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EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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1. The Council, at its twenty-fifth extraordinary session in Geneva on April 11, 2008, decided “not to take a decision on a one-year extension of the current appointment of the Vice Secretary-General and to consider a three-year extension at the forty-second ordinary session of the Council to be held on October 30, 2008” (paragraph 31 of document C(Extr.)/25/10 “Report”).
2. The current extension of the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General expires on November 30, 2009 (paragraph 45 of document C/40/19 Rev. “Report”).
3. The Acting Secretary-General, after consultations with the Government of Germany and the Vice Secretary-General, recommends a one-year extension to the current appointment of the Vice Secretary-General until November 30, 2010. For the period December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2012, the Vice Secretary-General has been offered by the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) a priority function as a senior advisor in WIPO, with the task of promoting intellectual property in the international community as a response to global challenges, such as climate change, desertification, health care, food security and preservation of biodiversity.

4. *The Council is invited to extend the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General until November 30, 2010.*

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