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REPORT ON LONG-TERM FINANCIAL ISSUES OF THE UNION

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1. At its sixty-fifth session, held in Geneva on April 11, 2003, the Consultative Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) discussed the financial situation of the Union. It agreed to set up a consultative group (hereinafter referred to as “the Consultative Group”) which would consider specific long-term financial issues.
2. At its sixty-sixth session, the Committee agreed that the Consultative Group should be comprised of a small number of participants who would be able to reflect the range of circumstances across the members of the Union. It further agreed that the Office of the Union, in consultation with the President of the Council, be requested to form the Consultative Group and to convene a meeting in connection with the April 2004 session of the UPOV bodies.
3. The Consultative Group met on March 31, 2004, in order to consider and further develop proposals on how to secure UPOV’s financial basis in the long term.
4. Discussion of these proposals is scheduled in the draft agenda for the sixty-eighth session of the Committee on October 20, 2004.

5. An oral report of the discussions in the Committee and any recommendation it makes will be made to the Council at its thirty-eighth ordinary session.

6. *The Council is invited to take note of this document.*

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