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ENFORCEMENT OF PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS

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1. At its seventy-second session held in Geneva on October 18, 2006, and on the morning of October 19, 2006, the Consultative Committee agreed to continue its deliberations on the existing activities of UPOV in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders' rights based on a new document and the comments made at its seventy-second session.
2. A report on the discussions in the Consultative Committee on the enforcement of plant breeders' rights at its seventy-third session on March 30, 2007, will be made to the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) at its fifty-sixth session in October 2007.
3. At its fifty-fourth session, the CAJ was invited to take note that a workshop on the enforcement of plant breeders' rights under the UPOV Convention, organized by the Government of Japan in cooperation with UPOV, was scheduled to take place in Tokyo from November 15 to 17, 2006. A total of 144 participants took part in the Workshop from 13 members of the Union, four observer organizations and the private sector. The Workshop covered a wide range of aspects related to enforcement, including legal and technical aspects. The Workshop provided a forum for the exchange of information on different initiatives and experiences in the enforcement of plant breeders' rights taken by members of the Union and breeders' organizations, in which participants recognized the importance of the enforcement of plant breeders' rights.

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

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