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**DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION MATERIALS
CONCERNING THE UPOV CONVENTION**

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1. The Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ), at its fifty-second session, held in Geneva on October 24, 2005, agreed an approach for the preparation of information materials concerning the UPOV Convention as explained in document CAJ/52/4 (see paragraphs 51 to 67 of document CAJ/52/5). That approach included, in particular, the establishment of an advisory group, the "Administrative and Legal Committee Advisory Group" (hereinafter referred to as the "CAJ-AG") to assist in the preparation of documents concerning such materials.

2. Since the fifty-third session of the CAJ, held in Geneva on April 6, 2006, the following developments have taken place in relation to the composition of the CAJ-AG that was presented in the Annex to document CAJ/53/3:

(a) At the fifty-third session of the CAJ, the Delegation of the Czech Republic proposed the participation of an expert from a Central European member of the Union (paragraph 66 of document CAJ/53/5). Mr. Ivan Branžovský, representative of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Agriculture, following the proposal by his Government on May 5, 2006, and after consultation with the Chair of the CAJ, was invited on May 30, 2006, to participate as an expert to the CAJ-AG.

(b) On June 5, 2006, Ms. Li Yanmei, Project Administrator, International Cooperation Department, State Intellectual Property Office of China, confirmed her participation in the CAJ-AG.

(c) On June 6, 2006, the Office of the Union was informed that the representative of South Africa, Mr. Julian Jafta, Senior Manager, Directorate: Genetic Resources Management, National Department of Agriculture, had requested that the expert from South Africa to be included in the CAJ-AG should be Mrs. Joan Sadie, Principal Agricultural Food and Quarantine Officer, Directorate: Genetic Resources Management.

(d) The Office of the Union received a suggestion from the Delegations of the Latin-American countries that the composition of the CAJ-AG could be further improved with the participation of two additional experts from that region. Relevant information will be reported orally to the CAJ.

(e) On July 21, 2006, the Office of the Union was informed that Mr. Sotaro Ito had been appointed as the new Director of the Seeds and Seedlings Division of Japan; the consequential change has been made to the composition of the CAJ-AG.

3. The composition of the CAJ-AG, reflecting the developments above, is presented in the Annex to this document.

4. The first session of the CAJ-AG will take place in Geneva on October 20, 2006. In order to facilitate the work of the CAJ-AG, the Office of the Union will prepare a discussion paper for the first session which will be posted on the first restricted area of the UPOV website by mid-September 2006. The discussion paper will identify the list of provisions, agreed by the CAJ, where materials are most urgently required, and where discussion at a CAJ session would be necessary. Members and observers to the CAJ may submit their comments for consideration at the CAJ-AG session.

5. A report on the first session of the CAJ-AG on October 20, 2006, will be made at the fifty-fifth session of the CAJ in April 2007.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

Composition of the Administrative and Legal Committee Advisory Group (CAJ-AG)

<i>Member of the Union</i>	<i>Expert</i>
Brazil	Mrs. Daniela de Moraes Aviani
Canada	Ms. Valerie Sisson
China	Ms. Li Yanmei
Czech Republic	Mr. Ivan Branžovský
European Community	EC Expert
France	Ms. Nicole Bustin
Japan	Mr. Sotaro Ito
Kenya	Mr. John Kedera
Netherlands	Mr. Krieno Fikkert
Republic of Korea	Mr. Keun-Jin Choi
Russian Federation	Mr. Yuri Rogovski
South Africa	Ms. Joan Sadie
Spain	Mr. Luis Salaices
Switzerland	Mrs. Eva Tucharland
United States of America	Ms. Karen Hauda
Expert from Latin America	[to be confirmed]
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<i>Officers</i>
President of the Council
Chair of the CAJ
Office of the Union

<i>Ad hoc</i> invitation to the meeting on October 20, 2006, for Mrs. Carmen Amelia M. Gianni (Argentina)

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