

**Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs    TWC/39/2 – BMT/20/2**

**Thirty-Ninth Session  
Alexandria, United States of America, September 20 to 22, 2021**

**Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques  
and DNA-Profiling in Particular**

**Twentieth Session  
Alexandria, United States of America, September 22 to 24, 2021**

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## **REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN UPOV**

*Document prepared by the Office of the Union*

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The annex to this document contains a copy of a presentation on “Reports on Developments within UPOV” made by the Office of the Union at the thirty-ninth session of the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC) and at the twentieth session of the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT) .

[Annex follows]

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**Developments in UPOV**

Office of the Union

*Alexandria, United States of America, September 20 to 24, 2021  
(via electronic means)*



International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

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UPOV status  
(February 22, 2021)

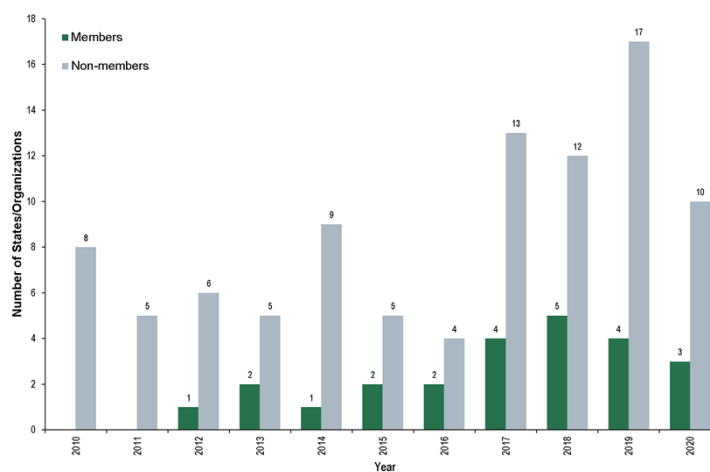


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Members of UPOV (77) (covering 96 States)

Number of States/Organizations  
provided with comments on laws



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### Examination of [draft] Laws (2019-2020) (all positive)



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- Members of UPOV (77) (covering 96 States)
- Initiating States (20) and Organization (1)
- States (23) and Organization (1) in contact with the UPOV Office

### Appointment of new UPOV Secretary-General



Mr. Daren Tang  
Secretary-General  
*from October 2020*

## COVID-19 pandemic measures

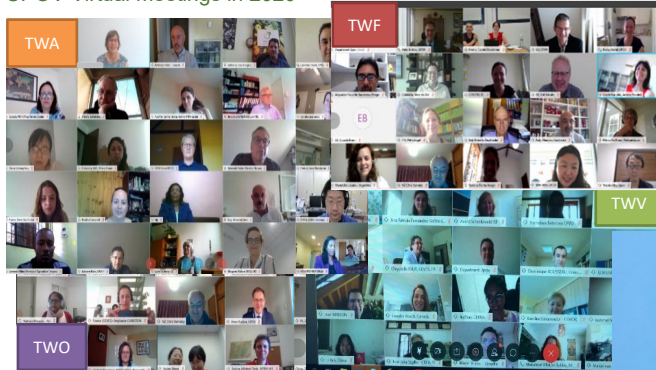
UPOV Sessions in October 2020 held in the form of **virtual meetings**, in combination with **prior consideration of documents by correspondence**:

- **Technical Committee:** Fifty-Sixth Session (TC/56), held on October 26 and 27
- **Administrative and Legal Committee:** Seventy-Seventh Session (CAJ/77), held on October 28
- **Consultative Committee:** Ninety-Seventh Session (CC/97), held on October 29
- **Council:** Fifty-Fourth Ordinary Session (C/54), held on October 30

