

**Consultative Group on UPOV Resources Strategy****CG-URS/2/3****Second Meeting  
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**REPORT**

*adopted by the Consultative Group on UPOV Resources Strategy*

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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. The Consultative Group on UPOV Resources Strategy (CG-URS) held its second meeting in Geneva, on March 18, 2026, by virtual means, chaired by Mr. Anthony Parker, President of the Council of UPOV.
2. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.
3. The list of participants will be distributed to participants via email.
4. The CG-URS noted that, in addition to the members of the CG-URS (Canada (Chair), Ghana (Vice-Chair), Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, China, European Union, France, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Russian Federation, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America), the following UPOV members also participated in the second meeting of the CG-URS: Czech Republic and Germany.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

5. The CG-URS adopted the draft agenda as proposed in document CG-URS/2/1.

**DISCUSSION ON IMPLEMENTATION SCENARIOS AND OPTIONS FOR ACHIEVING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY FOR UPOV**

6. The Office of the Union provided an overview of document CG-URS/2/2 which contained, in Annex I, three scenarios tied to the level of implementation of the Strategic Business Plan 2026-2029 (SBP) (document C/59/14), along with their associated costs and, in Annex II, an overview of past and future cost-efficiency measures.
7. The CG-URS considered the information on the three scenarios and their associated costs. Some members acknowledged the desirability of scenario 1 whereas others expressed concern regarding scenarios 1 and 2 considering national financial constraints. Many members acknowledged that scenario 3 would not provide the organization with adequate resources. The CG-URS noted that scenarios 1, 2, and 3 would correspond to 29%, 17%, and 6% increases in the value of contribution units respectively.
8. Many members emphasized the importance of focusing on core mandate priorities, which are crucial for UPOV membership expansion, supporting the development of legislation, offering guidance and assistance on the UPOV Convention and its implementation, and enhancing harmonization and cooperation in examination processes, including the provision of technical assistance, and the work of the Technical Working Parties.
9. The WIPO Secretariat, clarified that the costs of services rendered by WIPO to UPOV were the same across all three scenarios and covered a wide range of services including the services of the Controller, Finance, Planning Budget and Risks, Human Resources, General Administrative Support, Information and

Communication Technology (ICT), physical and information security, Procurement, as well as Language and Conference Services.

10. The WIPO Secretariat explained that the 2024 review of costs associated with the services provided to UPOV under the WIPO/UPOV Agreement implemented by the Service Level Agreement (UPOV/WIPO SLA) originated from the External Auditor because the costs associated with those services have not been reviewed since 2010.

11. The CG-URS supported the Chair's proposal to develop a new scenario with further prioritization of activities aligned with the SBP, which would stand in-between scenarios 2 and 3 in terms of funding. Many members expressed their preference for a phased implementation approach of the associated budget increase while stressing that any short-term measure would need to be accompanied by medium and long-term financial sustainability solutions.

## CONCLUSIONS

12. The CG-URS agreed that the Office of the Union would develop a fourth budget scenario in-between scenario 2 and 3 presented in document CG-URS/2/2. It was agreed that the new scenario would be made on the same basis as the previous ones, with priorities tied to the Strategic Business Plan for 2026-2029 (document C/59/14). Under the new scenario, the CG-URS agreed that first tier priorities would focus on the expansion of UPOV membership including the development of legislation, providing guidance and assistance on the UPOV Convention and its implementation, and enhancing harmonization and cooperation in examination processes.

13. The CG-URS agreed that the budgetary increase associated with the fourth scenario would be implemented in a phased approach over a two year period starting in 2027.

14. The CG-URS further agreed on the importance of continuing discussions on medium and long-term financial sustainability solutions.

15. The third meeting of the CG-URS will be held virtually on June 24, 2026. The CG-URS noted that the agenda would be distributed at least four weeks prior to the meeting, as agreed in the Terms of Reference.

16. *This report was adopted by correspondence.*

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