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ADDENDUM TO THE
PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, THE
TECHNICAL WORKING PARTIES AND THE WORKING GROUP ON BIOCHEMICAL
AND MOLECULAR TECHNIQUES, AND DNA-PROFILING IN PARTICULAR

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1. At its forty-third session, held in Geneva from March 26 to 28, 2007, the Technical Committee (TC) “noted that the chairmanship of Ms. Julia Borys (Poland) would expire with the closing of the forthcoming ordinary session of the Council in October of the current year. It proposed to the Council that it elect Mrs. Françoise Blouet (France) as new Chairperson and Mr. Chris Barnaby (New Zealand) as new Vice-Chairperson of the TC for the forthcoming three-year term” (see paragraph 69 of document C/41/10).
2. Mrs. Françoise Blouet has informed the Vice Secretary-General that she has taken up a new post outside the *Groupe d'étude et de contrôle des variétés et des semences* (GEVES), and she will not be able to become the new Chairperson of the TC.
3. Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council provides that “[e]ach committee shall have a chairman and a vice-chairman who shall be elected by the Council. Where neither the chairman nor the vice-chairman of the committee is able to officiate, the committee shall elect an ad hoc chairman.” This rule implies that when the Chairperson of a committee is unable to officiate, the Vice-Chairperson assumes the functions of the Chairperson.

4. In connection with the recommendation of the TC in paragraph 1 of this document and taking into consideration the development explained in paragraph 2 of this document, it is proposed that the Council, when considering item 14(b) of the revised draft agenda of its forty-first ordinary session (document C/41/1 Rev.), be invited to elect Mr. Chris Barnaby as the new Chairperson of the TC.

5. It is further proposed that the Council invite the TC, at its forty-fourth session in April 2008, to make a recommendation for a Vice-Chairperson of the TC.

6. The Council, when considering item 14(b), Election of the new Chair and the new Vice-Chair of the Technical Committee, is invited to:

(a) elect, for a term of three years ending with the forty-fourth ordinary session of the Council, in 2010, Mr. Chris Barnaby (New Zealand) as the new Chairperson of the TC; and

(b) propose that the TC, at its forty-fourth session in April 2008, make a recommendation for the Vice-Chairperson of the TC.

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