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## Virtual meetings

UPOV Virtual meetings in 2020



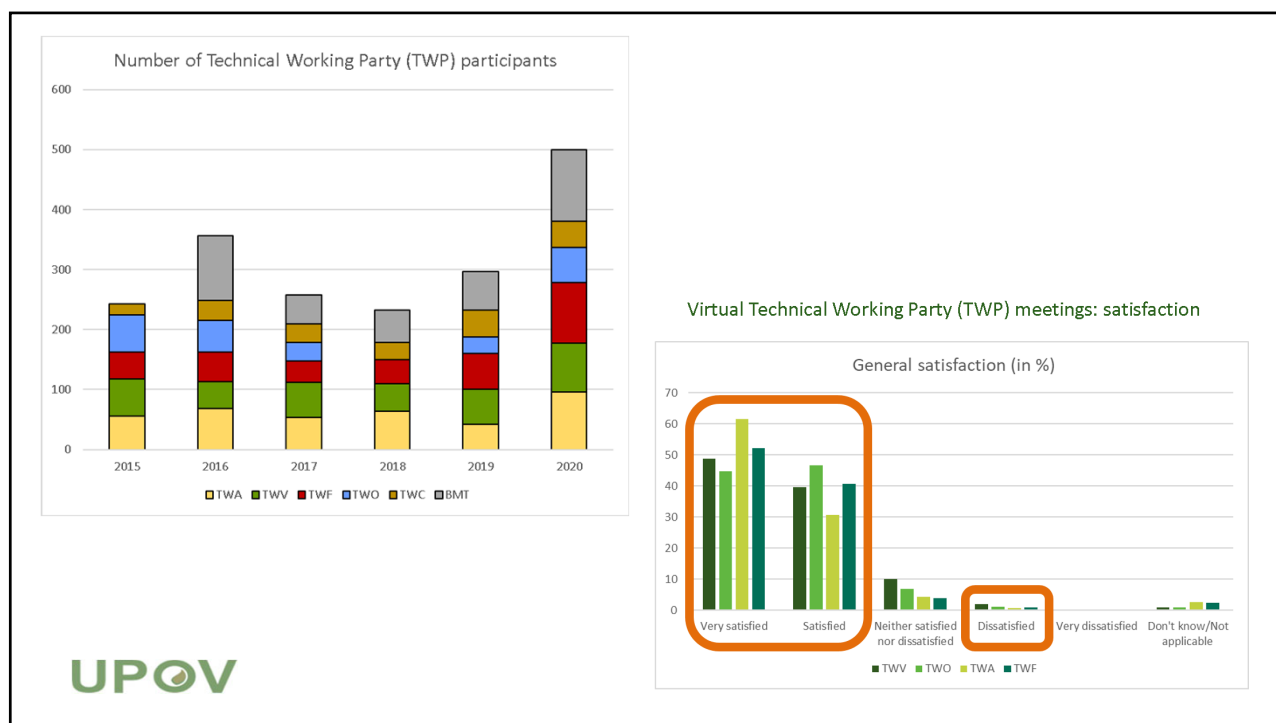
### Technical Committee

9:30 am to 11:30 am (Geneva Time)  
and  
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm (Geneva Time)  
October 26, 2020

Increasing participation in the work  
of the TC and TWPs  
Document **TWP/5/12**

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Responding now  
...and moving towards a new and better normal?

- UPOV virtual activities (meetings, webinars)
- Support virtual activities by partners
- Materials to support virtual activities (e.g. training videos)
- IT tools (online services, virtual communication tools)
- Redesigning meetings to make the most of virtual and physical participation (e.g. TWPs)
- Paperless/lesspaper office

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*Technical Working Parties Preparatory Webinars*

## Overview of the Week

**April 19, 2021: Webinar 1:**  
How to organize DUS examination and international cooperation

**April 20, 2021: Webinar 2:**  
International harmonization in DUS examination

**April 21, 2021: Webinar 3:**  
Developing and using UPOV Test Guidelines

**April 22, 2021: Webinar 4:**  
Using molecular markers in DUS examination and the role of the BMT

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The screenshot shows the UPOV website's 'MEETINGS' page. The header includes the UPOV logo and navigation links: ABOUT UPOV, MEMBERSHIP, UPOV SYSTEM, PVP DATA & STATISTICS, MEETINGS, and NEWS. The 'MEETINGS' section is active, showing a breadcrumb trail: HOME > MEETINGS >. The main content area is titled 'UPOV - Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC/39)' and describes the 'Thirty-Ninth Session' held from September 20 to September 22, 2021, in Alexandria, United States of America. It provides links for 'Meetings by Topic' and 'Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs'. Below this, it mentions 'TWC/38 >> TWC/39' and 'Technical Working Parties Preparatory Webinars 2021' with a 'video' link. A green arrow points to this 'video' link. There is also a link to 'Download all documents: EN'. The 'Meeting Documents' section includes a table with columns for CODE, TITLE(S), and FILE(S). The table contains one entry: 'FORM FOR TWC/39 COMMENTS' with a link to 'Form for comments on documents' and a file icon labeled 'EN'.

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## Essentially Derived Varieties (EDV)

Seminar on the  
Impact of Policy on Essentially Derived Varieties (EDVs)  
on Breeding Strategy



October 2019

### Working Group on Essentially Derived Varieties (WG-EDV)

to draft a **revision** of the  
**Explanatory Notes on  
Essentially Derived Varieties**  
for consideration by the  
Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ).

