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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This document reports on developments of relevance to UPOV in other international fora since the ninety-eighth session of the Consultative Committee, held on October 28, 2021, via electronic means, that are not otherwise reported to the Consultative Committee or other UPOV bodies.

2. The Consultative Committee is invited to note:

- (a) the developments concerning the CBD;
- (b) the developments in FAO;
- (c) the developments in ITPGRFA;
- (d) the developments concerning the DIVERSIFARM Project;
- (e) the developments concerning the Global Conference on Green Development of Seed Industries;
- (f) the developments concerning cooperation between FAO, WIPO and UPOV;
- (g) the developments in OECD;
- (h) the developments in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); and
- (i) the developments in the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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| I. CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD) | |

Consultations with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

4. The Consultative Committee, at its ninety-fifth session, held in Geneva on November 1, 2018, requested the Vice Secretary-General to consult the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) on how the objectives of the CBD and ITPGRFA might be reflected in the FAQ "What is the relationship between the UPOV Convention and international treaties concerning genetic resources, e.g. the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)?" (FAQ on CBD, ITPGRFA and UPOV), and to explore means on how to facilitate the exchanges of experiences and information on the implementation of the UPOV Convention, the CBD and the ITPGRFA.

5. Developments concerning the draft FAQ on CBD, ITPGRFA and UPOV are considered under agenda item 15 "Communication strategy" (see documents CC/99/6 and CC/99/6 Add).

Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15), Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP-MOP 10) and Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (NP-MOP 4)

6. The first part of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15), Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP-MOP 10), and Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (NP-MOP 4) in Kunming, China, was held from October 11 to 15, 2021, The Office of the Union participated in the meetings by electronic means.

7. The relevant documents are available at the webpage of those sessions, which are accessible at: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2021-2022/cop-15/documents>, <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2021-2022/cp-mop-10/documents> and <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2021-2022/np-mop-04/documents>.

8. The second part of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15), Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP-MOP 10), and Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (NP-MOP 4) will be held in Montreal, Canada from December 7 to 19, 2022. The Office of the Union plans to participate in the meetings by electronic means.

Twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 24), Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-03) and Third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-3)

9. The Office of the Union attended the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 24), the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-03) and the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-3) held from March 14 to 29, 2022, in Geneva, Switzerland.

10. Relevant documents are available at the webpage of those sessions, which are accessible at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBSTTA-24>, <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-03> and <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/WG2020-03>.

11. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note the developments concerning the CBD.*

III. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)

FAO Council

12. The Office of the Union attended certain parts of the 169th Session of the FAO Council, held in hybrid form on April 8, 2022. The relevant documents are available at: <https://www.fao.org/about/meetings/council/cl169/en/>.

28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG 28)

13. The Office of the Union attended certain parts of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG 28), held in virtual form from July 18 to 22, 2022. Relevant documents are available at: <https://www.fao.org/about/meetings/coag/coag-28/list-of-documents/en/>.

Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA)

14. The background to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) is provided in document CC/98/12 "Developments of relevance to UPOV in other international fora", paragraphs 18 to 21.

15. The Office of the Union attended by electronic means certain parts of the Eighteenth Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, held from 27 September to 1 October 2021 (CGRFA/18). Documents are available at: <http://www.fao.org/cgrfa/meetings/detail/en/c/1414719/>

16. The Office of the Union made the following intervention on September 30, 2022, at CGRFA/18, under Item 15 "Cooperation with international instruments and organizations":

"By encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, the UPOV system encourages the use of genetic resources for the benefit of society and adds to diversity. The benefits of new varieties are of particular importance to farmers. A recent survey conducted by the World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) on farmers needs and expectations on new improved plant varieties showed that 71 % of responding farmers use new improved plant varieties on their farms. More than 80 % of those farmers said that new plant varieties were important in responding to climate change and more than 80 % also considered new improved plant varieties to be important for the sustainability of food systems.

