

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 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	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	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
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

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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), Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden).

⁷ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

⁸ The United Kingdom extended the application of the 1991 Act 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.