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**ADDENDUM**  
**APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF UPOV**

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1. The purpose of this document is to report the decision of the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on the designation of the WIPO External Auditor and to invite the Consultative Committee to make a recommendation to the Council on the appointment of the External Auditor of UPOV (see document CC/94/2 "Appointment of the External Auditor of UPOV", paragraph 8).

Appointment of the External Auditor of WIPO

2. The General Assembly of WIPO held its Forty-Ninth (23<sup>rd</sup> ordinary) Session in Geneva from October 2 to 11, 2017 and "appointed the Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom as the WIPO External Auditor for a period of six years to begin on January 1, 2018" (see documents A/57/11 "Summary Report", paragraph 28, and WO/GA/49/4 "Appointment of the External Auditor" available at [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=42291](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=42291)).

Appointment of the External Auditor of UPOV

3. Article 29(6) of the 1991 Act and Article 25 of the 1978 Act of the UPOV Convention provide that the auditing of the accounts of UPOV shall be effected by a State member of UPOV as provided in the administrative and financial regulations, and that the State shall be designated, with its agreement, by the Council.

4. Regulations 8.1 and 8.2 of the "Financial Regulations and Rules of UPOV" (document UPOV/INF/4/4) provide that "[...] Where the WIPO External Auditor is the Auditor General (or official holding the equivalent title) of a State member of UPOV, the Council shall designate as External Auditor, with its agreement, the WIPO External Auditor. [...] The External Auditor shall be appointed for a term of office of six years non-renewable consecutively."

5. *The Consultative Committee is invited to:*

(a) *note the decision of the WIPO General Assembly at its Forty-Ninth (23rd ordinary) Session, held in Geneva from October 2 to 11, 2017, on the appointment of the Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom as the WIPO External Auditor for a period of six years to begin on January 1, 2018, as set out in paragraph 2 of this document; and*

(b) *make a recommendation to the Council, at its fifty-first ordinary session to be held in Geneva on October 26, 2017, on the appointment of the Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom as the External Auditor of UPOV for a period of six years to begin on January 1, 2018.*

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