

**Consultative Committee****CC/99/INF/5****Ninety-Ninth Session  
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**Date:** October 17, 2022**TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE STRATEGY***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this document is to report on developments concerning the UPOV training and assistance strategy, since the ninety-eighth session of the Consultative Committee, held in Geneva on October 28, 2021.

**BACKGROUND**

2. The background to this matter, prior to the ninety-ninth session of the Consultative Committee, is provided in document CC/98/6 "Training and Assistance Strategy".

3. The Consultative Committee, at its ninety-eighth session held via electronic means on October 28, 2021, agreed that the updating of distance learning materials to include information on the benefits of UPOV membership be done together with recent developments in PLUTO. The Consultative Committee also approved the proposals for the development of an international program on plant variety protection with the aim to obtain an International Certificate on Plant Variety Protection recognized by UPOV, as set out in paragraph 13 of document CC/98/6.

**DEVELOPMENTS**

4. Training and assistance activities in 2021-2022 are reported in document C/56/INF/3 "Report on activities during the first nine months of 2022" and in document C/56/2 "UPOV Performance Report 2020-2021" (Annex V "List of Activities in 2021").

Updating of distance learning materials

5. The updating of the distance learning courses with the information on the benefits of UPOV membership and recent developments in PLUTO will be implemented in 2023.

International Certificate on Plant Variety Protection

6. Preliminary discussions with training partners have taken place in 2022 in relation to the proposals agreed by the Consultative Committee for an "International Certificate on Plant Variety Protection recognized by UPOV" (see document CC/98/16 "Report", paragraph 55 and paragraph 3, above). A plan is under development and will be presented to the Consultative Committee for consideration at its one hundred and first session to be held on October 26, 2023.

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