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Examination of Draft Laws by the Council

Positive decision on the Draft Act of Zimbabwe

The Council took a positive decision on the conformity of the “Draft Plant Breeders Rights Act of Zimbabwe” (“Draft Act”) with the 1991 Act of UPOV Convention, which allows Zimbabwe once the Draft Act is adopted with no changes and the Law is in force, to deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act.

Positive decision on the Draft Law of the United Arab Emirates

The Council took a positive decision on the conformity of the “Draft Law on Plant Variety Protection of the United Arab Emirates” (“Draft Law”) with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention, which allows the United Arab Emirates once the Draft Law is adopted with no changes and the Law is in force, to deposit its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act.

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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.

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