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REPORT

adopted by the Council

Opening of the Session

1. The Council of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) held its sixteenth extraordinary session in Geneva, on March 26, 1999, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ryusuke Yoshimura (Japan), President of the Council.
2. The session was opened by the President, who welcomed the participants. He welcomed in particular the delegation of China, a country which deposited its instrument of accession to the 1978 Act of the Convention on March 23, 1999.
3. The list of participants is given in the Annex to this report.

Adoption of the Agenda

4. The Council adopted the agenda as given in document C(Extr.)/16/1 after having noted that it was called upon to consider the laws and draft laws of Slovenia, Romania, Georgia and Costa Rica under item 3.

Examination of the Conformity of the Legislation of the Republic of Slovenia with the Convention

5. Discussions were based on document C(Extr.)/16/2.
6. The Council decided, on the basis of the conclusions drawn by the Office of the Union in paragraphs 25 and 26 of document C(Extr.)/16/2,
 - (a) to advise that the Law conformed in all respects with the Convention;
 - (b) to request the Secretary-General to inform the Government of the Republic of Slovenia of this decision.

Examination of the Conformity of the Legislation of Romania with the Convention

7. Discussions were based on document C(Extr.)/16/3.
8. The Council decided, on the basis of the conclusions drawn by the Office of the Union in paragraphs 30 and 31 of document C(Extr.)/16/3,
 - (a) to advise the Government of Romania that the Law, after adoption of suitable regulations, provided the basis for an Act conforming with the Convention, and that it may then deposit an instrument of accession to the Convention;
 - (b) to further advise the Government of Romania that it may wish to correct the (possible) deviations and inconsistencies recorded in the said document when opportunity presents;
 - (c) to request the Secretary-General to inform the Government of Romania of its decision.

Examination of the Conformity of the Legislation of Georgia with the Convention

9. Discussions were based on document C(Extr.)/16/4.
10. The Council decided, on the basis of the conclusions drawn by the Office of the Union in paragraphs 30 and 31 of document C(Extr.)/16/4,
 - (a) to advise the Government of Georgia that the Law, after adoption of suitable regulations, provided the basis for an Act conforming with the Convention, and that it may then deposit an instrument of accession to the Convention;
 - (b) to further advise the Government of Georgia that it may wish to correct the (possible) deviations and inconsistencies recorded in the said document at the earliest opportunity;
 - (c) to request the Office of the Union to offer its assistance to the Government of Georgia for the drafting of any regulations (if still required), the correction of the Law, and

the preparation of a more satisfactory translation into one or more of the official languages of UPOV;

(d) to request the Secretary-General to inform the Government of Georgia of its decision.

Examination of the Conformity of the Bill of Costa Rica with the Convention

11. Discussions were based on document C(Extr.)/16/5.

12. The Council decided, on the basis of the conclusions drawn by the Office of the Union in paragraphs 40 and 41 of document C(Extr.)/16/5,

(a) to advise the Government of Costa Rica that the Bill provided the basis for a law conforming with the Convention;

(b) to further advise the Government of Costa Rica that after the enactment into law of the Bill with no substantial alterations, and after the adoption of suitable regulations, it may deposit an instrument of accession to the Convention

(c) to request the Secretary-General to inform the Government of Costa Rica of its decision.

[Annex follows]

ANNEXE/ANNEX/ANLAGE/ANEXO

LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS/ LIST OF PARTICIPANTS/
TEILNEHMERLISTE/LISTA DE PARTICIPANTES

(dans l'ordre alphabétique des noms français des États/
in the alphabetical order of the names in French of the States/
in alphabetischer Reihenfolge der französischen Namen der Staaten/
por orden alfabético de los nombres en francés de los Estados)

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