

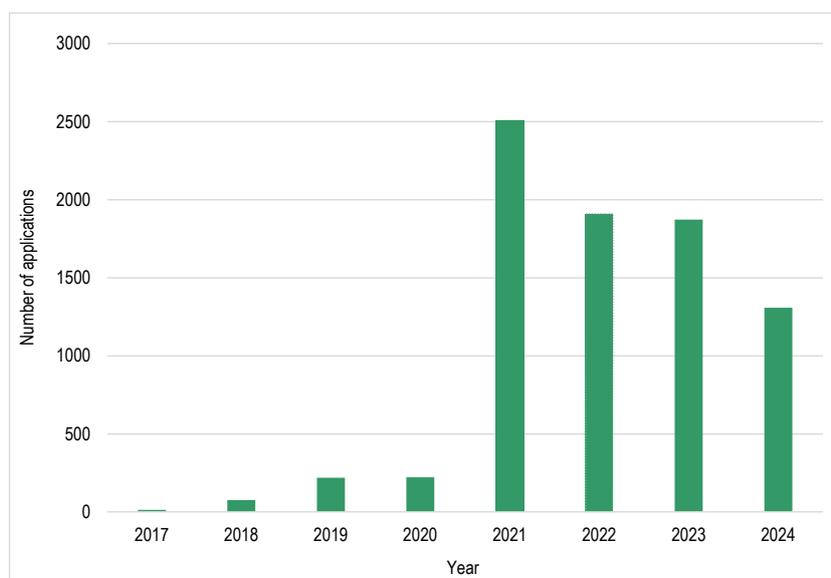
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Date: October 13, 2024**REPORT ON ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2024***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The cooperation and harmonization activities during the first nine months have focused on raising awareness of the importance of plant variety protection (PVP) and the pivotal role of the UPOV Convention in promoting plant breeding and shaping public policy to meet development goals. Different meetings, events highlighted that PVP contributes to food security, rural employment, technology transfer, climate change mitigation, and sustainable agricultural practices.
2. Key developments are summarized below.
3. Armenia became the seventy-ninth member of UPOV on March 2, 2024. “Farmers and growers will have access to new high quality plant varieties, which are adapted to climate change and have higher productivity to ensure competitive production,” said H.E. Mr. Andranik Hovhannisyan, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Armenia in Geneva when depositing the instrument of accession to the 1991 Act.
4. The number of countries requesting assistance in legislative matters remains high but decreased slightly from 18 States during the first nine months of 2023 to 16 States during the same period in 2024 (see figure 3 “Status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2024”).
5. The UPOV Office granted observer status to Mauritius in the Technical Working Parties (TWPs) and to Suriname in the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ), the Technical Committee (TC) and the TWPs. The UPOV Office issued an *ad hoc* invitation to the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) to attend the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Harvested Material and Unauthorized Use of Propagating Material (WG-HRV) and of the Working Group on Guidance concerning Smallholder Farmers in relation to private and non-commercial use (WG-SHF).
6. Viet Nam was the first UPOV member to start using all the components of UPOV e-PVP in September 2023. In December 2023, the Kingdom of the Netherlands became the second UPOV member using the UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module. The first DUS report exchanged with the DUS Exchange Module was done following a request from Viet Nam to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
7. Ghana will implement the UPOV e-PVP Administration Module in October 2024.
8. Nine UPOV members also signed up to use the DUS Report Exchange Module increasing the number of members using that module to 11.
9. The number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in the period January to September 2024 (1,308), was 4% higher than the same period in 2023 (1,256).

Figure 1 – Applications in UPOV PRISMA during the first nine months of 2024



10. The UPOV PVP Certificate program was launched in April 2024. As of September 10, 2024, 42 certificates had been awarded to persons that acquired the necessary number of credits from UPOV endorsed courses and activities. Members of the Union who would like to contribute with a course or activity are invited to contact the UPOV Office to assess if such event could be added to the list and how many credits would be awarded.