...*plus* EDV information session

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### SMALLHOLDER FARMERS

Development of guidance regarding the implementation of the  
exception of acts done privately and for non-commercial purposes  
in relation to smallholder farmers

(a) members of the Union and observers to provide their experience and views...



(d) to draft guidance for consideration of the Consultative Committee at its session  
in 2021, together with consideration of the status (e.g. explanatory note, guidance  
document, FAQ) that any agreed guidance should have.

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### **HARVESTED MATERIAL**

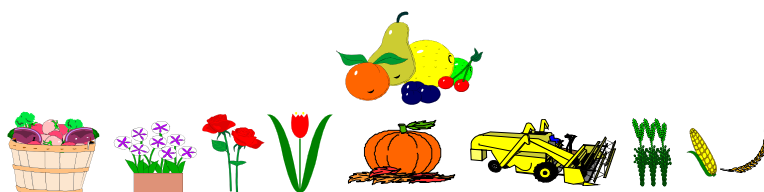
seminar to exchange information on matters concerning  
harvested material and unauthorized use of propagating material

held by  
**electronic means on May 27, 2021**

Videos available at:

[https://www.upov.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=63048](https://www.upov.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=63048)

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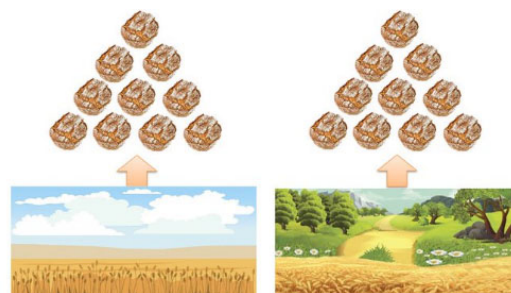


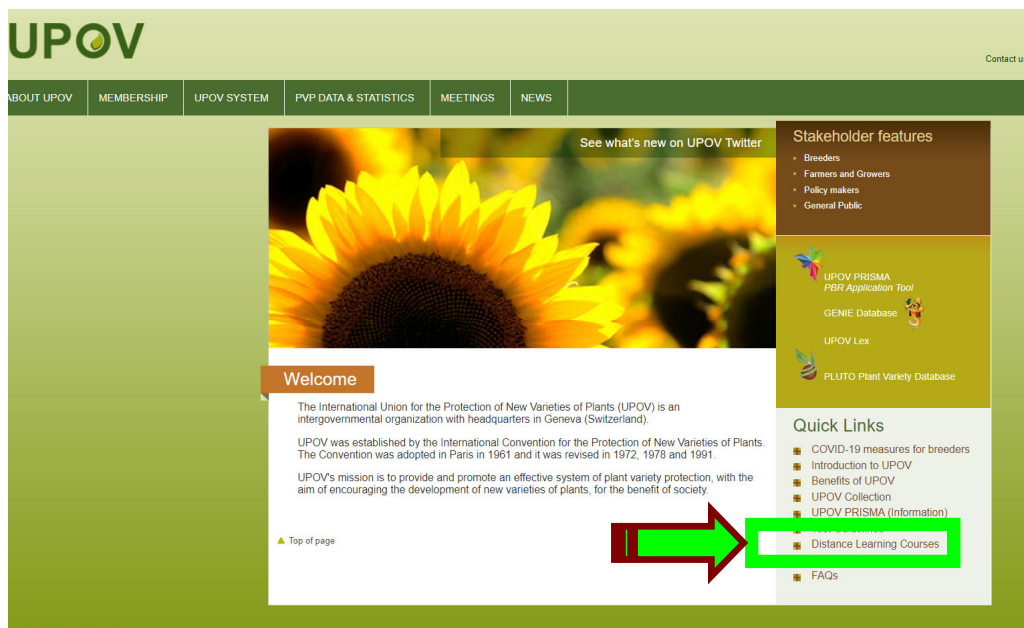
### **SEMINAR ON STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS POLICIES INVOLVING PLANT BREEDING AND PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION**

to exchange information and experiences on strategies involving plant  
breeding and plant variety protection that address broad policy issues

**October 20, 2021**

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## UPOV Training

### UPOV Distance Learning Courses

Code	Course	Session	Study period	Registration period
<a href="#">DL-205</a>	Introduction to the UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021
<a href="#">DL-305A</a>	Administration of Plant Breeders' Rights (Part A of DL-305 course: Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights)	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021
<a href="#">DL-305B</a>	DUS Examination (Part B of DL-305 course: Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights)	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
		Session 2	11-Oct to 14-Nov 2021	02-Aug to 12-Sep 2021
<a href="#">DL-305</a>	Examination of applications for plant breeders' rights	Session 1	08-Mar to 11-Apr 2021	11-Jan to 14-Feb 2021
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The UPOV Courses are hosted on the WIPO eLearning Center.

