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CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**Eighty-Fourth Session
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REPORTS FROM NEW MEMBERS OF THE UNION

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1. At its eighty-first session, held in Geneva on April 8, 2011, the Consultative Committee approved the proposed arrangements for new members of the Union to be invited to make a brief presentation at the Consultative Committee, as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of document CC/81/9. At its eighty-second session, held in Geneva on October 19 and on the morning of October 20, 2011, the Consultative Committee requested the Office of the Union to issue an invitation to the Dominican Republic and Turkey to make a presentation at the eighty-fourth session of the Consultative Committee (see document CC/82/15 "Report", paragraph 80).

BACKGROUND

2. At its eightieth session, held in Geneva on October 20, 2010, the Consultative Committee endorsed a proposal to invite new members of the Union to make a brief presentation at the Consultative Committee, on progress on the implementation of the UPOV system in their territory, with an opportunity to indicate any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance (see document CC/80/10 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 78).

3. At its eighty-first session, the Consultative Committee approved the following arrangements:

(a) In order to provide an opportunity for new members of the Union to share their experiences and to indicate any particular areas where they consider that further guidance or assistance would be beneficial, new members of the Union will be invited to make a brief presentation (10 to 15 minutes) at the October sessions of the Consultative Committee. The members of the Union concerned will be invited to report on progress on the implementation of the UPOV system in their territory and to share their experiences in the implementation of the UPOV system. In addition, they will be invited to indicate any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance and, on the basis of their own experience, suggestions that they might have with regard to guidance or assistance that would be beneficial for future members of the Union. It will be emphasized in the invitation that the purpose of the presentation is to facilitate cooperation between members of the Union and to enable the guidance and assistance that UPOV offers to be improved.

(b) In the first instance, members of the Union will be invited to make a presentation five years after becoming a member of the Union. There were no new members of the Union in 2010 and, from October 2015, the period will be reduced to four years to avoid a gap in 2015. On that basis, the timetable for presentations at the sessions of the Consultative Committee would be as follows:

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| <i>October 2011</i> | Iceland Morocco Viet Nam – to make a presentation in October 2012 (see below) |
| <i>October 2012</i> | Dominican Republic Turkey |
| <i>October 2013</i> | Georgia |
| <i>October 2014</i> | Costa Rica Oman |
| <i>October 2015</i> | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Peru |
| <i>October 2016</i> | [accessions in 2012] |

PRESENTATIONS AT THE EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

4. In accordance with the request of the Consultative Committee at its eighty-second session, the Office of the Union issued an invitation to the Dominican Republic and Turkey to make a presentation at the eighty-fourth session of the Consultative Committee (see document CC/82/15 "Report", paragraph 80).

5. As it was not possible for Viet Nam to make a presentation in 2011, at the request of Viet Nam, the Office of the Union renewed the invitation in order for Viet Nam to make a presentation at the eighty-fourth session of the Consultative Committee.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE EIGHTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

6. In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Consultative Committee at its eighty-first session (see document CC/81/11 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 41), the Office of the Union would invite Georgia to make a presentation at the eighty-sixth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2013.

7. *The Consultative Committee is invited to:*

(a) welcome the presentations by the Dominican Republic, Turkey and Viet Nam; and

(b) approve the issue of an invitation to Georgia to make a presentation at the eighty-sixth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2013.

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