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COUNCIL

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

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1. The Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ), at its sixty-seventh session, to be held in Geneva on March 21, 2013, will be invited to consider the possible organization of a seminar on essentially derived varieties (EDVs) to consider the following:

- (a) technical and legal views on “predominantly derived”, “essential characteristics” and “differences which result from the act of derivation” (see Article 14(5)(b) of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention), the relationship between Article 14(5)(b)(i) and (iii) of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention and the possible impact on breeding;
- (b) existing experience in relation to EDVs; and
- (c) the possible role of future UPOV guidance on EDVs in cases before the courts.

2. Subject to the agreement of the CAJ, at its sixty-seventh session, and the Council, at its thirtieth extraordinary session, it is proposed that a seminar on EDVs be held on October 22, 2013. In order to accommodate a seminar on EDVs on October 22, 2013, the sixty-eighth session of the CAJ would be reduced to one day, on October 21, 2013 (see document C/46/8 Rev. “Revised Calendar of Meetings in 2013”). The program for the seminar would be organized on the basis of the items set out in paragraph 1, with speakers being agreed between the Office of the Union and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CAJ, and the President of the Council. It is proposed that attendance at the seminar would be open to members of the Union and observers, with the presentations and discussions at the seminar being made available on the UPOV website after a suitable broadcast delay.

3. *The Council is invited to:*

- (a) *approve the organization of a seminar on EDVs on October 22, 2013, as set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, subject to the agreement of the CAJ at its sixty-seventh session; and*
- (b) *if appropriate, approve the corresponding revision of document C/46/8 Rev. “Revised Calendar of Meetings in 2013”.*

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