

Consultative Committee**CC/98/2****Ninety-Eighth Session
Geneva, October 28, 2021****Original:** English
Date: July 29, 2021**STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The Consultative Committee is invited to note that a draft Strategic Business Plan 2023-2027 will be developed for consideration by the Consultative Committee at its ninety-ninth session, to be held on October 27, 2022, and to agree that the draft Strategic Business Plan 2023-2027, as approved by the Consultative Committee, be proposed for adoption by the Council at its fifty-sixth session, to be held on October 28, 2022.

BACKGROUND

2. The Consultative Committee considered document CC/97/3 "Strategic Business Plan" by correspondence in 2020 (see document CC/97/15 "Outcome of the Consideration of Documents by Correspondence", paragraphs 39 to 42).

3. The Consultative Committee approved the draft Strategic Business Plan 2021-2025, as presented in Annex II to document CC/97/3 and requested that the Strategic Business Plan be updated on a biennial basis in order to set the direction for the subsequent two biennia and to coincide with the preparation of the draft program and budget for the subsequent biennium.

4. At its ninety-seventh session, held by electronic means on October 29, 2020, in response to a proposal from the Delegation of the European Union to provide a general context in relation to political and strategic developments and other trends and issues, the Vice Secretary-General proposed to introduce such a contextual background in future versions of the Strategic Business Plan, similar to the information that had been provided in Appendix I to the Annex to document CC/94/3.

5. The Draft Program and Budget for the 2022-2023 Biennium (document C/55/4), I. INTRODUCTION, Direction for the 2022-2023 Biennium, Introduction, explains that the Draft Program and Budget for the 2022-2023 Biennium was prepared in the context of the Strategic Business Plan 2021-2025.

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6. In accordance with the above, a draft Strategic Business Plan 2023-2027 will be developed for consideration by the Consultative Committee at its ninety-ninth session, to be held on October 27, 2022. The draft Strategic Business Plan 2023-2027 will include a contextual background, similar to the information provided in Appendix I to the Annex to document CC/94/3.

7. It is proposed that the draft Strategic Business Plan 2023-2027, as approved by the Consultative Committee, be proposed for adoption by the Council at its fifty-sixth session, to be held on October 28, 2022.

8. *The Consultative Committee is invited to:*

(a) note that a draft Strategic Business Plan 2023-2027 will be developed for consideration by the Consultative Committee at its ninety-ninth session, to be held on October 27, 2022, as set out in paragraph 6 of this document; and

(b) agree that the draft Strategic Business Plan 2023-2027, as approved by the Consultative Committee, be proposed for adoption by the Council at its fifty-sixth session, to be held on October 28, 2022.

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