

**MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION 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 December 8, 2011**

State/Organization	Date on which State/Organization became member of UPOV	Number of contribution units	Latest Act <sup>1</sup> of the Convention to which State/Organization is party and date on which State/Organization became party to that Act
Albania.....	October 15, 2005	0.2	1991 Act..... October 15, 2005
Argentina .....	December 25, 1994	0.5	1978 Act..... December 25, 1994
Australia.....	March 1, 1989	1.0	1991 Act..... January 20, 2000
Austria.....	July 14, 1994	0.75	1991 Act..... July 1, 2004
Azerbaijan.....	December 9, 2004	0.2	1991 Act..... December 9, 2004
Belarus.....	January 5, 2003	0.2	1991 Act..... January 5, 2003
Belgium <sup>2</sup> .....	December 5, 1976	1.5	1961/1972 Act..... December 5, 1976
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	May 21, 1999	0.2	1978 Act..... May 21, 1999
Brazil.....	May 23, 1999	0.25	1978 Act..... May 23, 1999
Bulgaria.....	April 24, 1998	0.2	1991 Act..... April 24, 1998
Canada.....	March 4, 1991	1.0	1978 Act..... March 4, 1991
Chile.....	January 5, 1996	0.2	1978 Act..... January 5, 1996
China .....	April 23, 1999	0.5	1978 Act <sup>3</sup> ..... April 23, 1999
Colombia.....	September 13, 1996	0.2	1978 Act..... September 13, 1996
Costa Rica .....	January 12, 2009	0.2	1991 Act..... January 12, 2009
Croatia.....	September 1, 2001	0.2	1991 Act..... September 1, 2001
Czech Republic.....	January 1, 1993	0.5	1991 Act..... November 24, 2002
Denmark <sup>4</sup> .....	October 6, 1968	0.5	1991 Act..... April 24, 1998
Dominican Republic.....	June 16, 2007	0.2	1991 Act..... June 16, 2007
Ecuador .....	August 8, 1997	0.2	1978 Act..... August 8, 1997
Estonia.....	September 24, 2000	0.2	1991 Act..... September 24, 2000
European Union.....	July 29, 2005	5.0	1991 Act..... July 29, 2005
Finland.....	April 16, 1993	1.0	1991 Act..... July 20, 2001
France <sup>5</sup> .....	October 3, 1971	5.0	1978 Act..... March 17, 1983
Georgia.....	November 29, 2008	0.2	1991 Act..... November 29, 2008
Germany.....	August 10, 1968	5.0	1991 Act..... July 25, 1998
Hungary.....	April 16, 1983	0.5	1991 Act..... January 1, 2003
Iceland.....	May 3, 2006	0.2	1991 Act..... May 3, 2006
Ireland.....	November 8, 1981	1.0	1991 Act..... January 8, 2012
Israel.....	December 12, 1979	0.5	1991 Act..... April 24, 1998
Italy.....	July 1, 1977	2.0	1978 Act..... May 28, 1986
Japan.....	September 3, 1982	5.0	1991 Act..... December 24, 1998
Jordan.....	October 24, 2004	0.2	1991 Act..... October 24, 2004
Kenya.....	May 13, 1999	0.2	1978 Act..... May 13, 1999
Kyrgyzstan.....	June 26, 2000	0.2	1991 Act..... June 26, 2000
Latvia.....	August 30, 2002	0.2	1991 Act..... August 30, 2002
Lithuania.....	December 10, 2003	0.2	1991 Act..... December 10, 2003
Mexico.....	August 9, 1997	0.75	1978 Act..... August 9, 1997
Morocco.....	October 8, 2006	0.2	1991 Act..... October 8, 2006
Netherlands.....	August 10, 1968	3.0	1991 Act <sup>6</sup> ..... April 24, 1998
New Zealand.....	November 8, 1981	1.0	1978 Act..... November 8, 1981
Nicaragua.....	September 6, 2001	0.2	1978 Act..... September 6, 2001
Norway.....	September 13, 1993	1.0	1978 Act..... September 13, 1993
Oman.....	November 22, 2009	1.0	1991 Act..... November 22, 2009
Panama.....	May 23, 1999	0.2	1978 Act..... May 23, 1999
Paraguay.....	February 8, 1997	0.2	1978 Act..... February 8, 1997
Peru.....	August 8, 2011	0.2	1991 Act..... August 8, 2011
Poland.....	November 11, 1989	0.5	1991 Act..... August 15, 2003
Portugal.....	October 14, 1995	0.2	1978 Act..... October 14, 1995
Republic of Korea.....	January 7, 2002	1.5	1991 Act..... January 7, 2002

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Republic of Moldova .....	October 28, 1998	0.2	1991 Act..... October 28, 1998
Romania .....	March 16, 2001	0.2	1991 Act..... March 16, 2001
Russian Federation.....	April 24, 1998	0.5	1991 Act..... April 24, 1998
Singapore .....	July 30, 2004	0.2	1991 Act..... July 30, 2004
Slovakia .....	January 1, 1993	0.5	1991 Act..... June 12, 2009
Slovenia .....	July 29, 1999	0.2	1991 Act..... July 29, 1999
South Africa .....	November 6, 1977	1.0	1978 Act..... November 8, 1981
Spain.....	May 18, 1980	2.0	1991 Act..... July 18, 2007
Sweden.....	December 17, 1971	1.5	1991 Act..... April 24, 1998
Switzerland .....	July 10, 1977	1.5	1991 Act..... September 1, 2008
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia .....	May 4, 2011	0.2	1991 Act..... May 4, 2011
Trinidad and Tobago.....	January 30, 1998	0.2	1978 Act..... January 30, 1998
Tunisia .....	August 31, 2003	0.2	1991 Act..... August 31, 2003
Turkey.....	November 18, 2007	0.5	1991 Act..... November 18, 2007
Ukraine .....	November 3, 1995	0.2	1991 Act..... January 19, 2007
United Kingdom .....	August 10, 1968	2.0	1991 Act..... January 3, 1999
United States of America.....	November 8, 1981	5.0	1991 Act <sup>7</sup> ..... February 22, 1999
Uruguay .....	November 13, 1994	0.2	1978 Act..... November 13, 1994
Uzbekistan .....	November 14, 2004	0.2	1991 Act..... November 14, 2004
Viet Nam .....	December 24, 2006	0.2	1991 Act..... December 24, 2006

(Total: 70)

\* 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 services to UPOV.

<sup>1</sup> "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.

<sup>2</sup> With a notification under Article 34(2) of the 1978 Act.

<sup>3</sup> With a declaration that the 1978 Act is not applicable to Hong Kong, China.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> With a declaration that the 1978 Act applies to the territory of the French Republic, including the Overseas Departments and Territories.

<sup>6</sup> Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

<sup>7</sup> With a reservation pursuant to Article 35(2) of the 1991 Act.