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8.30     Registration

9.30     Welcome address by Mr. Francis Gurry, Secretary-General, UPOV

9.35     Opening by Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda, President of the Council of UPOV

Session I: Technical and legal aspects of essentially derived varieties and the possible impact on breeding and agriculture
Moderator: Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

9.45     The development of the provisions on essentially derived varieties
         Mr. Joël Guiard, Chairman of the Technical Committee of UPOV

10.00    Essentially derived varieties under the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention:
         a brief history
         Mr. Raimundo Lavignolle, Plant Variety Register Director,
         National Seed Institute (INASE), Argentina

10.15    A technical perspective on essentially derived varieties
         Ms. Hedwich Teunissen, Naktuinbouw, Netherlands

10.30    A legal perspective on essentially derived varieties
         Mr. Gert Würtenberger, Würtenberger Kunze, Germany

10.45    Coffee

11.20    Views of the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA) on essentially derived varieties
         Mr. Edgar Krieger, Secretary General, CIOPORA
         Mr. Jan de Riek, Molecular Genetics & Breeding - Group Leader, Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO), Belgium, Board member of CIOPORA

11.40    Views of the International Seed Federation (ISF) on essentially derived varieties
         Mr. Marcel Bruins, Secretary General, ISF
         Mr. Stephen Smith, DuPont Pioneer, United States of America, Chairman of the ISF Intellectual Property Committee
12.00  Essentially derived varieties and the perspective of farmer-breederers  
       Ms. Normita Gumasing Ignacio, Executive Director, South East Asia Regional Initiatives of Community Empowerment (SEARICE)

12.15  Essentially derived varieties and the perspective of growers  
       Ms. Mia Buma, Secretary, Committee for Novelty Protection, International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)

12.30  Lunch

14.30  Discussions on Session I

15.00  Experience on essentially derived varieties in Australia  
       Mr. Doug Waterhouse, PBR Registrar, IP Australia

15.15  Court decisions concerning essentially derived varieties in the Netherlands  
       Mr. Tjeerd F. W. Overdijk, Vondst Advocaten N.V., Netherlands

15.30  Court decision concerning essentially derived varieties in Israel  
       Mr. Arnan Gabrieli, Seligsohn Gabrieli & Co., Israel

15.45  Experience on essentially derived varieties in Japan  
       Mr. Mitsutaro Fujisada, Senior Policy Advisor: Intellectual Property, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan

16.00  Coffee

16.30  The role of “soft law”/guidance in different jurisdictions  
       Mr. Charles Lawson, Associate Professor, School of Law, Griffith University, Nathan Queensland, Australia

16.45  Possible role of future UPOV guidance in cases before the courts  
       Mr. Gordon Humphreys, Member of the Second Board of Appeal, Office for the Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM)

17.00  Possible role of arbitration, mediation and expert determination  
       Mr. Erik Wilbers, Director, Arbitration and Mediation Center of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

17.15  Discussion on Sessions II and III

17.50  Closing remarks by Ms. Kitisri Sukhapinda, President of the Council of UPOV

18.00  End of Seminar

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