## V. MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

**International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants***
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**Status on February 27, 2025**

| State/Organization | Date on which State/Organization became member of UPOV | Number of contribution units | Latest Act[1] of the Convention to which State/Organization is party and date on which State/Organization became party to that Act | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| African Intellectual Property Organization[2] | July 10, 2014 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | July 10, 2014 |
| Albania | October 15, 2005 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | October 15, 2005 |
| Argentina | December 25, 1994 | 0.5 | 1978 Act | December 25, 1994 |
| Armenia | March 2, 2024 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | March 2, 2024 |
| 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[3] | December 5, 1976 | 1.5 | 1991 Act | June 2, 2019 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | May 21, 1999 | 0.2 | 1978 Act | May 21, 1999 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | November 10, 2017 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | November 10, 2017 |
| 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 | 1991 Act | July 19, 2015 |
| Chile | January 5, 1996 | 0.2 | 1978 Act | January 5, 1996 |
| China | April 23, 1999 | 2.0 | 1978 Act[4] | 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[5] | 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 |
| Egypt | December 1, 2019 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | December 1, 2019 |
| Estonia | September 24, 2000 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | September 24, 2000 |
| European Union[6] | July 29, 2005 | 5.0 | 1991 Act | July 29, 2005 |
| Finland | April 16, 1993 | 1.0 | 1991 Act | July 20, 2001 |
| France | October 3, 1971 | 5.0 | 1991 Act | May 27, 2012 |
| Georgia | November 29, 2008 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | November 29, 2008 |
| Germany | August 10, 1968 | 5.0 | 1991 Act | July 25, 1998 |
| Ghana | December 3, 2021 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | December 3, 2021 |
| 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 | 1991Act | 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 | 1991 Act | May 11, 2016 |
| 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 |
| Montenegro | September 24, 2015 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | September 24, 2015 |
| Morocco | October 8, 2006 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | October 8, 2006 |
| Netherlands (Kingdom of the) | August 10, 1968 | 3.0 | 1991 Act[7] | 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 |
| Nigeria | March 27, 2025 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | March 27, 2025 |
| North Macedonia | May 4, 2011 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | May 4, 2011 |
| 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 | 1991 Act | November 22, 2012 |
| Paraguay | February 8, 1997 | 0.2 | 1978 Act | February 8, 1997 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 |
| 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 | 2.0 | 1991 Act | April 24, 1998 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | March 22, 2021 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | March 22, 2021 |
| Serbia | January 5, 2013 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | January 5, 2013 |
| 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 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | January 30, 1998 | 0.2 | 1978 Act | January 30, 1998 |
| Tunisia | August 31, 2003 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | August 31, 2003 |
| Türkiye | November 18, 2007 | 0.5 | 1991 Act | November 18, 2007 |
| Ukraine | November 3, 1995 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | January 19, 2007 |
| United Kingdom[8] | August 10, 1968 | 2.0 | 1991 Act | January 3, 1999 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | November 22, 2015 | 0.2 | 1991 Act | November 22, 2015 |
| United States of America | November 8, 1981 | 5.0 | 1991 Act[9] | 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: 80)

* 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.

[1] "1978 Act" means the Act of October 23, 1978, of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants; "1991 Act" means the Act of March 19, 1991, of the Convention.

[2] Operates a plant breeders' rights system which covers the territory of its 17 member States (member States of OAPI: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo).

[3] With a notification under Article 34(2) of the 1978 Act.

[4] With a declaration that the 1978 Act is not applicable to Hong Kong, China.

[5] 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.

[6] Operates a plant breeders' rights system which covers the territory of its 27 member States (member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden).

[7] Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

[8] The United Kingdom extended the application of the Convention to the territory of the Isle of Man with effect from April 25, 2023.

[9] With a reservation pursuant to Article 35(2) of the 1991 Act.

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