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**INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS**  
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**ELECTRONIC APPLICATION SYSTEMS MEETING**

**First Session**  
**Geneva, April 9, 2008**

DRAFT AGENDA

*prepared by the Office of the Union*

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Overview of discussions of the fifty-sixth session of the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) (document CAJ/56/6, paragraphs 7 to 22 and presentations [see CAJ/56 webpage, "Agenda item 3" [http://www.upov.int/restrict/en/caj/index\\_caj56.htm](http://www.upov.int/restrict/en/caj/index_caj56.htm).])
3. Recent developments (oral reports by members and observers<sup>\*</sup>)
4. Possibilities to facilitate harmonized electronic application systems and databasing information (see Annex)
5. Future actions
6. Closing of the meeting

[Annex follows]

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<sup>\*</sup> Please notify the Office of the Union by April 2, 2008, if you wish to provide an oral report.

ANNEX

At its fifty-sixth session, held in Geneva on October 22 and 23, 2007, the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) agreed that the Office of the Union should organize a meeting in order to explore possibilities:

(a) to provide a forum for exchanging information on electronic application systems and databasing of information;

(b) to investigate possibilities to facilitate harmonized electronic application systems and databasing of information, for interested members of the Union, by means of a standard electronic application form (including technical questionnaire), possibly with authority-specific annexes, to be made available for downloading from the UPOV website. Investigations would include:

(i) the development of a multilingual standard electronic application form in all languages provided by the relevant members of the Union (if not an official UPOV language);

(ii) options for transfer of data from the standard electronic application form for use in applications made with members of the Union (on-line transmission, e-mail, paper), including the sharing of software between members of the Union and the use of electronic signatures and verification;

(iii) means to facilitate the incorporation of data in electronic application systems in a format compatible with the UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database;

(c) to identify legal and administrative aspects which should be considered in the development of electronic application systems by members of the Union.

The CAJ also agreed that any standard electronic application form (including technical questionnaire) would need to be based on the UPOV model forms contained in document TGP/5 “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing” and document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines” (see paragraphs 20 and 21 of document CAJ/56/6 “Report”).

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