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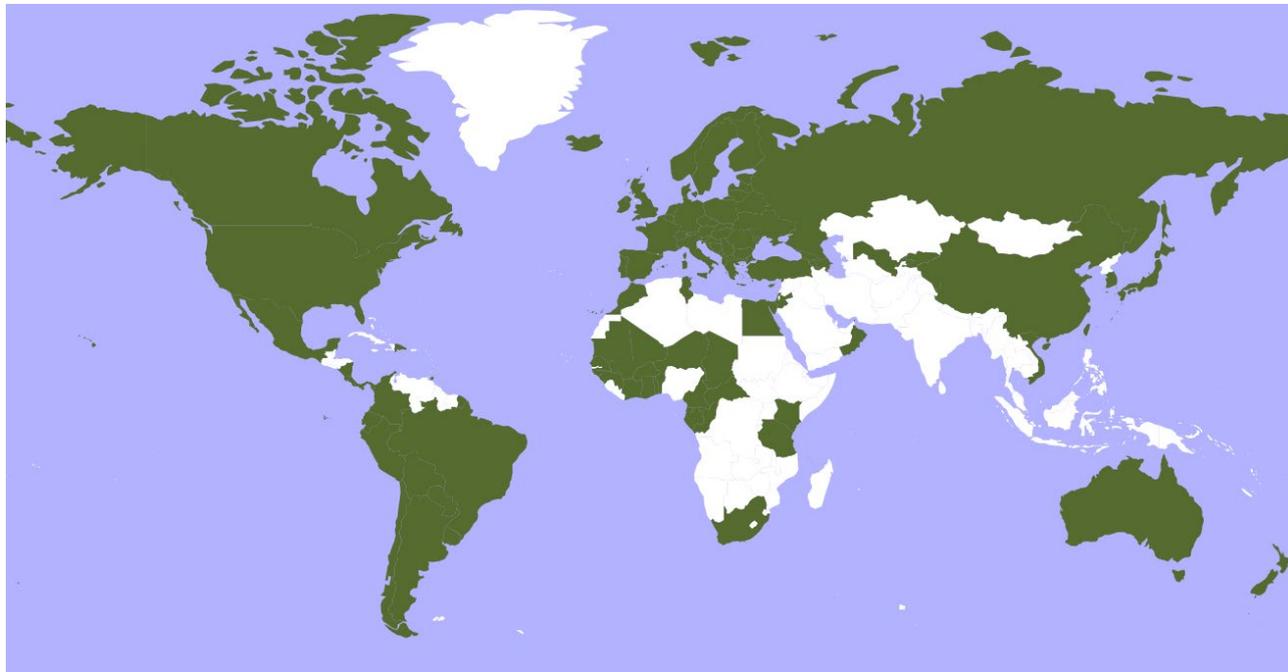
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UPOV STATUS

Members

11. As of September 30, 2024, the Union comprised 79 members (77 States and 2 organizations), covering 98 States (see figure 2). The “List of UPOV members” is reproduced in Annex I.

Figure 2. Members of the Union as of September 30, 2024



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

12. On September 30, 2024, the situation of the members of the Union in relation to the Convention and its various Acts was as follows:

- (a) 62 members (covering 83¹ 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

13. During the first nine months of 2024, the Office received the following requests of examination of legislation for conformity with the provisions of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention:

- (a) one request from the United Arab Emirates for the Council to consider the changes introduced to their “Draft Law on Plant Variety Protection” and to reaffirm the Council’s positive advice of July 28, 2020;
- (b) one request from the Lao People’s Democratic Republic for the Council to examine their Law on Intellectual Property (Part IV New Plant Variety).

14. The following map provides a graphic overview of developments concerning the status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2024:

¹ 83 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 3 - Status in relation to UPOV during the first nine months of 2024



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-  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 2024

Members of the Union (1): GE

Non-members of the Union (15): AE, BH, CV, GM, ID, KH, KZ, LA, MU, MY, NA, NG, PK, SC, SR

ACTIVITIES IN 2024

Sessions of UPOV Bodies

15. The following meetings² were held during the first nine months of 2024 (in chronological order):

- TC-EDC January 15 and 17 (virtual meeting)
- EAM/3 March 18 (virtual meeting)
- TC-EDC March 19 and 20 (virtual meeting)
- WG-HRV/5 March 21 (virtual meeting)
- WG-SHF/5 March 22 (virtual meeting)
- TWM/2 April 8 to 11 (virtual meeting)
- TWV/58 April 22 to 25 (virtual meeting)
- TWO/56 April 29 to May 2 (virtual meeting)
- TWA/53 May 27 to 30 (virtual meeting)
- TWF/55 June 3 to 6 (virtual meeting)

Other meetings and events

16. During the first nine months of 2024, the Office undertook a total of 19 missions outside Geneva, participated in 40 physical meetings in Geneva and in a total of 201 virtual events. A summary of those activities is provided in Annex III to this document.

