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### OBSERVERS IN UPOV BODIES

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1. The purpose of this document is to consider the following matters concerning observers in UPOV bodies:

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#### ANNEX: OBSERVERS IN UPOV BODIES

##### I. OBSERVER STATUS IN UPOV BODIES

2. The “Rules Governing the Granting of Observer Status to States, Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations in UPOV Bodies” (Granting Rules) (see [http://www.upov.int/export/sites/upov/members/en/pdf/rules\\_observer\\_status.pdf](http://www.upov.int/export/sites/upov/members/en/pdf/rules_observer_status.pdf)) provide that “[t]he Consultative Committee will be informed, on a regular basis, of the list of observer States and organizations in UPOV bodies and *ad hoc* invitations to attend a particular session of a UPOV body” (Granting Rules, paragraph 8). At its seventy-seventh session, held in Geneva on April 3, 2009, the Consultative Committee agreed that the item “Granting of Observer Status to States, Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations in UPOV Bodies and Access to UPOV Documents” should become a standard item for the October sessions of the Consultative Committee (see document CC/77/11 “Report”, paragraph 56).

3. The Consultative Committee noted, at its seventy-eighth session held in Geneva on October 21, 2009, that a document entitled “Observers in UPOV Bodies” would be prepared for the October sessions of the Consultative Committee containing the list of observers in UPOV bodies, a report on *ad hoc* invitations to attend a particular session of a UPOV body and any request from intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations for granting of observer status in UPOV bodies (see document CC/78/5, paragraph 3 and document CC/78/15 “Report”, paragraphs 58 to 60). The list of observers in UPOV bodies is contained in the Annex to this document (see also <http://www.upov.int/members/en/observers.html>).

United Arab Emirates

4. In accordance with the Granting Rules (see paragraph 2(a)(i) of the Granting Rules), the Office of the Union has, since the eighty-eighth session of the Consultative Committee, granted observer status to the United Arab Emirates in the Council.

*5. The Consultative Committee is invited to note the granting of observer status to the United Arab Emirates in the Council.*

II. AD HOC INVITATIONS

6. In accordance with the Granting Rules (see Granting Rules, paragraph 2(a)(iii), 2(c)(iii) and 2(e)(iii)) the Consultative Committee is hereby informed that, since the eighty-eighth session of the Consultative Committee, experts from the following States/Organizations have been issued with *ad hoc* invitations:

(a) Honduras to attend the fifty-first session of the Technical Committee (TC), held in Geneva on March 23 to 25, 2015;

(b) Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Lao People's democratic Republic, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand to attend the forty-fourth session of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA), held in Obihiro, Japan, on July 6 to 10, 2015;

(c) Philippines and Thailand, to attend the forty-sixth session of the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF), held in Mpumalanga, South Africa, on August 24 to 28, 2015;

(d) Thailand and the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) to attend the forty-eighth session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), held in Cambridge, United Kingdom, on September 14 to 18, 2015;

(e) Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand to attend the forty-ninth session of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV), held in Angers, France, on June 15 to 19, 2015;

(f) the Islamic Republic of Iran and the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) to attend the fourteenth session of the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT) held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on November 10 to 13, 2014.

*7. The Consultative Committee is invited to note the ad hoc invitations issued to experts, as reported in paragraph 6 above.*

III. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR IP MANAGEMENT (I<sup>3</sup>PM)

8. The request of the International Institute for IP Management (I<sup>3</sup>PM) for the granting of observer status in the Council of UPOV is contained in document CC/90/16 "Request of the International Institute for IP Management (I<sup>3</sup>PM)".

