

WIPO-UPOV SYMPOSIUM ON THE CO -EXISTENCE OF PATENTS AND PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS IN THE PROMOTION OF BIOTECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

CLOSING REMARKS
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Symposium has given an excellent opportunity to understand relevant matters and to identify measures which might be necessary for the balanced co -existence of patents and plant breeders' rights, in particular:

- the necessity of well identified measures based on reliable research;
- clarification of the scope of the research exemption in the national laws;
- the policy that the industry is likely to follow concerning protection of biotechnological inventions or breeding work;
- good cooperation in the fields of patents and plant breeders' rights.

On behalf of Dr. Kamil Idris, in his capacity as Director General of WIPO and Secretary General of UPOV, I would like to express thanks:

- to all the participants that have congregated here;
- to the speakers who have contributed to a decisive extent to enlighten discussions on this subject;
- the moderators for guiding discussions; and
- from an organizational point of view, particular thanks is given to all those who, without being specifically mentioned, have put a great effort into making this Symposium a success;
- Moreover, I would like to express my gratitude to the interpreters for their efficient work.

I would like to mention that this WIPO -UPOV Symposium has had around 220 participants, including speakers, moderators and Secretariat.

On behalf of the participants, speakers and moderators, I would like to thank WIPO and UPOV for the successful organization of this event, and, more particularly, for having the foresight to identify this important issue.

Finally, I declare the WIPO -UPOV Symposium on the Co -existence of Patents and Plant Breeders' rights in the Promotion of Biotechnological Developments closed.