17. From June 19 to 21, 2024, the Office organized a “Regional Workshop on Plant Variety Protection for ARIPO Member States”, in Accra, Ghana, in cooperation with the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), with the assistance of the Ministry of Justice of Ghana. The Regional Workshop was attended by 70 participants from Botswana, Cape Verde, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia,

² See Appendix “Acronyms and abbreviations”.

Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, who were given the possibility to participate in the UPOV distance learning courses. The Regional Workshop provided the opportunity for participants to discuss the strategic use of plant variety protection for sustainable agricultural development and food security in the context of climate change.

UPOV International Certificate on Plant Variety Protection

18. The UPOV PVP Certificate program was launched in April 2024. It provides an international certificate on plant variety protection recognized by UPOV to those that demonstrate having followed a certain amount of training and/or participated in activities concerning the UPOV Convention and guidance, operation of a PVP Office, examination of applications and DUS examination.

19. The target audiences of the UPOV PVP Certificate are PVP officials, staff from PVP offices, DUS examiners and breeding enterprise employees responsible for submitting PBR applications, providing DUS data or organizing DUS trials. As of September 10, 2024, 42 certificates had been awarded to experts from UPOV members.

20. Members of the Union who would like to contribute with a course or activity for inclusion in the UPOV PVP Certificate program are invited to contact the Office of the Union to assess if such event could be added to the list and how many credits would be awarded.

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 DL305B "DUS Examination" was organized in English, French German and Spanish. In accordance with the program for the Chinese language approved by the UPOV Council, students participated in the DL-205 in Chinese language. 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

21. UPOV e-PVP was launched on September 28, 2023. Viet Nam was the first UPOV member to start using all the components of UPOV e-PVP.

22. On November 28, 2023, the first application was filed via UPOV PRISMA to the UPOV e-PVP Administration Module administered by the PVP Office of Viet Nam. As of September 10, 2024, four application data were transferred to the UPOV e-PVP Administration Module using UPOV PRISMA:

23. On December 22, 2023, the Kingdom of the Netherlands became the second UPOV member using the UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.

24. Viet Nam requested an existing DUS report from the Kingdom of the Netherlands on May 24, 2024, using the UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.

25. The Kingdom of the Netherlands accepted the request and uploaded the report on July 3, 2024, using the UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.

26. Ghana will implement the UPOV e-PVP Administration Module in October 2024.

27. Nine UPOV members also signed up to use the DUS Report Exchange Module increasing the number of members using that module to 11:

1. Brazil
2. Canada
3. European Union
4. Georgia
5. Ghana
6. Japan
7. Morocco

8. Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
9. New Zealand
10. United States of America
11. Viet Nam

UPOV PRISMA

28. The coverage of UPOV PRISMA in terms of members has been expanded to include the United Republic of Tanzania in September 2024. The number of applications made via UPOV PRISMA in the period January to September 2024 (1,308), was 4 % greater than the same period in 2023 (1,256).

PLUTO database

29. From January 1 to September 30, 2024, the Office published 191 updates of the Plant Variety Database (PLUTO).

30. There was a strong growth in the number of Standard service users (+38%). However, there was a decrease in the number of Premium service users (-34%) in 2024 to the end of September. The number of PLUTO users registered by category is as follows:

Service	Number of users September 2023	Number of users September 2024	Difference (%)
Standard service	3,844	5,302	+38%
Premium service	50	33	-34%
Eligible officials	142	153	+7%

Publications

Test Guidelines

31. One new Test Guidelines and the following 19 revised or partially revised Test Guidelines were adopted by the TC at its fifty-ninth session, held on October 23 and 24, 2023, and published on the UPOV website in 2024:

