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My name is Enriqueta Molina Macías, I am the Director General of the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service (SNICS) of the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture.

**How has your country benefitted from being a member of UPOV and the breeder's right system?**

Membership has done a great deal to encourage the development of new varieties, both within national institutions and also as a reference point concerning Mexico's competitiveness. The first question for breeders anywhere in the world is whether we belong to UPOV. Joining the Union has been vital in terms of access to and transfer of technologies in terms of plant varieties.