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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.
 - 2. The structure of this document is as follows:
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I. BACKGROUND

3. The “Rules Governing the Granting of Observer Status to States, Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations in UPOV Bodies” (Granting Rules) (see https://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).

4. 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 <https://www.upov.int/members/en/observers.html>).

5. Since the ninety-seventh session of the Consultative Committee to the date of this document no new request for observer status has been received.

II. *AD HOC* INVITATIONS

6. Since the ninety-seventh session of the Consultative Committee to the date of this document no *ad hoc* invitations have been issued.

7. The Consultative Committee is invited to note the information provided in this document.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

OBSERVERS IN UPOV BODIES

1. STATES

<i>State</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>CAJ</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>TWPs</i>
Afghanistan	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Algeria	2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Armenia	1	✓	✓		
Bangladesh		✓			
Barbados	2	✓			
Brunei Darussalam	1	✓			
Burkina Faso	1	✓			
Burundi		✓			
Cambodia	2	✓			
Côte d'Ivoire	1	✓			
Cuba	2	✓			
Cyprus	2	✓			
Djibouti		✓			
Dominica		✓			
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	1	✓			
Kazakhstan	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lebanon		✓			
Libya	2	✓			
Liechtenstein	2	✓			

* 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>
Luxembourg		✓			
Madagascar		✓			
Malawi		✓			
Malaysia	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mauritius	1	✓	✓	✓	
Mongolia	1	✓			
Myanmar	1	✓			
Nigeria	1	✓	✓	✓	
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	1	✓			
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)	✓			
Euroseeds	✓	✓	✓	✓
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 Horticultural Plants (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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