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OBSERVERS IN UPOV BODIES

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1. The purpose of this document is to report on matters concerning observers in UPOV bodies, and in particular, the granting of observer status to States by the Office of the Union and the issue of *ad hoc* invitations to experts from an intergovernmental organization.

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I. BACKGROUND

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/information_documents/en/) 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>).

Kazakhstan

4. In accordance with the Granting Rules (see paragraphs 2(d)(i) and 2(e)(i) of the Granting Rules), the Office of the Union has, since the ninety-second session of the Consultative Committee, granted observer status to Kazakhstan in the Technical Committee (TC) and the Technical Working Parties (TWPs).

5. The Consultative Committee is invited to note the granting of observer status to Kazakhstan in the Technical Committee and the Technical Working Parties.

Myanmar

6. In accordance with the Granting Rules (see paragraph 2(a)(i) of the Granting Rules), the Office of the Union has, since the ninety-second session of the Consultative Committee, granted observer status to Myanmar in the Council.

7. The Consultative Committee is invited to note the granting of observer status to Myanmar in the Council.

Thailand

8. In accordance with the Granting Rules (see paragraph 2(e)(i) of the Granting Rules), the Office of the Union has, since the ninety-second session of the Consultative Committee, granted observer status to Thailand in the TWPs.

9. The Consultative Committee is invited to note the granting of observer status to Thailand in the Technical Working Parties.

II. *AD HOC INVITATIONS*

10. In accordance with the Granting Rules (see Granting Rules, paragraphs 2(a)(iii), 2(c)(iii) and 2(e)(iii)) the Consultative Committee is hereby informed that, since the ninety-second session of the Consultative Committee, experts from the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) have been issued with *ad hoc* invitations to attend the fifty-third session of the TC, held in Geneva from April 3 to 5, 2017, and the seventy-fourth session of the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ), held in Geneva on October 23 and 24, 2017.

11. The Consultative Committee is invited to note the ad hoc invitations issued to experts, as reported in paragraph 4 above.

III. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NOMENCLATURE OF CULTIVATED PLANTS (ICNCP)

12. The request of the ICNCP for the extension of observer status to the CAJ and the TC is contained in document CC/94/17 "Request of the International Commission for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants".

13. The Consultative Committee is invited to note that the request of the International Commission for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants (ICNCP) will be considered on the basis of document CC/94/17.

[Annex follows]

OBSERVERS IN UPOV BODIES

1. STATES

<i>State</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>CAJ</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>TWPs</i>
Algeria	2	✓	✓	✓	
Armenia	1	✓	✓		
Bangladesh		✓			
Barbados	2	✓			
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	✓	✓		
Brunei Darussalam	1	✓			
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	1	✓			
Iraq	2	✓			
Jamaica	2	✓			
Kazakhstan	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lebanon		✓			
Libya	2	✓			
Luxembourg		✓			

* 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.

<i>State</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>CAJ</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>TWPs</i>
Madagascar		✓			
Malawi		✓			
Malaysia	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mauritius	1	✓	✓	✓	
Myanmar	1	✓			
Mongolia		✓			
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	✓			
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yemen	1	✓			
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 System Organization)		✓			
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)		✓	✓		
European Patent Office (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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3. INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

<i>International non-governmental organization</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>CAJ</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>TWPs</i>
African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society (APBEBES)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Association of European Horticultural Breeders (AOHE)	✓			
Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)	✓			
International Commission for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants (ICNCP) of the International Union for Biological Sciences (IUBS)	✓			
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 Organisation of Agricultural, Rural and Forestry 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 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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