TWP		Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
<u>NEW TEST GUIDELINES / NOUVEAUX PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN / NEUE PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / NUEVAS DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN</u>							
JP	TWO	TG/340/1	Oxypetalum	Oxypetalum	Oxypetalum	Oxipetalum	<i>Oxypetalum coeruleum</i> (D. Don) Decne.
<u>REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS</u>							
DE	TWF	TG/14/10	Apple	Pommier	Apfel	Manzano	<i>Malus domestica</i> (Suckow) Borkh.
GB	TWA	TG/36/7	Oilseed Rape	Colza	Raps	Colza	<i>Brassica napus</i> L. ssp. <i>nappus</i>
DE	TWF	TG/43/8	Raspberry; Black Raspberry	Framboisier	Himbeere	Frambueso	<i>Rubus occidentalis</i> L., <i>Rubus idaeus</i> L.
JP	TWV	TG/90/7	Kale	Chou kale	Kale	Kale	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>medullosa</i> Thell., <i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>viridis</i> L., <i>Brassica oleracea</i> L.

TWP		Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
							<i>var. costata</i> DC., <i>rassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>sabellica</i> L., <i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>palmifolia</i> DC.
DE	TWA	TG/134/4	Safflower	Carthame	Saflor	Cártamo	<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i> L.
<u>PARTIAL REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS PARTIELLES DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / TEILREVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES PARCIALES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS</u>							
NL	TWV	TG/151/5 Rev.	Broccoli	Brocoli	Brokkoli	Brócoli	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>italica</i> Plenck)
NL	TWV	TG/54/7 Rev.2	Brussels Sprouts	Chou de Bruxelles	Rosenkohl	Col de Bruselas	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>gemmifera</i> DC.
NL	TWV	TG/48/7 Rev.2	Cabbage	Chou pommé	Wirsing	Col repollo	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L.: <i>Brassica</i> (White Cabbage Group); <i>Brassica</i> (Savoy Cabbage Group); <i>Brassica</i> (Red Cabbage Group)
	TWV	TG/49/8 Rev.	Carrot	Carotte	Möhre	Zanahoria	<i>Daucus carota</i> L.
NL	TWV	TG/45/7 Rev.2	Cauliflower	Chou-fleur	Blumenkohl	Coliflor	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>botrytis</i> L.
NL	TWV	TG/75/7 Rev.	Cornsalad	Mâche	Feldsalat	Hierba de los canónigos	<i>Valerianella locusta</i> L.; <i>Valerianella eriocarpa</i> Desv.
	TWV	TG/61/7 Rev.3	Cucumber, Gherkin	Concombre, Cornichon	Gurke	Pepino, Pepinillo	<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.
NL	TWV	TG/65/4 Rev.3	Kohlrabi	Chou-rave	Kohlrabi	Colinabo	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>acephala</i> (DC.) Alef. var. <i>gongylodes</i> L. (<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. <i>Gongylodes</i> Group)
QZ	TWV/ TWA	TG/2/7 Rev.	Maize	Maïs	Mais	Maíz	<i>Zea mays</i> L.
FR	TWV	TG/63/7-TG/64/7 Rev.2	Radish; Black Radish	Radis rave, Radis de tous les mois	Rettich, Radieschen	Rábano de invierno, Rábano negro, Rabanito, Rábano	<i>Raphanus sativus</i> L. var <i>sativus</i> ; <i>Raphanus sativus</i> L. var. <i>niger</i> (Mill.) S. Kerner
NL	TWV	TG/89/6 Rev.2	Swede, Rutabaga	Rutabaga, Chou-navet	Kohlrübe	Colinabo L. var. <i>napobrassica</i> (L.) Rchb.	<i>Brassica napus</i> L. var. <i>napobrassica</i> (L.) Rchb.
NL	TWV	TG/142/5 Rev.2	Watermelon	Pastèque	Wassermelone	Sandía	<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (Thunb.) Matsum. et Naka
NL	TWO	TG/283/1 Rev.2	Oncidium; xOncidesa; xlonocidium, xZelenkocidium	Oncidium; xOncidesa; xlonocidium, xZelenkocidium	Oncidium; xOncidesa; xlonocidium, xZelenkocidium	Oncidium; xOncidesa; xlonocidium, xZelenkocidium	<i>Oncidium</i> Sw.; x <i>Oncidesa</i> Hort.; x <i>lonocidium</i> Hort.; x <i>Zelenkocidium</i> J.M.H.Shaw.

