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**INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS**

GENEVA

**DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE  
ON THE REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS****Geneva, October 9 to 23, 1978****PROPOSAL FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 32B**submitted by the Delegation of the Netherlands

It is proposed that Article 32B be drafted as follows:

- Article 32B
  - "Transitional rules"
    - (1) (no change)
    - (2)
      - (i) Any State which becomes a member State of the Union, in accordance with Article 32 ("the former State") shall, in its relations with any member State of the Union not bound by this Act ("the latter State"), provisionally apply the Convention of 1961 as amended by the Additional Act of 1972, until the present Act enters into force also with respect to the latter State.
      - (ii) However, the former State may, when expressing its consent to be bound by this Act, in accordance with Article 32, or at any later date by written notification addressed to the Secretary-General, declare that it shall apply this Act in its relations with any such latter State, whereas the latter State shall, in its relations with the former State, continue to apply the Convention of 1961 as amended by the Additional Act of 1972, until the entry into force of this Act also with respect to the latter State.
    - (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, after the entry into force of this Act the functioning of the Union shall be governed by the provisions of this Act.

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