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Exchange and use of software and equipment

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# Executive summary

 The purpose of this document is to report on developments concerning exchange and use of software and equipment and to consider proposals for revision of documents UPOV/INF/16/7 “Exchangeable software” and UPOV/INF/22/4 “Software and equipment used by members of the Union”.

 The CAJ is invited to:

(a) consider the proposed revision of document UPOV/INF/16/7 to incorporate the information on the use of GAIA software currently contained in document UPOV/INF/22/4, as presented in document UPOV/INF/16/8 Draft 1, in conjunction with the conclusions of the TC at its fifty-fourth session;

(b) note that, if agreed by the CAJ, a draft of document UPOV/INF/16/8 “Exchangeable software” will be presented for adoption by the Council at its fifty-second ordinary session, to be held on November 2, 2018;

(c) note that the conclusions of the TC at its fifty-fourth session, on the approach to make documents UPOV/INF/16 and UPOV/INF/22 available in a searchable form on the UPOV website, will be reported to the CAJ (document CAJ/75/13 “Report on developments in the Technical Committee”);

(d) consider the proposed revision of document UPOV/INF/22/4 concerning software and equipment used by members of the Union, as presented in document UPOV/INF/22/5 Draft 1, in conjunction with the conclusions of the TC at its fifty-fourth session; and

(e) note that, if agreed by the CAJ, a draft of document UPOV/INF/22/5 “Software and equipment used by members of the Union” will be presented for adoption by the Council at its fifty-second ordinary session, to be held on November 2, 2018.

 The following abbreviations are used in this document:

 CAJ: Administrative and Legal Committee

 TC: Technical Committee

# DOCUMENT UPOV/INF/16 “Exchangeable Software”

## Revision of document UPOV/INF/16/7

 The TC, at its fifty-fourth session[[1]](#footnote-2), will consider the proposed revision of document UPOV/INF/16/7 to incorporate the information on the use of GAIA software currently contained in document UPOV/INF/22/4, as presented in document UPOV/INF/16/8 Draft 1.

 A report on the conclusions of the TC concerning the proposals to revise document UPOV/INF/16/7, will be made to the CAJ at its seventy-fifth session (document CAJ/75/13 “Report on developments in the Technical Committee”).

 The CAJ is invited to:

 (a) consider the proposed revision of document UPOV/INF/16/7 to incorporate the information on the use of GAIA software currently contained in document UPOV/INF/22/4, as presented in document UPOV/INF/16/8 Draft 1, in conjunction with the conclusions of the TC at its fifty-fourth session; and

 (b) note that, if agreed by the CAJ, a draft of document UPOV/INF/16/8 “Exchangeable software” will be presented for adoption by the Council at its fifty‑second ordinary session, to be held on November 2, 2018.

Availability of documents UPOV/INF/16 “Exchangeable software” and UPOV/INF/22 “Software and equipment used by members of the Union” in a searchable form

 The TC, at its fifty-third session[[2]](#footnote-3), agreed that the information in document UPOV/INF/16 should be made available in a searchable form on the UPOV website and noted that the Office of the Union would investigate a tool for that purpose[[3]](#footnote-4).

 At the fifty-fourth session of the TC, the Office of the Union will demonstrate how the information in documents UPOV/INF/16 and UPOV/INF/22 could be made available in a searchable form on the UPOV website.

 The TC will consider whether the approach which will be demonstrated at its fifty-fourth session is suitable to make documents UPOV/INF/16 and UPOV/INF/22 available in a searchable form on the UPOV website.

 The CAJ will receive a report on the conclusions of the TC on the approach to make documents UPOV/INF/16 and UPOV/INF/22 available in a searchable form on the UPOV website (document CAJ/75/13 “Report on developments in the Technical Committee”).

 *The CAJ is invited to note that the conclusions of the TC at its fifty-fourth session, on the approach to make documents UPOV/INF/16 and UPOV/INF/22 available in a searchable form on the UPOV website, will be reported to the CAJ (document CAJ/75/13 “Report on developments in the Technical Committee”).*

# Document UPOV/INF/22 “Software and equipment used by members of the Union” (revision)

 The TC, at its fifty-fourth session, will consider the proposed revision of document UPOV/INF/22/4 to include information on the use of software by members of the Union with information provided by Croatia, Ecuador and Sweden as presented in document UPOV/INF/22/5 Draft 1.

 A report on the conclusions of the TC concerning the proposals to revise document UPOV/INF/22/4, will be made to the CAJ at its seventy-fifth session (document CAJ/75/13 “Report on developments in the Technical Committee”).

 The CAJ is invited to:

 (a) consider the proposed revision of document UPOV/INF/22/4 concerning software and equipment used by members of the Union, as presented in document UPOV/INF/22/5 Draft 1, in conjunction with the conclusions of the TC at its fifty‑fourth session; and

 (b) note that, if agreed by the CAJ, a draft of document UPOV/INF/22/5 concerning software and equipment used by members of the Union will be presented for adoption by the Council at its fifty-second ordinary session, to be held on November 2, 2018.

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1. To be held in Geneva, on October 29 and 30, 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Held in Geneva, on April 3 to 5, 2017. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. See document TC/53/31 “Report”, paragraph 169. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)