"I would like to highlight some new developments since the last CGRFA Regular Session with regard to the increasing diversity in new varieties.

“UPOV saw a record number of 21,265 plant variety protection applications in 2019, representing a rise of 8% compared to 2018. The number of titles issued increased by 11% from 13,274 in 2018 to 14,688 in 2019.

“From the establishment of UPOV to the end of 2019, more than 300,000 titles for new plant varieties had been issued by UPOV members. More than 170,000 of those titles are no longer in force, meaning those varieties can be grown without the breeder’s authorization.

“The number of plant genera and species for which plant variety protection has been sought has risen by 32% since 2010, and now stands at 4,701.

“These very positive developments in UPOV are clear indications of the encouragement of the use of genetic resources for the benefit of society by enabling farmers to have access to more and better varieties. As we have heard, these new, improved varieties have been identified by farmers as being important in responding to climate change and for the sustainability of food systems.”

17. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note the developments in FAO.*

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

Developments at the fifty-fifth ordinary session of the Council

18. The Council, at its fifty-second ordinary session held in Geneva on October 29, 2021, considered document C/55/13 “Report by the President on the work of the ninety-eighth session of the Consultative Committee; adoption of recommendations, if any, prepared by that Committee”, paragraphs 36 to 38 (see document C/55/18 “Report”, paragraph 23).

19. The Council noted the intervention by the Delegation of Norway which “recalled that the Consultative Committee, at its ninety-seventh session, had noted that the Delegation of Norway would propose that the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) contact the Office of the Union to explore the possibilities for free access to and use of the information in the PLUTO database, including downloading information, for example by linking PLUTO to GLIS and requested an update on that matter. The Vice Secretary-General reported that he had met virtually with Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary of the ITPGRFA, on November 25, 2020, to discuss that matter. He reported that he had provided information on the PLUTO database and had explained that UPOV would be willing to discuss options according to the interest of the ITPGRFA” (see document C/55/13, paragraph 37).

20. The Governing Body of the ITPGRFA, at its Ninth Session (see below section on GB/9), held from September 19 to 24, 2022, noted the report on collaboration with UPOV provided in document IT/GB- 9/22/16.4 Rev.1 “Report on Cooperation with Other International Bodies and Organizations”. In relation to PLUTO, document IT/GB-9/22/16.4 Rev.1 provided the following update (paragraph 14):

“The Secretary [of the ITPGRFA] initiated discussions with the Office of UPOV on possible cooperation regarding the Global Information System (GLIS) and the PLUTO database. This was in response to the request made at the Eighth Session of the Governing Body, ‘encourag[ing] the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) to explore possibilities for free access to and use of the information in the PLUTO database, including downloading information, for example by linking PLUTO to GLIS”.

First Special Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

21. The First Special Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was held via electronic means on December 7, 2021. Relevant documents of the IT/GB-Sp1 are available at: <https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/meetings-detail/en/c/1397828/>. The report is available at: <https://www.fao.org/3/nh896en/nh896en.pdf>.

Ninth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

22. The Office of the Union attended the Ninth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (GB-9), held from September 19 to 24, 2022, in New Delhi, India. GB-9 documents are available at: <https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/ninth-governing-body/en/>.

23. Developments concerning the draft FAQ on CBD, ITPGRFA and UPOV are considered under agenda item 15 “Communication strategy” (see documents CC/99/6 and CC/99/6 Add).

24. The following working and information documents of the GB-9 relevant for the matters reported below are available at: <https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/ninth-governing-body/en/>.

- document IT/GB-9/22/13
“Implementation of Farmers’ Rights”;
- document IT/GB-9/22/13.2
“Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers’ Rights to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body”;
- document IT/GB-9/22/13.3
“Options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers’ Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty”;
- document IT/GB-9/22/13/Inf.1
“Updated inventory of national measures, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers’ Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty”;
- document IT/GB-9/AHTEG-FR-4/21/2
“Options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers’ Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty”;
- document IT/GB-9/AHTEG-FR-4-R/21/Report
“Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmer’s Rights (Part II)”; and
- document IT/GB-9/22/16.4 Rev.1
“Report on Cooperation with Other International Bodies and Organizations”.

