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BACKGROUND

1. At its fifty-eighth ordinary session, held in Geneva on October 25, 2024, the Council endorsed the proposal that, starting in 2025, the Office of the Union would implement a more efficient way to collect and present priority information from UPOV members and observers.
2. On January 27, 2025, the Office of the Union issued Circular E-25/003 to all UPOV bodies, with a consolidated request for the collection of information on the following topics:
 1. Plant variety protection (PVP) statistics for 2024
 2. Legal:
 - a. Amendments of the law and/or the implementing regulations, including fees
 - b. Case law on plant variety protection
 - c. Extension application of the Law to additional plant genera and species
 3. Training and promotion activities on plant variety protection
 4. Variety examination:
 - a. Practical experience in variety examination
 - b. Cooperation in variety examination
 - c. Contact persons for international cooperation in variety examination
 - d. Contact persons for drafting test guidelines (mentoring)
 5. Software and Equipment:
 - a. Exchangeable software
 - b. Software and equipment used by members

INFORMATION COLLECTED IN REPLY TO CIRCULAR E-25/003

Plant variety protection (PVP) statistics for 2024

3. Information received from members on PVP statistics for 2024 is reported in document [C/59/07](#) "Plant variety protection statistics for the period 2020-2024" and published on the UPOV website.

Legal

4. Replies concerning amendments of laws and extensions of the application of laws to additional plant genera and species are or will be published under [UPOV Lex](#) on the UPOV website.
5. Upon request by members, case law is published on the UPOV website.

Training and promotion activities on plant variety protection

6. Information on training and promotion activities on plant variety protection, including UPOV distance learning courses, is reported in the following documents:

- (a) "Training and Assistance Strategy" (see document [CC/103/9](#));
- (b) "UPOV Performance Report 2024" (see document [C/59/2](#)); and
- (c) "Report on activities during the first nine months of 2025" (see document C/59/3)

7. UPOV members are encouraged to include their regular courses or training on plant variety protection in the UPOV PVP Certificate program.

Variety examination and statistics

8. Information received on variety examination and statistics is available in the following documents and/or in the GENIE Database:

- C/59/5 "Cooperation in examination"
- C/59/6 "Genera and species covered by the legislation of members of the Union"
- C/59/7 "Plant variety protection statistics for the period 2020-2024"

9. Updated information received on contact persons for international cooperation in variety examination and for drafting Test Guidelines has been published on the UPOV website.

Software and Equipment

10. Information on "Exchangeable software" and "Software and equipment used by members of the Union" are published, respectively, in documents [UPOV/INF/16](#) and [UPOV/INF/22](#).

PROPOSAL TO COLLECT AND REPORT ON INFORMATION RECEIVED

11. Considering that almost all the information collected is published in documents relating to the subject matter at hand and/or in databases available on the UPOV website, the reports received will no longer be published separately for the Council sessions.

12. The Office of the Union will continue issuing a circular to all UPOV bodies on a yearly basis, with a consolidated request for the collection of information to be reported in documents relating to the subject matter and/or databases available on the UPOV website.

13. *The Council is invited to note:*

(a) *the information provided in this document;*
and

(b) *that the Office of the Union will continue issuing a circular to all UPOV bodies on a yearly basis, with a consolidated request for the collection of information to be reported in documents relating to the subject matter and/or databases available on the UPOV website.*

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