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APPOINTMENT OF DR. KAMIL IDRIS AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UPOV
FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2003, TO NOVEMBER 30, 2009

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Introduction

1. This document contains two parts: the first provides information on the re-appointment of Dr. Kamil Idris as Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and the second concerns the re-appointment of Dr. Kamil Idris as Secretary-General of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV).

Appointment of the Director General of WIPO

2. On the basis of the nomination made by the Coordination Committee of WIPO, at its forty-ninth (16th extraordinary) session, on March 25, 2003, the General Assembly of WIPO, at its thirty-eighth series of meetings, on May 27, 2003, re-appointed, unanimously and by acclamation, Dr. Kamil Idris as Director General of WIPO for the period from December 1, 2003, to November 30, 2009. Thus the conditions required as far as the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions are concerned were also fulfilled (see paragraph 13 of WIPO document A/38/3).

Appointment of the Secretary - General of UPOV

3. The UPOV Convention (Article 26(5)(iii) of the 1991 Act and Article 21(b) of the 1978 Act) provides that one of the tasks of the Council of UPOV shall be the appointment of the Secretary - General of UPOV.
4. Of particular relevance in relation to the above is the Agreement between the World Intellectual Property Organization and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (WIPO/UPOV Agreement, document UPOV/INF/8), signed on November 26, 1982, providing that “[t]he Council of UPOV shall appoint as Secretary-General of UPOV the Director General of WIPO” (see Article 4(1) of the WIPO/UPOV Agreement).
5. Taking into consideration the re-appointment of Dr. Kamil Idris as Director General of WIPO, as indicated in paragraph 2 of this document, Dr. Kamil Idris should be re-appointed as Secretary - General of UPOV for the period December 1, 2003, to November 30, 2009. His curriculum vitae is reproduced in the Annex to this document.
6. Furthermore, Article 4(5) of the WIPO/UPOV Agreement provides that “[t]he indemnity of the Secretary - General of UPOV, payable by UPOV, shall be determined by the Council of UPOV.”
7. In accordance with decisions of the Council of UPOV, the remuneration of the Secretary-General of UPOV corresponds to twenty percent of the salary, including post adjustment, which he receives in his capacity as Director General of WIPO.
8. Dr. Idris expressed his wish, when he was appointed for the first time as Secretary-General of UPOV, not to receive an indemnity from UPOV and to use this indemnity in the UPOV program and budget for financing activities of particular interest to developing countries (see paragraph 6 of document CC/54/8). Dr. Idris has expressed his intention to continue with the same arrangement once he is re-appointed as Secretary - General of UPOV.

9. *The Council is invited to*

(a) re-appoint Dr. Kamil Idris as Secretary-General of UPOV for the period from December 1, 2003, to November 30, 2009;

(b) note with appreciation that Dr. Idris does not wish to receive an indemnity from UPOV, and decide that this saving should be used in the UPOV program and budget for financing activities of particular interest for developing countries.

[Annex follows]

KAMIL IDRIS

Languages: Arabic, English, French.

Bachelor of Law (LLB) from Khartoum University (Sudan), Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Political Science and Economic Theories from Cairo University (Egypt), Master in International Law and International Affairs from Ohio University (USA), Doctorate in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva University (Switzerland).

Principal Positions

Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Secretary-General of the International Union for the Protection of Plant Varieties (UPOV), (Geneva, since November 1997); Deputy Director General, WIPO (Geneva, 1994 -1997); Director, Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Arab Countries (including the supervision of specific activities in Central and Eastern European countries (1990 -1992)), WIPO (Geneva, 1985 -1994); Senior Program Officer, Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Africa, WIPO, (Geneva, 1982 -1985); Attorney-at-Law, Advocate and Commissioner for Oaths, Sudan; Professor of International Law; Ambassador, Sudanese Foreign Service; Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Sudan to the United Nations Office, Geneva (1979 -1982); Coordinator and Spokesman of the African Group and the Group of 77, Geneva (1981 -1982).

Member, United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) (1992 -1996) and (2000- 2001).

Honorary Degrees

Doctor *Honoris Causa* : The State University of Moldova (1999), Franklin Pierce Law Center (Concord, New Hampshire, 1999), Fudan University (Shanghai, 1999), University of National and World Economy (Sofia, 2000), University of Bucharest (2001), Hannam University (Daajeon, 2001), Mongolian University of Science and Technology (Ulaanbaatar, 2001), Matej Bel University (Banská Bystrica, 2001), National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute" (Kiev, 2002).

Honorary Professor of Laws, Peking University, China (1999).

Decorations

Sudan (1983, 2002), Egypt (1985, 2000, 2001), Senegal (1998), Russian Federation (1999, 2000), Saudi Arabia (1999), Slovakia (1999), Syrian Arab Republic (2000), Portugal (2001), Romania (2001), Mexico (2001), Republic of Moldova (2001), Côte d'Ivoire (2002), Poland (2002).

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