TWP		Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
	TWV	TG/294/1 Rev.5	Tomato Rootstocks	Porte-greffe de tomate	Tomatenunter-	Portainjertos de tomate	<i>Solanum habrochaites</i> S. Knapp & D.M. Spoooner; <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. x <i>Solanum habrochaites</i> S. Knapp & D.M. Spoooner; <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. x <i>Solanum peruvianum</i> (L.) Mill.; <i>Solanum pimpinellifolium</i> L. x <i>Solanum habrochaites</i> S. Knapp & D.M. Spoooner

32. One new Test Guidelines and 12 revised or partially revised Test Guidelines were adopted the TC by correspondence:

TWP		Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
<u>NEW TEST GUIDELINES / NOUVEAUX PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN / NEUE PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / NUEVAS DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN</u>							
JP	TWF	TG/MORUS(proj.7)	Mulberry	Mûrier	Maulbeerbaum	Morera	<i>Morus</i> L.
<u>REVISIONS OF ADOPTED TEST GUIDELINES / RÉVISIONS DE PRINCIPES DIRECTEURS D'EXAMEN ADOPTÉS / REVISIONEN ANGENOMMENER PRÜFUNGSRICHTLINIEN / REVISIONES DE DIRECTRICES DE EXAMEN ADOPTADAS</u>							
FR	TWF	TG/35/8(proj.6)	Sweet Cherry	Cerisier doux	Süsskirsche	Cerezo dulce	<i>Prunus avium</i> (L.) L.
NL	TWV	TG/44/12(proj.5)	Tomato	Tomate	Tomate	Tomate	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. x <i>S. pimpinellifolium</i> L., <i>S. lycopersicum</i> L. x <i>S. cheesmaniae</i> (L. Ridley) Fosberg, <i>S. lycopersicum</i> L.
NL	TWV	TG/76/9(proj.7)	Sweet Pepper, Hot Pepper, Paprika, Chili	Piment, Poivron	Paprika	Aji, Chile, Pimiento	<i>Capsicum annum</i> L.
KR	TWV	TG/105/5(proj.5)	Chinese Cabbage	Chou chinois	Chinakohl	Repollo chino	hybrids between <i>Brassica rapa</i> L. Emend. Metzg. ssp. <i>pekinensis</i> (Lour.) Hanelt and <i>Brassica rapa</i> L. Emend. Metzg. ssp. <i>chinensis</i> (L.) Hanelt, hybrids between <i>B. rapa</i> L. Emend. Metzg. ssp. <i>pekinensis</i> (Lour.) Hanelt and <i>B. rapa</i> L. var. <i>rapa</i> (L.) Thell., <i>B. rapa</i> L. subsp. <i>pekinensis</i> (Lour.) Kitam., <i>Brassica x turicensis</i> O. E. Schulz & Thell.
FR	TWO	TG/148/3(proj.5)	Weigela	Weigela	Weigelie	Weigela	<i>Weigela</i> Thunb.
NL	TWO	TG/181/4(proj.5)	Amaryllis	Amaryllis	Amaryllis	Amarillis	<i>Hippeastrum</i> Herb.

TWP		Document No. No. du document Dokument-Nr. No del documento	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
HU	TWF	TG/230/2(proj.5)	Sour Cherry; Duke Cherry	Griotte, Cerisier acide	Sauerkirsche	Cerezo ácido, Guindo; Cerezo Duke	<i>Prunus ×gondouinii</i> (Poit. & Turpin) Rehder, <i>Prunus</i> <i>cerasus</i> L.
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NL	TWV	TG/13/11 Rev. 3(proj.1)	Lettuce	Laitue	Salat	Lechuga	<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L.
NL	TWV	TG/55/7 Rev. 8(proj.1)	Spinach	Épinard	Spinat	Espinaca	<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.
FR	TWV	TG/104/5 Rev. 3(proj.1)	Melon	Melon	Melone	Melón	<i>Cucumis melo</i> L.
FR	TWV	TG/119/4 Rev.(proj.1)	Vegetable Marrow, Squash	Courgette	Zucchini	Calabacín	<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> L.
NL	TWV	TG/172/4 Rev.(proj.1)	Industrial Chicory	Chicorée industrielle	Wurzelzichorie	Achicoria industrial	<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L. partim