25. Document IT/GB-9/22/16.4 Rev.1 reported the following (paragraph 19):

“During the past biennium, the Office of UPOV contributed to the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers’ Rights, actively participating in the meetings as the representative of one of the three stakeholders designated by the Bureau of the Governing Body.”

26. A copy of the report, with the Resolutions adopted at GB-9, will be made available at: <https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/ninth-governing-body/en/>.

27. Relevant matters on Draft Resolution **/2022 “Implementation of Article 9, Farmers’ Rights” adopted at GB-9 are reproduced below:

“1. **Welcomes** the Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmer’s Rights, and thanks the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group for the significant progress made by it in fulfilling its tasks;

[...]

“5. **Welcomes** the work of the Expert Group and *takes note of the Options for Encouraging Guiding and Promoting the Realization of Farmer’s Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty* (the Options), noting that options under Category 10 are Co-Chairs’ proposal, as contained in Annex to this Resolution; and *requests* the Secretary to publish the Options¹;

[...]

“9. **Requests** the Secretary to continue to disseminate, and promote the use of the Educational module on Farmers’ Rights, and to update it as necessary, including information on new developments of relevant international human rights instruments and declarations, and to translate in the United Nations official languages, subject to the availability of financial resources, and *invites* Contracting Parties and other relevant stakeholders to use it;

[...]

“12. **Requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to make an assessment on the state of implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty; and to present criteria and an outline of the assessment at its Tenth Session and the full report at its Eleventh Session; such assessment should be based on the compliance reports and on submissions in the Inventory as well as on other relevant information;

“13. **Requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to organize a Global Symposium to share experiences and discuss possible future work on Farmers’ Rights; and *welcomes* the offer of the Government of India to host it.”

¹ Footnote from “Draft Resolution **/2022 ‘Implementation of Article 9, farmer’s Rights’”, paragraph 5: “The publication will reflect that the options under Category 10 are Co-Chairs’ proposal”.

28. The Tenth Session of the Governing Body is planned to be held in Rome from November 20 to 25, 2023. The Office of the Union plans to attend that meeting.

29. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note the developments in ITPGRFA.*

Project 'Pathways to food security, poverty alleviation and livelihoods through the implementation of farmers' rights to crop genetic diversity' (DIVERSIFARM) (2020-2023)

30. The background to matters concerning Project 'Pathways to food security, poverty alleviation and livelihoods through the implementation of farmers' rights to crop genetic diversity' (DIVERSIFARM) is provided in document CC/98/12 "Developments of relevance to UPOV in other international fora", paragraphs 28 and 29.

31. In accordance with the decision of the Consultative Committee, at its ninety-seventh session, held by virtual means on October 29, 2020, the Office of the Union participated in the reference group for the research project "Pathways to food security, poverty alleviation and livelihoods through the implementation of farmers' rights to crop genetic diversity (DIVERSIFARM)". Developments on the DIVERSIFARM Project are provided below:

"As the global travel restrictions were lifted from March 2022, different groups of the project team were finally able to carry out the planned field work in Malawi (March) and Nepal (June). [...] Preliminary results of the case studies were presented at a side event at the 9th Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in September 2022 in New Delhi. A policy brief has been produced from the Malawi case study. The brief is available in English and two local Malawian languages. The data from the three field studies have been processed with the software Nvivo and are currently being further analysed as basis for coming publications, including policy briefs from the two other countries and peer reviewed articles. Also other publications (on the interaction of international regimes relating to farmers' rights and on the nexus between food security, community seed banks and farmers' rights) and a website on farmers' rights are in the pipeline."

32. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note the developments concerning the DIVERSIFARM Project.*

Global Conference on Green Development of Seed Industries

33. The FAO organized the Global Conference on Green Development of Seed Industries by virtual means on November 4 and 5, 2021. The Vice Secretary-General of UPOV was invited to be a member of the Scientific Advisory Panel.

34. Information concerning the conference is available at: <https://www.fao.org/events/detail/global-conference-on-green-development-of-seed-industries/en>.

35. The FAO book with the Proceedings of the *FAO Global Conference on Green Development of Seed Industries*, is available at <http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc1220en>. The direct link to the PDF is at: <http://www.fao.org/3/cc1220en/cc1220en.pdf>, and the DOI is available at: <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc1220en>.

36. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note the developments concerning the Global Conference on Green Development of Seed Industries.*

WIPO/UPOV/FAO cooperation

37. The Office of the Union held meetings with representatives of WIPO and FAO on December 16, 2021 and April 29, 2022, to explore how the organizations could cooperate in relevant aspects of their work.

38. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note the developments concerning cooperation between FAO, WIPO and UPOV.*

IV. ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)

Digitalization of the Seed Schemes

39. At the 2021 Annual Meeting of the OECD Seed Schemes, the Office of the Union had noted that the OECD study on digitalization could create an opportunity for further cooperation between OECD and UPOV, for example in relation to variety descriptions, XML format and blockchain, and offered to explore the opportunities for cooperation and synergies.

40. The Annual Meeting of the OECD Schemes for the Varietal Certification or the Control of Seed Moving in International Trade (Annual Meeting) was held in Tallinn, Estonia, on June 16 and 17, 2022.

41. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note the developments in OECD.*

V. WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)

WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) (May 30 to June 3, 2022)

42. The background to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) is provided in documents CC/98/12 “Developments of relevance to UPOV in other international fora”, paragraphs 42 to 44.

43. The Forty-Third Session of the IGC was held from May 30 to June 3, 2022, and the Forty-Fourth session from September 12 to September 16, 2022.

44. The Recommendation to the WIPO General Assembly on the mandate of the IGC is contained in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/DECISIONS “Decisions of the Forty-Third Session of the Committee” of June 3 and document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/44/DECISIONS “Decisions of the Forty-Fourth Session of the Committee” of September 16, 2022, available at https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=574863 and https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=584139.

General Assembly of WIPO

45. The background to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) is provided in documents CC/98/12 “Developments of Relevance to UPOV in other International Fora”, paragraphs 42 to 44.

46. The General Assembly of WIPO, at its Fifty-Fifth (30th Extraordinary) Session, held in Geneva from July 14 to 22, 2022, under agenda item 9(vi), noted the report on the work of the IGC (document WO/GA/55/6 “Report on the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)”), available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=68369 and agreed to the following matters as provided in document WO/GA/55/12 Prov. “Draft Report”, paragraph 309 (available at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo_ga_55/wo_ga_55_12_prov.pdf):

“The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC

“309. The WIPO General Assembly, at its Fifty-Fourth (25th Ordinary) Session in October 2021, agreed on the mandate for the IGC for the 2022/2023 biennium, as set out in document WO/GA/54/10, to expedite its work, building on existing work carried out by the Committee, to narrow existing gaps and reach common understanding on core issues, with the objective of finalising an agreement on an international legal instrument(s) which will ensure the balanced and effective protection of Genetic Resources (GRs), Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs).

