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**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:
INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

NEW ZEALAND

Addendum

The following communication, dated 7 November 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of New Zealand.

1 THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) provides ongoing technical assistance on request to developing and least developed countries. New Zealand will continue to support future work, on request, to improve the intellectual property systems of developing countries.
2. IPONZ is recognized for its efficient and effective online services, high quality examination and registration processes. As a result, IPONZ hosts delegations and study visits from developing and least developed countries to provide practical training and knowledge sharing.
3. This year, IPONZ hosted a delegate from the Samoan Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour with an interest in building capability and knowledge about online systems. IPONZ provided information and training on its online case management system and registers.

2 THE PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS OFFICE

4. New Zealand has been a Member of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) since 1981. New Zealand, through the Plant Variety Rights (PVR) Office, actively participates in the UPOV Council, Administration and Legal Committee, the Technical Committee and in some of the Technical Working Parties.
 5. An IPONZ representative from the Plant Variety Rights Office delivered a series of lectures on Distinctiveness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) Testing as part of a training programme for developing countries organised by the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Korean Seeds Variety Services (KSVS). Participating students were from Peru, Guatemala, the Republic of Moldova, Philippines, Ghana and Sudan.
 6. The PVR team hosted a delegation from the Chinese Academy of Forestry and exchanged technical experience for the variety testing of forest tree and other ornamental plant species. The PVR team also hosted a staff member from Naktuinbouw (Dutch Variety Testing Organisation) and shared information for variety testing of ornamental and fruit species.
 7. On two separate occasions, an IPONZ representative was a tutor for sessions of the UPOV distance learning programme with students from East and South East Asian States.
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ANNEX¹

**TABLE OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES BY NEW ZEALAND
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2017 TO 30 JUNE 2018**

Category	Date	Location	Activity
Information exchange and technical advice	July 2017	Wellington, New Zealand	IPONZ hosted a representative from the Samoan Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour. This was part of a broader programme run by MFAT and Business Registries.
Information exchange	July 2017		IPONZ National Manager attended an ASEAN-Australia-NZ Free Trade Agreement meeting with Business Law.
Information exchange and technical advice	August 2017	Wellington, New Zealand	IPONZ hosted Tasi Seuao, a Labour Inspector from the Samoan Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour.
Information exchange and technical advice	August 2017	Video conference	IPONZ showcased our examination process and system to the Israel IP Office.
Practical training and information exchange	October 2017	Distance learning	An IPONZ representative tutored the UPOV distance learning courses with students from east and south-east Asia.
Information exchange and technical advice	October 2017	Japan	A Principal Trademark Examiner presented on NZ's experience implementing the Madrid Protocol at the Regional Meeting of Intellectual Property Office Officials Responsible for the Madrid System in Tokyo.
Information exchange	October 2017	Wellington, New Zealand	The IPONZ Stakeholder Engagement team hosted an overseas delegation from Nanjing, China.
Information exchange	November 2017	South Korea	Simon Gallagher presented at the WIPO-KIPO Joint International Conference on the Madrid System in Seoul South Korea in November.
Practical training, technical advice and information exchange	December 2017	Christchurch, New Zealand	The PVR team at IPONZ hosted a delegation from the Chinese Academy of Forestry in Christchurch.
Information exchange	December 2017	Wellington, New Zealand	IPONZ hosted a delegation including the Commissioner of the China State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO).
Technical advice and information exchange	January 2018	Christchurch, New Zealand	The PVR team at IPONZ hosted a staff member of Naktuinbouw (Dutch Variety Testing Organisation) in Christchurch.

¹ In English only.

Category	Date	Location	Activity
Information exchange and technical advice	February 2018	Wellington, New Zealand	IPONZ and MFAT met with Senior Advisor to the French Polynesian Vice President and Minister of Finance and Economy. We discussed the IP rights system in New Zealand and IP chapter negotiations and areas where we may need technical assistance.
Practical training and information exchange	March 2018	Distance learning	An IPONZ representative tutored the UPOV distance learning courses with students from east and south-east Asia.
Information exchange and technical advice	May 2018	Wellington, New Zealand	IPONZ met with the Coordinator of Quality from INPI Brazil to discuss how IPONZ developed and manages its quality system, audit processes and continuous improvement culture.
Practical training and information exchange	May 2018	Gimcheon, South Korea	An IPONZ representative delivered a lecture series on for the annual Plant Variety Protection Training Programme for developing countries organised by the Korean International Cooperation Agency and Korea Seed and Variety Service.
Information exchange and technical advice	June 2018	Wellington, New Zealand	IPONZ hosted Peter Button, Vice-Secretary General of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV). Mr Button met with IPONZ and Policy staff and discussed the review of the PVR Act. He also met with industry representatives to discuss current issues and UPOV 91.