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OVERVIEW OF UPOV e-PVP

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. UPOV e-PVP is an initiative of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) to provide its members with a suite of online tools that facilitate the implementation of the UPOV system.
2. The use of UPOV e-PVP tools can bring various benefits to UPOV members, such as improved efficiency, transparency, quality, and harmonization of PVP procedures, reduced costs and workload for PVP offices and breeders, enhanced collaboration and cooperation among UPOV members, and increased availability and accessibility of PVP information. Moreover, UPOV e-PVP can contribute to the promotion and dissemination of the UPOV system of PVP and to the achievement of UPOV's mission and objectives.
3. This document provides an overview of UPOV e-PVP, a set of IT-tools offered by UPOV to assist its members in implementing the UPOV system of plant variety protection. It explains the aim, components, costs, and benefits of UPOV e-PVP, as well as the process of joining it. It also reports on the current status of UPOV e-PVP and the plans for its future development.
4. The structure of this document is as follows:

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OVERVIEW OF UPOV E-PVP

5. The aim of UPOV e-PVP is to provide coherent and comprehensive assistance in the implementation of the UPOV system of plant variety protection, of which some or all the components can be used by UPOV members, as appropriate. UPOV e-PVP comprises the following packages of components:

- UPOV PRISMA: online application tool (see document EAM/4/3);
- UPOV e-PVP Administration Module (see document EAM/4/4) for PVP offices to:
 - administer applications/grants,
 - communicate with applicants/title holders,
 - publish PVP data in the PVP office publication and PLUTO database;
- UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module: for PVP offices to cooperate with other PVP offices in the examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) (see document EAM/4/5);
- PLUTO database – contains information and a search tool on variety denominations.

6. The proposal to provide access to the UPOV e-PVP platform during a trial period of three years, for future UPOV members having already received a positive advice from the UPOV Council on the conformity of their legislation with the UPOV Convention, would be considered by the Consultative Committee and the Council during their sessions in October 2024.

USE OF UPOV e-PVP

7. UPOV e-PVP was launched on September 28, 2023. Viet Nam was the first UPOV member to start using all the components of UPOV e-PVP.

8. On November 28, 2023, the first application was filed via UPOV PRISMA to the UPOV e-PVP Administration Module administered by the PVP Office of Viet Nam. As of September 10, 2024, four application data were transferred to the UPOV e-PVP Admin module using UPOV PRISMA:

9. On December 22, 2023, the Kingdom of the Netherlands became the second UPOV member using the UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.

10. Viet Nam requested to an existing DUS report from the Kingdom of the Netherlands on May 24, 2024, using the UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.

11. The Kingdom of the Netherlands accepted the request and uploaded the report on July 3, 2024, using the UPOV e-PVP DUS Report Exchange Module.

12. Ghana will implement the UPOV e-PVP Administration module in October 2024.

13. Nine UPOV members also signed up to use the DUS Report Exchange Module increasing the number of members using that module to 11:

1. Brazil
2. Canada
3. European Union
4. Georgia
5. Ghana
6. Japan
7. Morocco
8. Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
9. New Zealand
10. United States of America
11. Viet Nam

FINANCING UPOV e-PVP

14. Document CC/104/04 gives an overview on the possible ways forward to finance UPOV e-PVP. Presently, UPOV e-PVP is financed by fees from the users of UPOV PRISMA and PLUTO, special funds from Japan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the UPOV regular budget.

15. In order to continue providing support to develop and maintain the standard modules, the Office will liaise with PVP Offices and users to promote the use of UPOV e-PVP which will generate increased revenues. The proposal to create a multilateral donor fund would be considered by the Consultative Committee during its session in October 2024.

DEVELOPMENTS SINCE EAM/3

Acknowledgement of the Terms of Use

16. To join all the modules of UPOV e-PVP, the representative to the Council of the UPOV member concerned must sign a letter of acknowledgement of the terms of use (<https://www.upov.int/upovepvp/en/termsuse.html>).

17. As of September 23, 2024, the following UPOV members have signed the terms of use of UPOV e-PVP, as follows:

	UPOV member	UPOV PRISMA	UPOV e-PVP Administration Module	UPOV e-PVP DUS Exchange Module
1.	Brazil			X
2.	Canada	X		X
3.	European Union	X		X
4.	Georgia	X		X
5.	Ghana	X	X	X
6.	Japan			X
7.	Morocco	X		X
8.	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	X		X
9.	New Zealand	X		X
10.	United States of America	X		X
11.	Viet Nam	X	X	X

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