SYMPOSIUM ON CONTRACTS IN RELATION TO PLANT BREEDERS’ RIGHTS

Geneva, October 31, 2008

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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9.00 – 9.30  Registration

9.30 – 9.45  Welcome and opening remarks by the Secretary-General of UPOV

**Session I:** Legal framework in selected UPOV members: relevant laws and jurisprudence
Chairman: Mr. Rolf Jördens, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

9.45 – 10.15  Mr. Doug Waterhouse, Chief, Plant Breeders’ Rights Office, Australia

10.15 – 10.45  Mrs. Carmen Gianni, Coordinator of Intellectual Property Area, *Instituto Nacional de Semillas* (INASE), Argentina

10.45 – 11.15  Mr. Nobuyoshi Takahashi, Deputy Director (Legal Advisor), Plant Variety Production and Seed Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan

11.15 – 11.30  Coffee break
Session I: Legal framework in selected UPOV members: relevant laws and jurisprudence (continued)

11.30 – 12.00 Mr. Martin Ekvad, Head of the Legal Unit, Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO), European Community

Session II: Experiences of breeders: role of contracts in the exercise of breeders’ rights
Chairman: Mr. Rolf Jördens, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

12.00 – 12.30 Mr. Antonio Villarroel, Managing Director, GESLIVE, Spain
12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

Session II: Experiences of breeders: role of contracts in the exercise of breeders’ rights (continued)

14.00 – 14.30 Mr. John Grace, Pioneer, United States of America
14.30 – 15.00 Mrs. Dominique Thevenon, AIGN®, France
15.00 – 15.30 Mr. Chris Green, Senova Limited, United Kingdom
15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break
15.45 – 16.45 Panel discussion (all speakers)
16.45 – 17.00 Closing Remarks by the Chairman

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