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**EXPLANATORY NOTES ON VARIETY DENOMINATIONS**  
**UNDER THE UPOV CONVENTION**

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1. At its fifty-third session held in Geneva on April 6, 2006, the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) considered documents CAJ/53/2 (Draft explanatory notes on variety denominations under the UPOV Convention) and CAJ/53/2 Add.
2. In order to facilitate the finalization of a text of the Draft Explanatory Notes for adoption by the Council at its fortieth session on October 19, 2006, the CAJ agreed that an updated version of the Draft Explanatory Notes, incorporating the changes agreed by the CAJ at its fifty-third session, would be incorporated in Annex II of the draft report of that session (Annex II of document CAJ/53/5 Prov.). As no comments were received before the deadline of August 4, 2006, the report CAJ/53/5 and, in particular, its Annex II "Explanatory notes on variety denominations under the UPOV Convention", were adopted by correspondence and are available on the UPOV website.
3. Once the "Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention", presented in the Annex to document C/40/12, are formally adopted by the Council, prior guidance on this matter, provided by the "UPOV Recommendations on Variety Denominations" (document UPOV/INF/12 Rev.), will be superseded by those Explanatory Notes.

*3. The CAJ is invited to take note of the contents of this document.*

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