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INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

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NOTES AND LETTERS OF INVITATION TO
THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REVISION OF THE UPOV CONVENTION

adopted by the Committee of Experts on the Interpretation
and Revision of the Convention

1. The Annex to this document contains the drafts of the Notes and letters of invitation to the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the UPOV Convention, which is scheduled to be held in October 1978, and the lists of those States and Organizations to which these Notes and letters are to be sent. All drafts were approved by the Committee of Experts on the Interpretation and Revision of the Convention during its sixth session, in September 1977.
2. It is recalled that the Council decided that the Secretary-General of UPOV would issue the invitations to the Diplomatic Conference, if possible in January 1978.
3. The Council is invited to approve for distribution, subject to any amendment it might wish to make, the attached Notes and letters of invitation and the lists of addressees.

[Annex follows]

NOTES AND LETTERS OF INVITATION FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
AND LISTS OF STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO BE INVITED

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NOTE VERBALE TO BE SENT TO THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Circular No. ...

The Secretary-General of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) presents his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to invite, on behalf of the Council of UPOV, His Excellency's Government to participate in the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, which will be held at the headquarters of UPOV (34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva, Switzerland) from October 9 to 23, 1978, and will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 9, 1978.

The working languages will be English, French and German and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages.

The objective of the Conference is to adopt, on the basis of a draft submitted by the Council of UPOV, a revised text of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961, and the Additional Act of November 10, 1972.

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- The Provisional Agenda of the Diplomatic Conference (document UPOV/78DC/1), the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Diplomatic Conference (document UPOV/78DC/2) and the Draft of the Revised Text (with explanatory notes) (document UPOV/78DC/3) are enclosed.

The Secretary-General would appreciate it if the comments, if any, of His Excellency's Government on any of these three documents could be communicated to him by June 30, 1978.

Assuming that the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure will be adopted as proposed in document UPOV/78DC/2:

(i) the member States of UPOV, that is, at the date of this Note, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Italy, the Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, will have full participating and voting rights in the Diplomatic Conference and the right to sign the revised text of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants;

(ii) any other States which are enumerated in the attached list adopted by the Council of UPOV will have the right to participate in the Plenary of the Diplomatic Conference, will be eligible for membership in its Drafting Committee and working groups, and will have the right to sign the revised text of the said Convention.

Attention is drawn to the necessity of providing representatives with appropriate credentials, including, where applicable, a statement expressly empowering one or more of them to sign the new Act of the Convention to be adopted. Credentials and full powers should be issued by the Head of the State or Government, or by the Minister responsible for external affairs (see Rule 6(3) of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Diplomatic Conference).

The Secretary-General would appreciate it if the names and functions of the representatives of His Excellency's Government could be communicated to him by October 1, 1978.

(Date)

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NOTE VERBALE TO BE SENT TO THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE

Circular. ...

The Secretary-General of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) presents his compliments to the Minister of Agriculture ./. and has the honor to send His Excellency a copy of his Note [reference], and the ./. documents mentioned therein, which are being addressed today to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of His Excellency's Government. The said Note relates to the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, which will be held at the headquarters of UPOV (34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva, Switzerland) from October 9 to 23, 1978.

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LETTER TO BE SENT TO SELECTED INDIVIDUALS

Circular No. ...

(Date)

Sir/Madam,

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I have the honor to send you herewith a set of the documents which are being addressed today to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of your country and which relate to the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, to be held at the headquarters of UPOV (34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva, Switzerland) from October 9 to 23, 1978.

Sincerely yours,

Arpad Bogsch
Secretary-General

DRAFT
LETTER TO BE SENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Circular No. ...

(Date)

Sir,

I have the honor to invite, on behalf of the Council of UPOV, your Organization to be represented by observers at the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, which will be held at the headquarters of UPOV (34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva, Switzerland) from October 9 to 23, 1978, and will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 9, 1978.

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Attention is drawn to the necessity of providing representatives with appropriate letters or other documents appointing them, signed by the Head (Director General, Secretary General, or President) of your Organization (see Rules 7 and 8 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Diplomatic Conference).

It would be appreciated if the names and functions of the representatives of your Organization could be communicated to me by October 1, 1978.

Sincerely yours,

Arpad Bogsch
Secretary-General

LIST OF STATES TO BE INVITED TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

(This list might have to be brought up to date
at the time of mailing the Circulars)

Afghanistan	Germany, Federal	Norway
Albania	Republic of	Oman
Algeria	Ghana	Pakistan
Angola	Greece	Panama
Argentina	Grenada	Papua New Guinea
Australia	Guatemala	Paraguay
Austria	Guinea	Peru
Bahamas	Guinea-Bissau	Philippines
Bahrain	Guyana	Poland
Bangladesh	Haiti	Portugal
Barbados	Holy See	Qatar
Belgium	Honduras	Republic of Korea
Benin	Hungary	Romania
Bhutan	Iceland	Rwanda
Bolivia	India	Samoa
Botswana	Indonesia	San Marino
Brazil	Iran	Sao Tome and Principe
Bulgaria	Iraq	Saudi Arabia
Burma	Ireland	Senegal
Burundi	Israel	Seychelles
Byelorussian SSR	Italy	Sierra Leone
Cameroon	Ivory Coast	Singapore
Canada	Jamaica	Socialist Republic of
Cape Verde	Japan	Viet Nam
Central African Empire	Jordan	Somalia
Chad	Kenya	South Africa
Chile	Kuwait	Soviet Union
China	Laos	Spain
Colombia	Lebanon	Sri Lanka
Comoros	Lesotho	Sudan
Congo	Liberia	Surinam
Costa Rica	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Swaziland
Cuba	Liechtenstein	Sweden
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Czechoslovakia	Madagascar	Syria
Democratic Kampuchea	Malaŵi	Tanzania
Democratic People's	Malaysia	Thailand
Republic of Korea	Maldives	Togo
Democratic Yemen	Mali	Tonga
Denmark	Malta	Trinidad and Tobago
Djibouti	Mauritania	Tunisia
Dominican Republic	Mauritius	Turkey
Ecuador	Mexico	Uganda
Egypt	Monaco	Ukrainian SSR
El Salvador	Mongolia	United Arab Emirates
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	United Kingdom
Ethiopia	Mozambique	United States of America
Fiji	Nauru	Upper Volta
Finland	Nepal	Uruguay
France	Netherlands	Venezuela
Gabon	New Zealand	Yemen
Gambia	Nicaragua	Yugoslavia
German Democratic	Niger	Zaire
Republic	Nigeria	Zambia

LIST OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE
INVITED TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

UN	United Nations
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
FAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
EEC	European Economic Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
ISTA	International Seed Testing Association
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
SPS	Seminarios Panamericanos de Semillas (Panamerican Seed Seminars)
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AIPH	International Association of Horticultural Producers
AIPPI	International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property
ASSINSEL	International Association of Plant Breeders for the Protection of Plant Varieties
CIOPORA	International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamentals
FIS	International Association of the Seed Trade
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
	International Commission for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants of the International Union of Biological Sciences
IFAP	International Federation of Agricultural Producers