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## REPORTS FROM NEW MEMBERS OF THE UNION

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1. The Consultative Committee, at its eighty-eighth session, held in Geneva on October 15, 2014, agreed to invite the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Oman and Peru to make presentations at its ninetieth session, on progress in their implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance (see document CC/88/17 "Report", paragraphs 102 and 104). The Consultative Committee, at its ninetieth session, will also be invited to consider invitations for future presentations.

## 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 were 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 was reduced to four years to avoid a gap in 2015.

## PRESENTATIONS AT THE NINETIETH SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

4. In accordance with the request of the Consultative Committee at its eighty-eighth session, the Office of the Union issued invitations to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Oman and Peru to make presentations, at the ninetieth 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/88/17 "Report", paragraphs 102 and 104).

5. Oman and Peru have confirmed that they will make a presentation at the ninetieth session of the Consultative Committee. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has informed the Office of the Union that it will not be possible for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make a presentation in October 2015 and requested to postpone its presentation to October 2016.

## PRESENTATIONS AT THE NINETY-SECOND SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

6. There were no new members of the Union in 2012 that would be invited to make a presentation in October 2016. However, the Consultative Committee is invited to renew the invitation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make a presentation at the ninety-second session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2016.

7. On the above basis, the timetable for presentations at the sessions of the Consultative Committee would be as follows:

October 2014	Costa Rica Georgia
October 2015	Oman* Peru <del>The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</del>
October 2016	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
October 2017	Serbia
October 2018	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)
October 2019	Montenegro

\* The Consultative Committee, at its eighty-eighth session, noted that it was not possible for Oman to make a presentation in 2014, and agreed to renew the invitation in order for Oman to make a presentation at a future session of the Consultative Committee, if appropriate (see document CC/88/17 "Report", paragraph 102).

8. *The Consultative Committee is invited to:*

(a) *note the information concerning the presentations on progress in the implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where guidance or assistance would be welcome;*

(b) *note that it was not possible for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make a presentation in 2015, and agree to renew the invitation in order for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make a presentation at the ninety-second session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2016.*

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