

**Administrative and Legal Committee****CAJ/75/10****Seventy-Fifth Session  
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**Date:** September 12, 2018**EXCHANGE AND USE OF SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. 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”.

2. 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.

3. 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

4. The TC, at its fifty-fourth session<sup>1</sup>, 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.

5. 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”).

6. *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

7. The TC, at its fifty-third session<sup>2</sup>, 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<sup>3</sup>.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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”).

*11. 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”).*

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<sup>1</sup> To be held in Geneva, on October 29 and 30, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Held in Geneva, on April 3 to 5, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> See document TC/53/31 “Report”, paragraph 169.

DOCUMENT UPOV/INF/22 "SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT USED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNION"  
(REVISION)

12. 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.

13. 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").

14. *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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