“At its forty-second and forty-third sessions held in 2022, the IGC completed its designated sessions on GRs and associated TKs for the 2022/2023 biennium. Both sessions made considerable progress and achieved significant convergence around document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/5 (the Chair’s text on a Draft International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources) as a focused, effective, and balanced basis for further engagement. On this basis, the WIPO General Assembly:

- “a) decided to convene a Diplomatic Conference to conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources, based on document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/5 and any other contributions by Member States pursuant to paragraph (d) below, to be held no later than 2024;
- “b) decided to convene a Preparatory Committee in the second half of 2023, to establish the necessary modalities of the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee will consider at this time, the draft Rules of Procedure to be presented for adoption to the Diplomatic Conference, the list of invitees to participate in the conference, and the text of the draft letters of invitation, as well as any other document or organizational question relating to the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee will also approve the Basic Proposal for the administrative and final provisions of the Treaty;
- “c) welcomed with gratitude the offer of South Africa to host the Diplomatic Conference no later than 2024;
- “d) directed the IGC to meet in a special session for five days in the second half of 2023, preceding the Preparatory Committee, to further close any existing gaps to a sufficient level. It is understood that the Preparatory Committee will invite Observer Delegations and Observers;
- “e) agreed that document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/5, the Chair’s text of a Draft International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources will constitute the substantive articles of the Basic Proposal for the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee shall incorporate in the Basic Proposal such further agreements of the IGC as are reached pursuant to paragraph (d) above, with the understanding that any Member State and the WO/GA/55/12 Prov. page 75 Special Delegation of the European Union may make proposals at the Diplomatic Conference;
- “f) agreed to convene an extraordinary session of the WIPO General Assembly (Hybrid), if required, to adopt the decisions and preparatory works leading to the Diplomatic Conference in the second half of 2023, and to direct the secretariat to make the resulting document as the Basic Proposal for the substantive provisions to be considered at the Diplomatic Conference.”

WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) (December 5 to 9, 2022)

47. The Forty-Fifth Session of the IGC will be held in a hybrid format at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva from December 5 to 9, 2022. The Office of the Union plans to attend.

48. Documents are available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=73489

49. The Consultative Committee is invited to note the developments in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

VI. WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO)

Council for TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights)

50. The background to this item is provided in documents CC/84/9 Rev. and CC/85/9 both entitled “Developments of relevance to UPOV in other international fora”, paragraphs 58 to 60 and paragraphs 30 and 31, respectively.

Meetings of the Council for TRIPS of February 23, March 9 and 10, May 6, June 1 and July 6 and 7, 2022

51. The Council for TRIPS met on February 23, March 9 and 10, May 6, June 1 and July 6 and 7, 2022.

52. The minutes of the meetings and statements made during the meetings are available as follows at <http://docsonline.wto.org/?language=1>:

| Date of meetings in 2021 | Minutes | Statements |
|--------------------------|------------|--|
| October 4 | IP/C/M/102 | IP/C/M/102 (IP/C/M/102 of October 5, 2022) |

| Date of meetings in 2022 | Minutes | Statements |
|--------------------------|------------|--|
| February 23 | IP/C/M/103 | IP/C/M/103 (IP/C/M/103/Rev.1 of May 25, 2022) |
| March 9 and 10 | IP/C/M/104 | Addendum to IP/C/M/104 (IP/C/M/104/Add.1 of June 28, 2022) |
| May 6 | IP/C/M/104 | Addendum to IP/C/M/104 (IP/C/M/104/Add.1 of June 28, 2022) |
| June 1 | IP/C/M/104 | Addendum to IP/C/M/104 (IP/C/M/104/Add.1 of June 28, 2022) |
| July 6 and 7 | IP/C/M/105 | Correction to IP/C/M/105 (IP/C/M/105/Corr.1 of September 14, 2022) |

Future meetings

53. The next meeting of the Council for TRIPS, which the Office of the Union plans to attend, is scheduled to take place on October 13 and 14, 2022. The Office of the Union plans to attend.

54. As in previous years, the Office of the Union intends to prepare a contribution with relevant extracts from document C/56/2 "UPOV Performance Report 2020-2021". The document containing the submission of UPOV, which will be entitled "Technical cooperation activities: information from other intergovernmental organizations – International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants", will be made available at the following address of the WTO website: <http://docsonline.wto.org/?language=1>.

55. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note the developments in the World Trade Organization (WTO).*

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