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SEMINAR ON PROPAGATING AND HARVESTED MATERIAL IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UPOV CONVENTION
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8.30  Registration

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

9.35  Opening by Mr. Raimundo Lavignolle, Vice-President of the Council of UPOV

9.40  Development of UPOV guidance on propagating and harvested material
Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

Session I: Perspectives on the notions of propagating material and harvested material
Moderator: Mr. Button

9.50  Perspective of the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA)
Mr. Andrea Mansuino, President, CIOPORA

10.10 Perspective of the Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations (COPA) – General Committee for Agricultural Cooperation in the European Union (COGECA)
Mr. Thor Gunnar Kofod, Denmark

10.30 Perspective of the European Coordination Via Campesina
Mr. Guy Kastler

10.50 Perspective of the International Seed Federation (ISF)
Mr. Michael Keller, Secretary-General, ISF

11.10 Coffee
Session II: Analysis of court decisions on propagating material and harvested material

Moderator: Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Legal Counsel, UPOV

11.30  Mr. Axel Metzger  
University of Humboldt, Germany

11.50  Mr. Fernando Ardila  
Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria (INTA), Argentina

12.10  Mr. Herbert Zech  
University of Basel, Switzerland

12.30  Lunch

Session III: Experiences concerning propagating material and harvested material

Moderator: Mr. Martin Ekvad, Chair of the Administrative and Legal Committee of UPOV

14.30  Mr. Gert Würtenberger  
Würtenberger Kunze, Germany

14.50  Mr. Antonio Villarroel  
Asociación Nacional de Obtentores Vegetales (ANOVE), Spain  
European Seed Association (ESA)

15.10  Mr. Nik Hulse  
Chief of Plant Breeders' Rights, Plant Breeder's Rights Office, IP Australia

15.30  Mr. Geert Staring  
Breeders Trust, Belgium

15.50  Ms. Carmen Gianni  
Instituto Nacional de Semillas (INASE), Argentina

16.10  Mr. Casper van Kempen  
Anti-Infringement Bureau for Intellectual Property Rights on Plant Material (AIB), Belgium

16.30  Coffee

16.45  Panel Discussion  
Moderator: Mr. Lavignolle  
Panel members: (to be confirmed)

17.25  Closing remarks by Mr. Ekvad

17.30  End of Seminar

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