Symposium on the Benefits of Plant Variety Protection for Farmers and Growers

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Session I: The Role of PVP in Improving Incomes for Farmers and Growers

The UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection:

• Encourages the breeding of new varieties - enabling farmers to respond to the environmental and economic challenges confronting agriculture

• Provides farmers and growers with access to the best local and global varieties

• Enables variety choice to be combined with information and delivery of good quality planting material

• Is a tool for capturing value through farmer cooperation

• Facilitates “WIN-WIN” cooperation between farmers and breeders

• Provides business opportunities for small farmers and growers

• Has the potential to be even more effective through improvements in implementation
The UPOV System of Plant Variety Protection:

• Provides an incentive for farmers and growers to become breeders
• Enables any farmer or grower to use the best available, protected varieties for breeding work
• Offers an effective and transparent system that is easily accessible for small and medium-sized enterprises
• Enables farmers and growers to develop local, national and international businesses
• Empowers farmers and growers in the production chain

• … BUT we need to explain it better