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SPECIAL PROJECT FUND

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1. The purpose of the document is to provide information on the plans for the use of the Special Project Fund in 2015 and to present a proposal for use of any balance of funds in 2016.

BACKGROUND

2. At its forty-eighth ordinary session, the Council approved the use of the special project fund for training purposes, as set out in document C/48/19 "Report by the President on the work of the eighty-eighth session of the Consultative Committee; adoption of recommendations, if any, prepared by that Committee", paragraph 32, as recommended by the Consultative Committee (see document C/48/22 "Report", paragraph 21).
3. The amount of the reserve fund exceeding 15 percent of the total income for the 2012-2013 Biennium was 184,000 Swiss francs (see document C/48/12 "Performance Report for the 2012-2013 Biennium", 3.6 Income, Expenditure and Reserves).
4. The Consultative Committee, at its eighty-ninth session, held in Geneva on March 27, 2015, approved the planned use of the Special Project Fund for training purposes in the context of the UPOV training and assistance strategy presented in document CC/89/4 "Special Project Fund" (see document CC/89/11 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 24).
5. Document CC/89/4 proposed to use the Special Project Fund in 2015 for the following purposes and in the order of priority, as considered appropriate in relation to the availability of funding from other sources:
 - Standard training activities organized or co-organized by UPOV
 - Contributing data to the PLUTO database
 - Train the trainer courses
 - Training for tutors in UPOV distance learning programs
 - Training and assistance resources
 - Training activities developed in conjunction with UPOV
 - In situ activities organized by UPOV

PLANNED USE OF THE SPECIAL PROJECT FUND

6. Subject to the situation with regard to the regular program and budget, the Office of the Union plans to use the Special Project Fund (SPF) to contribute to the following activities in 2015:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Budgeted SPF contribution (CHF)</u>
PLUTO training (English)	Geneva	September	14,000
XI International Workshop on DUS Examination of Plant Varieties, organized by <i>Servicio Nacional de Inspección y Certificación de Semillas</i> (SNICS) of Mexico in cooperation with UPOV and the financial assistance of the United States of America Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	Mexico	September	38,000
PLUTO training (Spanish)	Geneva	October	42,000
Train the trainer course for Ibero-American countries: plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention and complementary forms of intellectual property protection, organized by UPOV in cooperation with the Spanish Agency for Cooperation and Economic Development (AECID), the Spanish Plant Variety Office (OEVV) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Bolivia	November	30,000 *
Train the Trainer Course on Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention for officials of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), organized by UPOV in cooperation with WIPO	Geneva	November-December	60,000 *
TOTAL:			184,000

* *Part of the funding may be provided from the USPTO.*

7. It is proposed that any balance of the Special Project Fund be used in 2016 for activities in the context of the UPOV training and assistance strategy presented in document CC/89/4 "Special Project Fund", according to the priorities set out in paragraph 5 of this document.

8. *The Consultative Committee is invited to:*

(a) *note the plans to use the Special Project Fund (SPF) in 2015, as set out in paragraph 6; and*

(b) *approve the planned use of the Special Project Fund in 2016, as set out in paragraph 7.*

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