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DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
ON THE REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

Geneva, October 9 to 23, 1978

RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 4

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The Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, held in 1978,

Having regard to Article 4(2) and (3) of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961, as revised at Geneva on November 10, 1972, and on October 23, 1978,

Considering the fact that the Convention of 1961 contains an Annex listing a number of economically important species to which each member State of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants had to apply that Convention within certain periods,

Considering further that the Annex has been deleted in the Convention as revised in 1978, thereby giving greater freedom of choice to the member States of the Union and to those States which are intending to become members of the Union to decide which genera and species that Convention is to be applied to,

Conscious of the fact that it is in the interest both of agriculture in general and of breeders in particular that genera and species of economic importance be eligible for protection in each State,

Recommends that each member State of the Union use its best endeavours to ensure that the genera and species eligible for protection under its national law comprise as far as possible those genera and species which are of major economic importance in that State,

Recommends further that each State intending to become a member of the Union choose the genera or species to which, as a minimum, the Convention as revised in 1978 has to be applied at the time of its entry into force in the territory of that State from genera and species of major economic importance in that State.