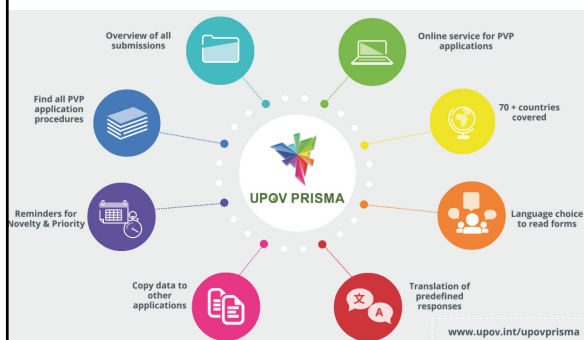
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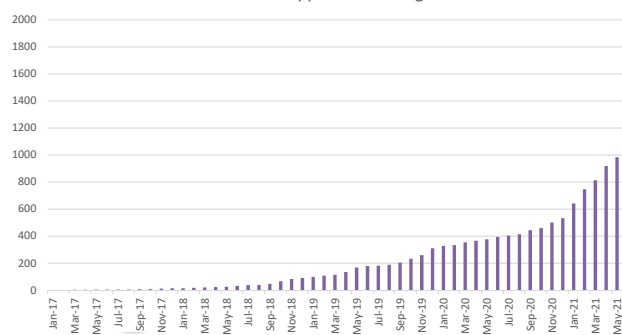
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## UPOV PRISMA