[Annex follows]

## OBSERVERS IN UPOV BODIES

## 1. STATES

<i>State</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>CAJ</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>TWP</i>
Algeria	2	✓	✓	✓	
Armenia	1	✓	✓		
Bangladesh		✓			
Barbados	2	✓			
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	✓	✓		
Brunei Darussalam	2	✓			
Burkina Faso	1	✓			
Burundi		✓			
Cambodia	2	✓			
Côte d'Ivoire	1	✓			
Cuba	2	✓			
Cyprus	2	✓			
Djibouti		✓			
Dominica		✓			
Egypt	1	✓	✓	✓	
El Salvador	2	✓			
Fiji		✓			
Gabon	1	✓			
Ghana	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greece		✓	✓		✓
Guatemala	1	✓		✓	
Guyana		✓			
Honduras	1	✓	✓		
India	1	✓	✓	✓	
Indonesia	2	✓			
Iran, Islamic Republic of	2	✓			
Iraq	2	✓			
Jamaica		✓			
Kazakhstan	1	✓	✓		
Lebanon		✓			
Libya	2	✓			
Luxembourg		✓			
Madagascar		✓			
Malawi		✓			
Malaysia	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mauritius	1	✓	✓	✓	
Mongolia		✓			

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\* 1: States which have initiated with the Council the procedure for becoming members of the Union.

2: States which have been in contact with the Office of the Union for assistance in the development of legislation on plant variety protection.

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<i>State</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>CAJ</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>TWP</i>
Pakistan	2	✓	✓		
Philippines	1	✓			
Saudi Arabia	2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senegal	1	✓			
Seychelles		✓			
Sri Lanka		✓			
Sudan	2	✓			
Suriname		✓			
Syrian Arab Republic		✓			
Tajikistan	1	✓	✓	✓	
Thailand	2	✓	✓		
Tonga	2	✓			
Turkmenistan	2	✓	✓		
Uganda		✓			
United Arab Emirates	2	✓			
United Republic of Tanzania	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Venezuela	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yemen		✓			
Zambia	2	✓			
Zimbabwe	1	✓	✓	✓	

2. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

<i>Intergovernmental organization</i>	**	<i>Council</i>	<i>CAJ</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>TWP</i>
African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	1	✓			
Andean Community		✓			
Bioversity International (former International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, IPGRI)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)		✓			
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)		✓	✓		
European Patent Organisation (EPO)		✓	✓		
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)		✓		✓	
International Seed Testing Association (ISTA)		✓		✓	✓
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)		✓		✓	✓
South Centre		✓	✓		
The World Conservation Union (IUCN)		✓			
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)		✓			
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)		✓			
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)		✓			
World Bank		✓			
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)		✓	✓		
World Trade Organization (WTO)		✓	✓		

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\*\* 1: Organizations which have initiated with the Council the procedure for becoming members of the Union.

2: Organizations which have been in contact with the Office of the Union for assistance in the development of legislation on plant variety protection.

3. INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

<i>International non-governmental organization</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>CAJ</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>TWP</i>
African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society (APBREBES)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Association of European Horticultural Breeders (AOHE)	✓			
Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)	✓			
Committee of Agricultural Organizations in the European Union (COPA)	✓			
Committee of National Institutes of Patent Agents (CNIPA)	✓			
CropLife International	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Coordination Via Campesina (ECVC)	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Federation of Agents of Industry in Industrial Property (FEMIP)	✓			
European Federation of Agricultural and Rural Contractors (CEETTAR)	✓			
European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries' Associations (EFPIA)	✓			
European Seed Association (ESA)	✓	✓	✓	✓
General Committee for Agricultural Co-operation in the European Union (COGECA)	✓			
International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)	✓			
International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)	✓	✓	✓	
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	✓			
International Commission for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants of the International Union for Biological Sciences (IUBS) (ICNCP)	✓			
International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA)	✓	✓	✓	✓
International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI)	✓			
International Seed Federation (ISF)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seed Association of the Americas (SAA)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Union of European Practitioners in Industrial Property (UNION)	✓			
Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe (UNICE)	✓			
World Farmers' Organisation (WFO)	✓	✓	✓	

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