

Study Paper 3b - ANNEX II

Access to Genetic Resources, Gene-based Inventions and Agriculture

STATES PARTY TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants*

UPOV Convention (1961), as revised at Geneva (1972, 1978 and 1991) Status on August 6, 2001

State	Date on which State became member of UPOV	Number of contribution units	Latest Act ⁱ of the Convention to which State is party and date on which State became party to that Act
Argentina.....	December 25, 1994	0.5	1978 Act.....
Australia.....	March 1, 1989	1.0	1991 Act.....
Austria.....	July 14, 1994	1.5	1978 Act.....
Belgium ⁱⁱ	December 5, 1976	1.5	1961/1972 Act.....
Bolivia.....	May 21, 1999	0.2	1978 Act.....
Brazil.....	May 23, 1999	0.25	1978 Act.....
Bulgaria.....	April 24, 1998	0.2	1991 Act.....
Canada.....	March 4, 1991	1.0	1978 Act.....
Chile.....	January 5, 1996	0.2	1978 Act.....
China.....	April 23, 1999	0.5	1978 Act ⁱⁱⁱ
Colombia.....	September 13, 1996	0.2	1978 Act.....
Croatia.....	September 1, 2001	0.2	1991 Act.....
Czech Republic.....	January 1, 1993	0.5	1978 Act.....
Denmark ^{iv}	October 6, 1968	1.5	1991 Act.....
Ecuador.....	August 8, 1997	0.2	1978 Act.....
Estonia.....	September 24, 2000	0.2	1991 Act.....
Finland.....	April 16, 1993	1.0	1991 Act.....
France ^v	October 3, 1971	5.0	1978 Act.....
Germany.....	August 10, 1968	5.0	1991 Act.....
Hungary.....	April 16, 1983	0.5	1978 Act.....
Ireland.....	November 8, 1981	1.0	1978 Act.....
Israel.....	December 12, 1979	0.5	1991 Act.....
Italy.....	July 1, 1977	2.0	1978 Act.....
Japan.....	September 3, 1982	5.0	1991 Act.....
Kenya.....	May 13, 1999	0.2	1978 Act.....
Kyrgyzstan.....	June 26, 2000	0.2	1991 Act.....
Mexico.....	August 9, 1997	0.75	1978 Act.....
Netherlands.....	August 10, 1968	3.0	1991 Act ^{vi}
New Zealand.....	November 8, 1981	1.0	1978 Act.....
Nicaragua.....	September 6, 2001	0.2	1978 Act.....
Norway.....	September 13, 1993	1.0	1978 Act.....
Panama.....	May 23, 1999	0.2	1978 Act.....
Paraguay.....	February 8, 1997	0.2	1978 Act.....
Poland.....	November 11, 1989	0.5	1978 Act.....
Portugal.....	October 14, 1995	0.5	1978 Act.....
Republic of Moldova.....	October 28, 1998	0.2	1991 Act.....
Romania.....	March 16, 2001	0.2	1991 Act.....
Russian Federation.....	April 24, 1998	0.5	1991 Act.....
Slovakia.....	January 1, 1993	0.5	1978 Act.....
Slovenia.....	July 29, 1999	0.2	1991 Act.....
South Africa.....	November 6, 1977	1.0	1978 Act.....
Spain ^{vii}	May 18, 1980	1.5	1961/1972 Act.....
Sweden.....	December 17, 1971	1.5	1991 Act.....
Switzerland.....	July 10, 1977	1.5	1978 Act.....
Trinidad and Tobago.....	January 30, 1998	0.2	1978 Act.....
Ukraine.....	November 3, 1995	0.5	1978 Act.....
United Kingdom.....	August 10, 1968	5.0	1991 Act.....
United States of America.....	November 8, 1981	5.0	1991 Act ^{viii}
Uruguay.....	November 13, 1994	0.2	1978 Act.....

(Total: 49 States)

* The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), established by the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, is an independent intergovernmental organization having legal personality. Pursuant to an agreement concluded between the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and UPOV, the Director General of WIPO is the Secretary-General of UPOV and WIPO provides administrative and financial services to UPOV.

ⁱ “1961/1972 Act” means the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961, as amended by the Additional Act of November 10, 1972; “1978 Act” means the Act of October 23, 1978, of the Convention; “1991 Act” means the Act of March 19, 1991, of the Convention.

ⁱⁱ With a notification under Article 34(2) of the 1978 Act.

ⁱⁱⁱ With a declaration that the 1978 Act is not applicable to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

^{iv} With a declaration that the Convention of 1961, the Additional Act of 1972, the 1978 Act and the 1991 Act are not applicable to Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

^v With a declaration that the 1978 Act applies to the territory of the French Republic, including the Overseas Departments and Territories.

^{vi} Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

^{vii} With a declaration that the Convention of 1961 and the Additional Act of 1972 apply to the entire territory of Spain.

^{viii} With a reservation pursuant to Article 35(2) of the 1991 Act.

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