares(National Cultivar Protection Service of Brazil) |
| UN | United Nations |
| USPTO | United States Patent and Trademark Office |
| WFO | World Farmers’ Organization |
| WIPO | World Intellectual Property Organization |
| WTO | World Trade Organization |

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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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. See Appendix “Acronyms and abbreviations”. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. \* 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.

 “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. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
4. 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). [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
5. With a notification under Article 34(2) of the 1978 Act. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
6. With a declaration that the 1978 Act is not applicable to Hong Kong, China. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
7. 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. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
8. 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). [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
9. Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
10. The United Kingdom extended the application of the 1991 Act to the territory of the Isle of Man with effect from April 25, 2023. [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
11. With a reservation pursuant to Article 35(2) of the 1991 Act.

[Annex II follows] [↑](#endnote-ref-10)