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1. At its seventy-first session, held in Geneva on April 7, 2006, the Consultative Committee continued its discussion of matters concerning the enforcement of plant breeders' rights. The discussions were based on a document entitled "Overview of existing activities of UPOV and possible future initiatives in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders' rights". The Consultative Committee expressed general agreement on the contents of that document whilst noting that certain matters required further consideration. It agreed that a new document be prepared for the seventy-second session of the Consultative Committee, to be held on October 18, 2006, on that basis. A report on the discussions in the Consultative Committee on the enforcement of plant breeders' rights will be made to the CAJ at its fifty-fifth session, to be held in April 2007.

2. The CAJ is invited to take note that a workshop on enforcement of plant breeders' rights, organized by the Government of Japan in cooperation with UPOV, is scheduled to take place in Tokyo from November 15 to 17, 2006, the week preceding the tenth session of the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT), to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The workshop will cover a wide range of aspects related to enforcement, including legal and technical aspects. The Government of Japan will issue an invitation to UPOV members, observer States and organizations to participate in this workshop. Further information on this event will be posted on the UPOV website.

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

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