### Online PBR Application Tool



Cumulative number of applications using UPOV PRISMA

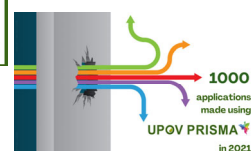


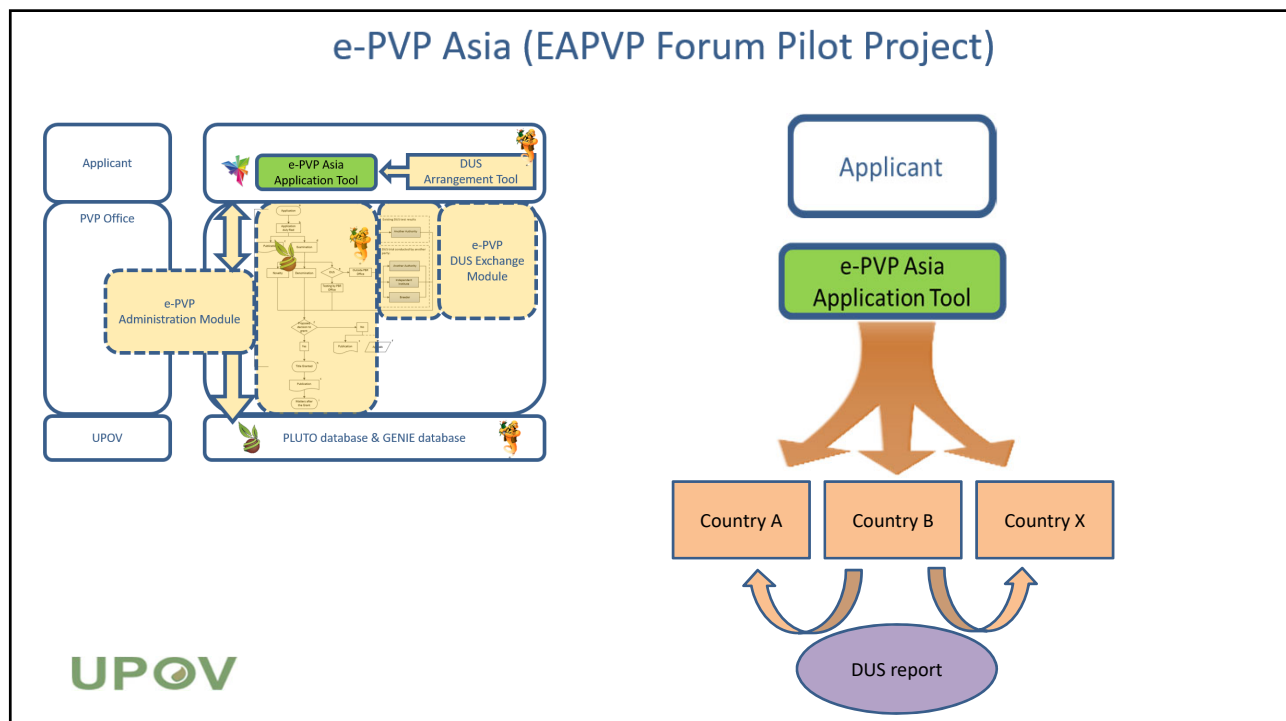
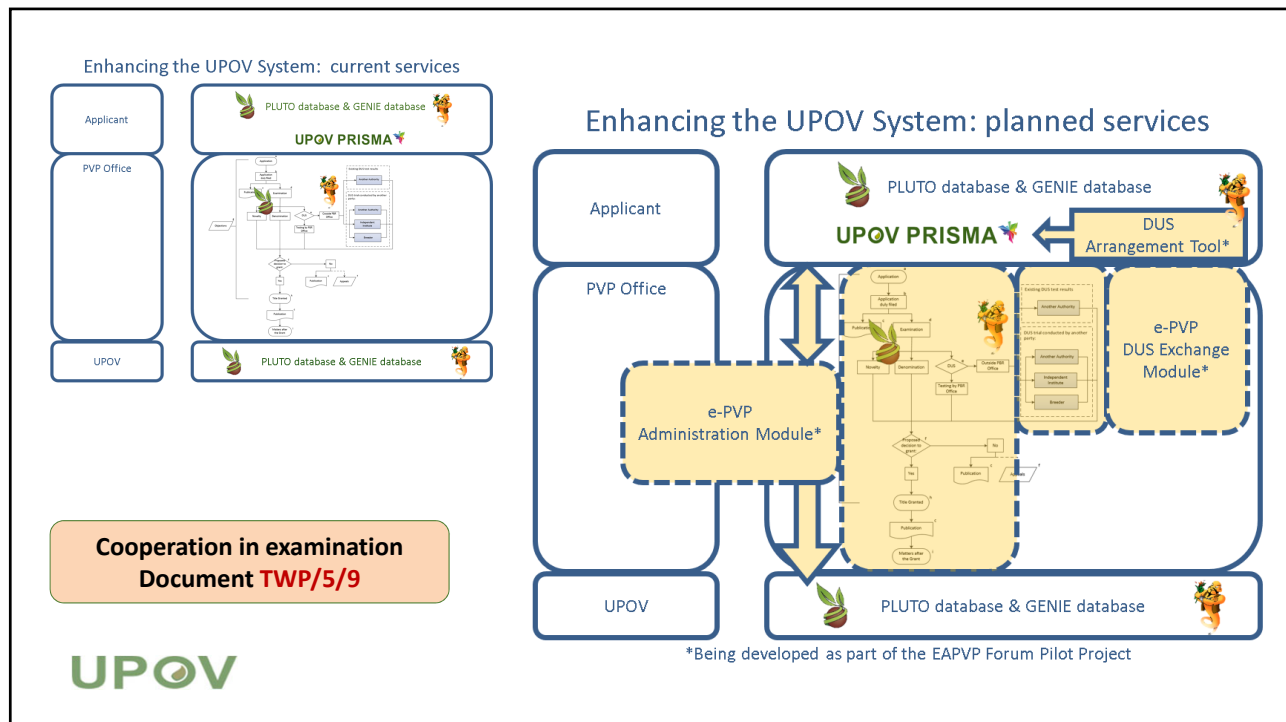
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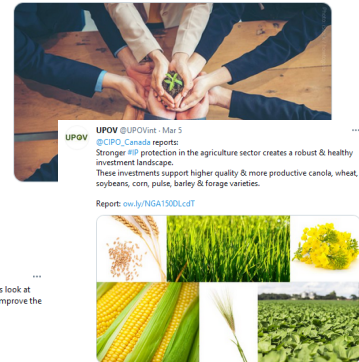
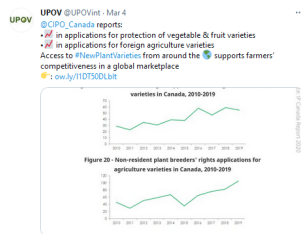


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## Communicating information about UPOV members e.g. Canada – UPOV anniversary - March 4



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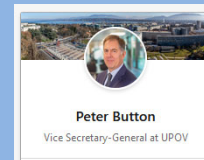
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