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CPVO Community Plant Variety Office

## MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE CPVO

Angers, 15 and 16 November 2011

### I. Staff matters (confidential item)

**a) Renewal of the term of office of Mr Carlos GODINHO as Vice-President of the CPVO – Adoption of the opinion (*Doc-CA/11/04/02*)**

Confidential

**b) Appraisal of the Vice-President of the CPVO, appointment of rapporteurs – decision**

Confidential

**c) New possible roles for the CPVO in connection with the legislation on the marketing of seeds and plants (oral presentation)**

Confidential

### II. Approval of the draft minutes of the confidential meeting of 22 March 2011 in Brussels (confidential item)

Confidential

### III. Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of 22 and 23 June 2011

The minutes of the AC meeting in June were adopted with the amendments requested by Denmark and the United Kingdom.

### IV. Result of the 'European Conference on EU PVRs in the 21st Century', Brussels, 11 October 2011

The AC members took note of the report by the Commission whose aim was to consult the stakeholders on the action plan during 2012.

### V. Financial situation of the CPVO and end-of-year forecasts (*Doc-CA/11/04/03*)

The AC members took note of the report on the financial situation. The outturn was expected to be lower than that of 2010, but the 13% extra applications in comparison with the previous year would have an impact on the end-of-year outturn which should be between EUR 300 000 and 800 000.

### VI. Fees structure: update (*Doc-CA/10/04/04*)

The AC members present and represented unanimously voted in favour of reducing the application fee to EUR 650 as from January 2013. They asked the Commission to take the necessary measures to implement this. They asked the CPVO to make proposals on other points that could be discussed in order to balance the CPVO's budget in the future, and, if necessary, to set up a working group.

### VII. Adoption of the draft budget 2012 (*Doc-CA/11/04/05*)

The AC members present and represented unanimously adopted the draft budget 2012 as submitted.

### VIII. Information on the various IT projects (*Doc-CA/11/04/06*)

The AC members took note of the three IT projects presented, namely:

- online applications;
- the pilot phase for sharing applications on line to provide the possibility of filing national applications (breeder rights and catalogue) on line for maize and tomato species in cooperation with GEVES and NAKTUIINBOUW;
- the electronic exchange of documents: a pilot project which would be launched by the end of the year, and for which France, the Netherlands, Germany and the United Kingdom had expressed an interest in being project partners; Spain only wished to be informed of its progress, without being a partner.

**IX. Registration of essentially derived varieties (Doc-CA/11/04/07)**

The AC members took note of the CPVO's draft document on the registration of essentially derived varieties.

They were in favour of making information available to third parties for the sake of transparency, but felt that the CPVO should not be responsible for the declarations which it received in order to make those registrations.

The Commission may consult its legal service on the interpretation of the current legislation, in particular whether it was necessary that different persons apply for the entry of an essentially derived variety. This item would be added to the agenda of the next AC meeting. This opinion, although not enforceable on the CPVO, and the delegations' contributions to the discussion, would enable the CPVO to take a stance vis-à-vis the three options proposed in its project and to take a decision on the registration applications received.

**X. Audit Quality Service: authorisation recommendations**

The AC members present and represented, with the abstention of Denmark, voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation to certify the Danish office, as proposed.

**XI. New technical protocol for rape DUS tests (Doc-CA/11/04/08 + annex)**

The AC members present and represented unanimously adopted the technical protocol for rape, including the recent amendments submitted, with retroactive effect from 1 August 2011.

**XII. Results of the surveys on new species**

The AC members present and represented voted unanimously in favour of the CPVO's proposal.

**XIII. September 2010: Approval of the modifications of the species assigned to the examination offices (Doc-CA/11/04/09)**

The AC members present and represented voted unanimously in favour of the CPVO's proposal to continue the DUS testing of the two applicant varieties and to add the two species *Syzygium paniculatum* Gaertn et *Ruscus hypophyllum* L. to the current NIAB contract.

**XIV. Designation of new examination offices (Doc-CA/11/04/10)**

The AC members present and represented unanimously designated the examination offices proposed in the CPVO's document.

