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VARIETY DENOMINATIONS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this document is to report on work concerning the possible development of a UPOV similarity search tool for variety denomination purposes and the possible revision of document UPOV/INF/12 “Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention”.

2. The CAJ is invited to note:

(a) the developments concerning a possible revision of document UPOV/INF/12 “Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention”, as set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this document;

(b) the developments concerning a UPOV similarity search tool for variety denomination purposes, as set out in paragraph 9 of this document;

(c) the developments concerning the possible expansion of the content of the PLUTO Database, as set out in paragraphs 10 and 11 of this document;

(d) the developments concerning non acceptable terms, as set out in paragraph 13 of this document;

(e) that the fourth meeting of the WG-DEN will be held in Geneva, on October 27, 2017; and

(f) the draft agenda of the fourth meeting of the WG-DEN, as set out in paragraph 15 of this document.

3. The following abbreviations are used in this document:

CAJ: Administrative and Legal Committee
WG-DEN: Working Group on Variety Denominations

4. The structure of this document is as follows:

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POSSIBLE REVISION OF DOCUMENT UPOV/INF/12 “EXPLANATORY NOTES ON VARIETY DENOMINATIONS UNDER THE UPOV CONVENTION”

5. The background to this matter is provided in document CAJ/73/3 “Variety denominations”.
6. The WG-DEN, at its third meeting,¹ considered documents UPOV/WG-DEN/3/2 “Revision of Document UPOV/INF/12/5 ‘Explanatory Notes On Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention’” and UPOV/INF/12/6 Draft 3 “Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention”, which incorporated the comments of the WG-DEN at its second meeting up to Section 2.3.3 (b).
7. The report of the meeting is provided in document UPOV/WG-DEN/3/3 “Report”.

POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF A UPOV SIMILARITY SEARCH TOOL FOR VARIETY DENOMINATION PURPOSES

8. The background to this matter is provided in document CAJ/73/3 “Variety denominations”.
9. The WG-DEN, at its third meeting, agreed that agenda item 4 “UPOV Denomination Similarity Search Tool” would be considered at a later meeting on the basis of the document presented at the second meeting.

EXPANSION OF THE CONTENT OF THE PLUTO DATABASE

10. The background to this matter is provided in document CAJ/73/3 “Variety denominations”.
11. The WG-DEN, at its third meeting, agreed that matters that agenda item 5 “Expansion of the content of the PLUTO database” would be considered at a later meeting on the basis of the document presented at the second meeting.

NON-ACCEPTABLE TERMS

12. The background to this matter is provided in document CAJ/73/3 “Variety denominations”.
13. The WG-DEN, at its third meeting, agreed that matters concerning agenda item 6 “Non-acceptable terms” would be considered at a later meeting on the basis of the document presented at the second meeting.

DATE AND PROGRAM OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WG-DEN

14. The WG-DEN, at its third meeting, agreed that the fourth meeting of the WG-DEN should be held in Geneva, in the morning of October 27, 2017.

¹ Held in Geneva, on April 7, 2017.

15. The following program was agreed for the fourth meeting of the WG-DEN:
 1. Opening of the meeting
 2. Adoption of the agenda
 3. Revision of document UPOV/INF/12/5 "Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations under the UPOV Convention"
 4. UPOV denomination similarity search tool
 5. Expansion of the content of the PLUTO database
 6. Non-acceptable terms
 7. Date, place and program of the next meeting

16. *The CAJ is invited to note:*

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