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ADDENDUM TO
DEVELOPMENTS OF RELEVANCE TO UPOV IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA

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1. On February 27, 2013, Mr. Chikelu Mba, Agricultural Officer (Plant Genetic Resources Use), Plant Production and Protection Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), contacted the Office of the Union with a request from the "Plant Genetic Resources and Seeds Team and a number of other functional units, especially the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture," to enquire into the availability of UPOV to work with them on the "definition of mechanisms for enhancing public private partnerships in pre-breeding." It was explained that they had identified UPOV "as a potential valuable member of a multi-stakeholder team to work on this based on its track record".
2. The first step of UPOV's involvement would be the participation of the Office of the Union in "an expert consultation being planned for the week of May 27 to 31, 2013, in Rome. This will coincide and/or overlap with the International Symposium on Genetics and Breeding of Durum Wheat scheduled for the same period and city." Mr. Mba noted that, once the Office of the Union has agreed to participate, additional information and specific requests would be made.
3. It is proposed to approve the participation of the Office of the Union in the work on the definition of mechanisms for enhancing public private partnerships in pre-breeding, as set out above.
4. *The Consultative Committee is invited to approve the participation of the Office of the Union in the work on the definition of mechanisms for enhancing public private partnerships in pre-breeding, as set out in paragraphs 1 to 3, above.*

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