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Mariam Mayet
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Dear Ms Mayet

RE: ARIPO'S DRAFT PVP POLICY

We acknowledge receipt of your email on the above named subject. We apologise for the delay in acknowledging your comments as submitted on the Draft PVP Policy of ARIPO.

During the Thirty-sixth Session of the Administrative Council of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), held in Zanzibar, the Republic of Tanzania from 26 to 30 November, 2012, the Draft PVP Policy of ARIPO was thoroughly discussed by the Council. Many comments received from different interested parties were also examined by the Council.

The Council at the end of its deliberations took note of the revised legal framework for the protection of New Varieties of Plants and directed the ARIPO Secretariat to hold national and regional consultations in the year 2013.

These consultations are to open the Draft PVP Policy to further debate, examination, revisions and to create more awareness so as to have adopted finally, a regional legal framework which be accepted to all for the benefit of Africa as a whole.

We take this opportunity to assure you that you will be duly informed and invited to be part of this very important phase of national and regional consultations of the Draft PVP Policy of ARIPO

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. McDave', with a horizontal line underneath.

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