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INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

GENEVA

COUNCIL

**Fourteenth Ordinary Session
Geneva, October 15 to 17, 1980**DRAFT REPORT
ON THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCILprepared by the Office of the Union

1. The Council of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) held its fourteenth ordinary session in Geneva from October 15 to 17, 1980.
2. The session was presided over by the President of the Council, Mr. H. Skov (Denmark).
3. The list of participants is attached as Annex I to this document. [The said Annex will be attached to the final version of this report.]
4. A more detailed report will be prepared shortly after the session and will be adopted by correspondence.

Adoption of the Agenda

5. The Council unanimously adopted the agenda as appearing in document C/XIV/1, subject to the inclusion of the following item:

"Adoption of the detailed report on the thirteenth ordinary session of the Council."

Lectures and Discussions on "The Use of Genetic Resources in the Plant Kingdom"

6. The Council devoted its meeting of October 15 to lectures and discussions on "The Use of Genetic Resources in the Plant Kingdom." The proceedings of this symposium will be published in a special issue of the UPOV Newsletter.

Adoption of the Detailed Report on the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Council

7. The Council unanimously adopted the detailed report on its thirteenth ordinary session as appearing in document C/XIII/17.

Present Situation, Problems Arising and Progress Achieved in the Legislative, Administrative and Technical Fields

8. The Council noted the declarations made under this agenda item by the representatives of the States represented in the session. Furthermore, the Council noted the contents of documents C/XIV/5, 6 and 7.

Report by the President on the Work of the Twenty-First and Twenty-Second Sessions of the Consultative Committee

9. The Council noted the report by the President on the work of the twenty-first and twenty-second sessions of the Consultative Committee. That Committee concentrated mainly on the preparation of the current session of the Council, in particular on the organization of the symposium part.

Report by the Secretary-General on the Activities of the Union in 1979 and in the First Nine Months of 1980

10. The Council unanimously approved the report by the Secretary-General as contained in document C/XIV/2 and in its supplements (documents C/XIV/2 Add. and C/XIV/2 Add. 2).

Report by the Secretary-General on His Management and the Financial Situation of the Union in 1979

11. The Council unanimously approved the report by the Secretary-General contained in document C/XIV/3. In this connection the member States were invited to endeavour to pay their annual contributions as early as possible in each financial year.

Presentation of the Report Concerning the Auditing of the Accounts for 1979

12. The Council noted the report contained in document C/XIV/3, Annex B, and approved the accounts of the Union for the year 1979.

Progress of the Work of the Administrative and Legal Committee

13. The Council unanimously approved the report on the progress of the work of the Administrative and Legal Committee as contained in document C/XIV/8.

14. The Council unanimously adopted the UPOV Model Form for the Interim Report on the Examination of a Variety as contained in Annex I to document C/XIV/8, subject to a possible deletion of its item 5 as a result of the establishment of a UPOV Model Form for the Notification of the Receipt of the Plant Material Necessary for the Examination by the Administrative and Legal Committee at its forthcoming session.

15. The Council unanimously adopted the Recommendation on Fees in Relation to Cooperation in Examination as contained in Annex II to document C/XIV/8, subject to the following amendments:

(i) The expression "300 to 400 Swiss francs" appearing in paragraph (1)(a) was replaced by "350 Swiss francs";

(ii) The expression "a lower fee level" appearing in paragraph (3) was replaced by "a different fee level."

The recommendation as adopted by the Council is reproduced in Annex II to this document. [The said Annex will be attached to the final version of this report.]

16. The Council unanimously adopted the amended version of the UPOV Model Agreement for International Cooperation in the Testing of Varieties as contained in Annex III to document C/XIV/8.

17. The Council also noted with approval the plans for the future work of that Committee as indicated in document C/XIV/8.

Progress of the Work of the Technical Committee and of the Technical Working Parties

18. The Council unanimously approved the report on the progress of the work of the Technical Committee and of the Technical Working Parties. It further noted with approval the plans for the future work of those bodies as indicated in document C/XIV/9.

Report on the Activities Resulting from the Diplomatic Conference 1978

19. The Council unanimously noted with approval the report on those activities as contained in document C/XIV/11.

Examination and Approval of the Program and Budget of the Union for 1981

20. The Council unanimously approved the program and budget for 1981 as appearing in document C/XIV/4, subject to the amendments recorded in document C/XIV/12 and resulting from a reduction of the number of days of meetings as shown in document C/XIV/10 Rev. On the basis of the present situation with regard to the contributions to the budget of the Union, the value of the contribution unit amounts to 43.100 Swiss francs.

Calendar of Meetings in 1981

21. The Council fixed the calendar of meetings for 1981 as appearing in document C/XIV/10 Rev.

Admission of Observers to the Ordinary Council Sessions and Certain Meetings of UPOV

22. The Council unanimously decided that Zimbabwe should be invited to participate as an observer in the ordinary Council sessions.

23. The Council unanimously decided that the non-member States which have signed the Revised Text of the Convention--i.e. Canada, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and the United States of America--should be invited to participate as observers in the sessions of the Technical Committee.

Election of the New President of the Council

24. The Council unanimously elected its present Vice-President, Mr. W. Gfeller (Switzerland), as its President for a term of office expiring at the end of the seventeenth ordinary session of the Council, which will be held in 1983.

25. Mr. W. Gfeller having been elected President of the Council, the Council unanimously elected Mr. W. van Soest (Netherlands) as its Vice-President for a term of office expiring at the end of the fifteenth ordinary session of the Council, which will be held in 1981.

26. The Council thanked the outgoing President, Mr. H. Skov (Denmark), for his valuable contribution to the development of the Union, in particular as President of the Council and as President of the 1978 Diplomatic Conference.

Election of the New Chairmen of the Administrative and Legal Committee and of the Technical Committee

27. The Council unanimously elected:

(i) Mr. P.W. Murphy (United Kingdom) as Chairman of the Administrative and Legal Committee;

(ii) Mr. C. Hutin (France) as Chairman of the Technical Committee.

28. The Council thanked Dr. D. Böringer (Federal Republic of Germany) and Mr. A.F. Kelly (United Kingdom) for their contribution to the development of the Union as Chairmen of the Administrative and Legal Committee and of the Technical Committee respectively.

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