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REPORT

adopted by the Meeting on the development of an electronic application form

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# Welcome and opening

The Fifteenth Meeting on the Development of an Electronic Form (EAF/15 meeting), which was organized via electronic means, was opened and chaired by Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General of UPOV, who welcomed the participants.

The list of participants is reproduced in Annex I to this report.

# Approval of the agenda

The meeting adopted the draft agenda as proposed in document UPOV/EAF/15/1.

# Developments concerning UPOV PRISMA

The meeting considered document UPOV/EAF/15/2 “Developments concerning UPOV PRISMA” and received a presentation by the Office of the Union on the latest developments concerning UPOV PRISMA, a copy of which is reproduced in Annex II to this document.

## Current Version of UPOV PRISMA

The participants noted that version 2.4 of UPOV PRISMA (V2.4) was released on February 24, 2020, with the following new functionalities:

* new interface, making it easier to navigate through the forms and with a direct communication tool to the UPOV PRISMA team;
* re-introduction of UPOV PRISMA fee (90 Swiss francs per PVP application made using UPOV PRISMA). This fee is in addition to the PVP application fee(s) for the UPOV member concerned. In the case of the United Kingdom, the UPOV PRISMA fee is paid by the United Kingdom PVP Office.

## Use of UPOV PRISMA

The participants noted the information in relation to the use of UPOV PRISMA (as of March 24, 2020), as reported in Annex III of this document.

## Version 2.5 of UPOV PRISMA

The participants noted that following authorities had indicated their intention to be part of Version 2.5:

| Authority | | intention to participate in Version 2.5 | Anticipated crop coverage in Version 2.5 |
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| Japan | JP | 🗸 | To be confirmed |
| Singapore | SG | 🗸 | All genera and species |

The participants noted the following anticipated changes in relation to coverage of crop and species in UPOV PRISMA Version 2.5, compared to Version 2.4:

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| Authority | | Anticipated new crop coverage in Version 2.5 |
| European Union | QZ | Maize |
| China | CN | Selected crops |

The participants noted that the following new functionalities were planned to be included in UPOV PRISMA Version 2.5:

* New version of payment interface (Epay V2) to facilitate payment by PayPal, China Union Pay and Bulk payment;
* National Listing for United Kingdom;
* Bulk upload functionality;
* Addition of national characteristics for the Netherlands;
* Customization of OAPI form layout;
* Machine-to-machine communication for Japan;
* Synchronization between UPOV PRISMA and CPVO for TQ changes;
* Machine-to-machine communication with Kenya and Uruguay.

The participants noted that UPOV PRISMA Version 2.5 was anticipated to be released in November 2020, with a possible intermediate version if necessary and according to available resources for the following elements:

* Epay V2;
* OAPI Layout;
* National characteristics for Netherlands;
* Japan (pilot crops).

## Possible future developments

The participants noted that following members have expressed an interest to join UPOV PRISMA at a future date: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nicaragua, United Republic of Tanzania and Uzbekistan.

The participants noted that the following new functionalities were being considered for a future Version of UPOV PRISMA:

* Information on DUS cooperation (DUS Arrangement Recommendation Tool (DART));
* More PVP offices with machine-to-machine links/ communication to UPOV PRISMA;
* Machine translation;
* More countries with National Listing;
* Crop-specific TQs beyond Test Guidelines.

The participants also noted the plans to develop a “PVP Office management interface” to assist members of the Union to receive, process and manage application data from UPOV PRISMA.

## Variation in forms

The participants noted that in relation to the report on variation between the Technical Questionnaire of participating authorities in UPOV PRISMA between UPOV members and the UPOV model application form, there had not been sufficient resources to produce a report for the EAF/15 meeting. It therefore agreed to invite the Office of the Union to present a report at the EAF/16 meeting.

## Communication and promotion

The participants noted that the focus for communication in 2020 would be on registered UPOV PRISMA users.

# Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the EAF (EAF/16 meeting) was agreed to be held in Geneva on the evening of October 27, 2020[[1]](#footnote-1)\*, with participation by electronic means.

*31. This report was adopted by correspondence.*

[Annexes follow]

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1. \* Since the adoption of the EAF/15 Report, the date of the EAF/16 meeting was changed to October 23, 2020, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., by electronic means only. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)