Videos

33. Short versions of the following Viet Nam videos focusing on key messages have been shared on social media platforms and published on the UPOV website in 2024:

- Farmer-Breeders in Viet Nam (*available in English with English subtitles*)
Rice and longan fruit farmer-breeders using PVP to support their breeding work: bringing benefits for local farmers and the Vietnamese economy
- Development of the flower industry in Viet Nam (*available in English with English subtitles*)
Flower growers benefitting from increased variety choice and technical support as a result of PVP in Viet Nam

34. Over 160 videos are currently available on the UPOV YouTube channel (see <https://www.youtube.com/upov>).

Press Releases

35. The Office published one press release.

36. *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, 2024

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 ²	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
Armenia	March 2, 2024	0.2	1991 Act..... March 2, 2024
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 ³	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 ⁴ 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 ⁵	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 ⁶	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 (Kingdom of)	August 10, 1968	3.0	1991 Act ⁷ 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

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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	
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 ⁸	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 ⁹	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: 79)

* 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.

¹ "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.

² 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).

³ With a notification under Article 34(2) of the 1978 Act.

⁴ With a declaration that the 1978 Act is not applicable to Hong Kong, China.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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 (Kingdom of), Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden).

⁷ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

⁸ The United Kingdom extended the application of the 1991 Act to the territory of the Isle of Man with effect from April 25, 2023.

⁹ With a reservation pursuant to Article 35(2) of the 1991 Act.

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	Chinese	Total
Session I, 2024: Total by language	177	38	8	70	265	558

DL-305 "Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights"

	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305, Session I, 2024: Total by language	29	14	3	27	73

DL-305A "Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights"

	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305A, Session I, 2024: Total by language	20	1	0	4	25

DL-305B "DUS Examination"

	English	French	German	Spanish	Total
DL-305B, Session I, 2024: Total by language	41	6	0	7	54

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2024



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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
CC	Consultative 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
EAM	Meeting on Electronic Applications
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
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
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
AIPPI	Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property
APBEBES	Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society
APHA	Animal and Plant Health Agency
APSA	Asia and Pacific Seed Association
ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
ASA	Asociación Semilleros Argentinos (Argentine Seed Association)
BruIPO	Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam
CFIA	Canadian Food Inspection Agency
CIOPORA	International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit Varieties
CLI	CropLife International
CPVO	Community Plant Variety Office of the European Union
DEFRA (United Kingdom)	Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs
DOA (Malaysia)	Department of Agriculture
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

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FOAG (Switzerland)	Federal Office for Agriculture
GLIPA	Global Intellectual Property Alliance
IGQPI	Instituto de Gestão da Qualidade e da Propriedade intelectual (Institute of Quality Management and Intellectual Property)
INASE (Argentina)	Instituto Nacional de Semillas (National Seed Institute of Argentina)
INDECOPI	Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual (National Institute for the Defense of Free Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property)
IPKey LA	IPKey Latin America
IP Key SEA	IPKey South East Asia
ISF	International Seed Federation
ISTA	International Seed Testing Association
JATAFF	Japan Association for Techno-innovation in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JICE	Japan International Cooperation Center
MAF (Norway)	Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Norway
MAFF (Cambodia)	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia
MAFF (Japan)	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan
MARD (Viet Nam)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam
MOAG (Israel)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Israel
MISTI (Cambodia)	Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation
MOALI (Myanmar)	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation of Myanmar
MOC (Cambodia)	Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia
MOIC (Lao PDR)	Ministry of Industry and Commerce of Lao PDR
NACS	National Agricultural Seeds Council
OAPI	Organisation Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle (African Intellectual Property Organization)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development
PSIA	Philippine Seed Industry Association
RICA	Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture
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)
TOSCI	Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute
TTIPO	Intellectual Property Office of Trinidad and Tobago
ÚKSÚP	Ústredný kontrolný a skúšobný ústav poľnohospodársky (Central Control and Testing Institute for Agriculture)
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WFO	World Farmers' Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

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