

(a) provide for appropriate legal remedies for the effective defence of the rights provided for in this Convention;

(b) set up a special authority for the protection of new varieties of plants or entrust such protection to an existing authority;

(c) ensure that the public is informed of matters concerning such protection, including as a minimum the periodical publication of the list of titles of protection issued.

(2) Contracts may be concluded between the competent authorities of the member States of the Union, with a view to the joint utilisation of the services of the authorities entrusted with the examination of varieties in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 and with assembling the necessary reference collections and documents.

(3) It shall be understood that, on depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, each State must be in a position, under its own domestic law, to give effect to the provisions of this Convention.

### **Article 31**

#### **Signature**

This Act shall be open for signature by any member State of the Union and any other State which was represented in the Diplomatic Conference adopting this Act. It shall remain open for signature until October 31, 1979.

### **Article 32**

#### **Ratification, Acceptance or Approval; Accession**

(1) Any State shall express its consent to be bound by this Act by the deposit of:

(a) its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, if it has signed this Act; or

(b) its instrument of accession, if it has not signed this Act.

(2) Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General.

(3) Any State which is not a member of the Union and which has not signed this Act shall, before depositing its instrument of accession, ask the Council to advise it in respect of the conformity of its laws with the provisions of this Act. If the decision embodying the advice is positive, the instrument of accession may be deposited.