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ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE 1978 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

## Report by the Secretary-General

l. At its twelfth ordinary session, held in December 1978, the Council was informed, in document C/XII/12, on the state of activities resulting from the 1978 Diplomatic Conference.

#### 2. In the meantime:

- (a) the Secretary-General has sent copies of the Revised Text of the Convention to the Foreign Ministers of all States that were invited to the Diplomatic Conference, whether or not they were represented, with Notes inviting ratification, acceptance or approval of the Revised Text, signature of it or accession to it, depending on the possibilities open to each State;
- (b) the Secretary-General attached to the Notes mentioned in the preceding subparagraph a document (DC/PCD/2) summarizing the Revised Text, and, where appropriate, a further document (DC/PCD/1) summarizing the main amendments to the present text of the Convention that were incorporated in the Revised Text;
- (c) printed brochures containing the text of the Convention of December 2, 1961, the text of the Additional Act of November 10, 1972, and the Revised Text of October 23, 1978, have been prepared in English, French and German (UPOV publications 293(E), (F) and (G)) and have been widely circulated;
- (d) information about the Diplomatic Conference and the Revised Text has been published in the UPOV Newsletter and in the WIPO periodical "Industrial Property."
- 3. On July 25, 1979, the Revised Text of the Convention was signed by a representative of the Government of Mexico. It was also signed, on the same day, by a representative of the Government of New Zealand. These two signatures bring the total number of States that have signed the Revised Text to 13.
- 4. In July 1979, in accordance with Article 42(3) of the Revised Text, the Secretary-General wrote to the Foreign Ministers of Argentina, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Spain, seeking approval of a translation prepared by the Office of the Union as the official Spanish Revised Text.
- 5. A translation in Italian of the Revised Text has also been prepared by the Office of the Union on the basis of a translation made by "Società Italiana Brevetti" and, in accordance with Article 42(3) of the Revised Text, this will be sent shortly to the Governments of Italy and Switzerland for approval as the official Italian Revised Text.

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- 6. The Office of the Union has been informed that a translation in Dutch of the Revised Text is being prepared by the authorities of Belgium and the Netherlands and will be transmitted to the Secretary-General to start the formal procedure according to Article 42(3) of the Revised Text.
- 7. The Summary Minutes which will form part of the Records of the Diplomatic Conference are being prepared by the Office of the Union. According to Rule 44 of the Rules of Procedure of the Diplomatic Conference (document DC/16), drafts of the Summary Minutes will be circulated to the participants who made interventions at the Conference, for approval of the recording of those interventions. Circulation will take place early in 1980.

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