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FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF NEW VARIETIES  
OF PLANTS  
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### ACCESSION OF KENYA TO THE 1991 ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

The Government of Kenya deposited its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention<sup>\*</sup> on April 11, 2016.

Kenya, which is already one of the seventy-four members of UPOV, is the fifty-sixth member to become bound by the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The 1991 Act will enter into force for Kenya on May 11, 2016, one month after the deposit of its instrument of accession.

The purpose of UPOV is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society.

UPOV is an intergovernmental organization based in Geneva.

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<sup>\*</sup> International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961, as revised in Geneva on November 10, 1972, on October 23, 1978, and on March 19, 1991.