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GENEVA

**COUNCIL**

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DESIGNATION OF THE AUDITOR

*Memorandum of the Secretary-General*

1. Article 29(6) of the 1991 Act and Article 25 of the 1978 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants provide that the auditing of the accounts of the Union shall be effected by a State member of the Union as provided in the administrative and financial regulations, and that the State shall be designated, with its agreement, by the Council.
2. The Council decided, at its October 2003 session, to renew the designation of Switzerland as auditor of the accounts of UPOV for a period of four years, up to and including the year 2007, and expressed its gratitude to the Swiss authorities for their contribution to the working of the Union (document C/37/22, paragraph 31).
3. Under the 1982 Agreement between the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and UPOV, WIPO provides various administrative services to satisfy the requirements of UPOV including, *inter alia*, the financial administration of UPOV (Article 1(1)(iv) of the WIPO/UPOV Agreement).
4. It is recommended to have the same State designated as the auditor of the accounts for both WIPO and UPOV.

5. At their ordinary sessions held from September 24 to October 3, 2007, the Assemblies of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO renewed the designation of Switzerland as auditor of the corresponding accounts for the period up to and including the year 2011.

6. The Secretary-General has been informed that Switzerland is willing to accept the renewal of its mandate as auditor of the accounts of UPOV up to and including the year 2011.

7. The auditing would be carried out by applying the same rules that apply to WIPO.

*8. The Council is invited to renew the designation of Switzerland as auditor of the accounts of UPOV up to and including the year 2011.*

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