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VARIETY DENOMINATIONS

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OBSERVATIONS FROM COMASSO

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By letter of April 8, 1986, the Secretary General of COMASSO communicated the following observations to the Vice Secretary General of UPOV:

"The problems encountered in the field of "variety denominations" are of a basic nature, for the denomination has been prescribed as a generic designation with the well-known negative effects in the economic field; they are also of a practical nature, as a result of perfectionist "recommendations" which repeat a clear provision of the Convention, namely Article 13(2), but with a new and restrictive content.

"The problems become relevant mainly in the area of vegetables and maize.

"These remarks are a summary of individual opinions and not an official position by COMASSO."

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