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

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1. At its eighty-sixth session, held in Geneva on October 23 and 24, 2013, the Consultative Committee requested the Office of the Union to issue invitations to Costa Rica, Georgia and Oman to make presentations, at the eighty-eighth session of the Consultative Committee, on progress in their implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance (see document CC/86/15 "Report", paragraphs 81 and 82).

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:

October 2011	Iceland Morocco [Viet Nam] – presentation made in October 2012
October 2012	Dominican Republic Turkey Viet Nam
October 2013	Georgia*
October 2014	Costa Rica Oman
October 2015	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Peru
October 2016	[none]
October 2017	Serbia
October 2018	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) [plus other accessions in 2014]

* The Consultative Committee, at its eighty-sixth session, noted that it was not possible for Georgia to make a presentation in 2013, and agreed to renew the invitation in order for Georgia to make a presentation at the eighty-eighth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2014.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

4. In accordance with the request of the Consultative Committee at its eighty-sixth session, the Office of the Union has issued invitations to Costa Rica, Georgia and Oman to make presentations, at the eighty-eighth session of the Consultative Committee, on progress in their implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where it would welcome guidance or assistance (see document CC/86/15 "Report", paragraphs 81 and 82).

5. At the date of this document, Georgia had confirmed that it would make a presentation at the eighty-eighth session of the Consultative Committee. Costa Rica had confirmed that it would make a presentation electronically, via the internet.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE NINETIETH 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 plans to invite the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Peru to make presentations at the ninetieth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2015.

7. *The Consultative Committee is invited to:*

(a) welcome the presentations on progress in the implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance; and

(b) approve the issue of invitations to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Peru to make presentations on progress in the implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance, at the ninetieth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2015.