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REPORTS FROM NEW MEMBERS OF THE UNION

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1. The Consultative Committee, at its ninetieth session, held in Geneva on October 28, 2015, noted that it had not been possible for Oman, Peru and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make a presentation in 2015 on progress in their implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance. The Consultative Committee agreed to renew the invitation in order to enable Oman, Peru and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make presentations at its ninety-second session (see document CC/90/20 "Report", paragraphs 108 and 109).

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 NINETY-SECOND SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

4. In accordance with the request of the Consultative Committee at its ninetieth session, the Office of the Union issued invitations to Oman, Peru and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to make presentations, at the ninety-second 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.

5. Oman has confirmed that a presentation will be made at the ninety-second session of the Consultative Committee. Peru has informed the Office of the Union that it will not be able to be present at the session but has arranged to make a presentation by electronic means via the internet. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has informed the Office of the Union that it will not be able to be present at the session.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE NINETY-FOURTH 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 Serbia to make a presentation at the ninety-fourth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2017.

7. It is proposed to renew the invitation, in 2017, to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make a presentation to the Consultative Committee on progress in their implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where it would welcome guidance or assistance.

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

<i>October 2015</i>	Oman* Peru* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
<i>October 2016</i>	Oman Peru The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
<i>October 2017</i>	Serbia The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
<i>October 2018</i>	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)
<i>October 2019</i>	Montenegro United Republic of Tanzania
<i>October 2020</i>	[no new member in 2016 at the time of publication of this document]

* The Consultative Committee, at its ninetieth session, noted that it was not possible for Oman and Peru to make a presentation in 2015, and agreed to renew the invitation in order for Oman and Peru to make a presentation at the ninety-second session of the Consultative Committee (see document CC/90/20 "Report", paragraph 109).

9. *The Consultative Committee is invited:*

(a) to 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) to agree to renew the invitation in order for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make a presentation at the session of the Consultative Committee which will be held in October 2017, and to invite Serbia to make a presentation at the same session.

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