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ACCESS TO UPOV DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION

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1. This document reports on developments with regard to access to UPOV documents and publication of information.

DOCUMENTS ON THE UPOV WEBSITE

2. The Consultative Committee, at its eighty-eighth session, held in Geneva on October 15, 2014, noted that a total of around 7,000 historic documents had been scanned and reproduced as electronic, word-recognizable documents. It further noted that the records of the diplomatic conferences on the revisions of the UPOV Convention, documents of meetings of UPOV with international organizations (IOM documents) and issues of the Plant Variety Protection Gazette and Newsletter had already been uploaded on the UPOV website. In parallel with that process, the Consultative Committee heard that a systematic review had been made of the existing documents posted under the UPOV "Meeting Documents" section to identify and rectify errors and omissions that had occurred during the migration to the redesigned website in 2011-2012. With regard to the remaining work, to upload older UPOV session documents and older documents from UPOV seminars, it noted that the work would be done on an *ad hoc* basis as resources allowed. The Consultative Committee noted that the work would not be given a high priority because there had been limited demand for the documents concerned and the documents were now all available electronically and could be provided on demand (see document CC/88/16 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 51).

3. Since the eighty-eighth session of the Consultative Committee, the uploading of all available Council documents of the ordinary and extraordinary sessions has been completed. Documents of the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) and Technical Committee (TC) sessions back to 1989 and 1979, respectively, have also been uploaded.

PUBLICATION OF THE LIST OF OBSERVERS IN UPOV BODIES

4. To date, the resources of the Office of the Union have not allowed the posting on the UPOV website of the date of granting of observer status in the list of observers in UPOV bodies.

DATABASE OF CONSULTANTS

5. The Consultative Committee, at its eighty-eighth session, agreed that information concerning consultants that were used by UPOV in 2014 be presented to the Consultative Committee at its ninetieth session, in October 2015, on the same basis as in the Annex to document CC/87/3 "Access to UPOV documents and publication of information".

6. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note:*

(a) the information on historic documents that have been uploaded on the UPOV website; and

(b) that information concerning consultants that were used by UPOV in 2014 will be presented to the Consultative Committee at its ninetieth session, in October 2015, on the same basis as in the Annex to document CC/87/3 "Access to UPOV documents and publication of information".

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