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EXCHANGE AND USE OF SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this document is to report on developments concerning exchange and use of software and equipment.
2. The CAJ is invited to note that the TC, at its fifty-second session, to be held in Geneva from March 4 to 16, 2016, will be informed that the discussion on the inclusion of the SISNAVA software in document UPOV/INF/16 will be continued at the TWC, at its thirty-fourth session in 2016.
3. The following abbreviations are used in this document:
 - CAJ: Administrative and Legal Committee
 - TC: Technical Committee
 - TWC: Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs
 - TWPs: Technical Working Parties

4. The structure of this document is as follows:

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6. The procedure for considering software proposed for inclusion in document UPOV/INF/16 "Exchangeable software" is set out in document UPOV/INF/16 "Exchangeable Software", as follows:

"2. Procedure for inclusion of software

"Software proposed for inclusion in document UPOV/INF/16 by members of the Union is, in the first instance, presented for review by the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC). On the basis of such presentations and the experience of members of the Union, the TWC makes a recommendation to the Technical Committee on whether to include that software in document UPOV/INF/16. In the case of a positive recommendation by the TC and by the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ), the software will be listed in a draft of document UPOV/INF/16, to be considered for adoption by the Council. Document UPOV/INF/16 is adopted by the Council."

7. The TWC, at its thirty-second session¹, received a presentation by an expert from Mexico by electronic means on the SISNAVA software, as presented in Annex V to document TWC/32/7².

8. The TC, at its fifty-first session³, and the CAJ, at its seventy-first session⁴, noted that the discussions on the inclusion of the SISNAVA software in document UPOV/INF/16 would be continued in the TWC, subject to the conclusion on discussions on the variation of variety descriptions over years in different locations⁵.

9. The TWC, at its thirty-third session⁶, agreed that discussions on the inclusion of the SISNAVA software in document UPOV/INF/16 should be continued in the TWC, subject to the conclusion on discussions on the variation of variety descriptions over years in different locations⁷.

10. The TC, at its fifty-second session⁸, will note that the discussion on the inclusion of the SISNAVA software in document UPOV/INF/6 will be continued at the TWC, at its thirty-fourth session in 2016.

11. The CAJ is invited to note that the TC, at its fifty-second session, to be held in Geneva from March 14 to 16, 2016, will be informed that the discussion on the inclusion of the SISNAVA software in document UPOV/INF/16 will be continued at the TWC, at its thirty-fourth session in 2016.

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¹ held in Helsinki, from June 2 to 6, 2014

² see document TWC/32/28 "Report", paragraph 87

³ held in Geneva, from March 23 to 25, 2015

⁴ held in Geneva, on March 26, 2015

⁵ see documents TC/51/39 "Report", paragraph 205 and CAJ/71/10 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 57

⁶ held in Natal, Brazil, from June 30 to July 3, 2015

⁷ see document TWC/33/30 "Report", paragraph 98

⁸ to be held in Geneva, from March 14 to 16, 2016