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ADDENDUM

DESIGNATION OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF UPOV

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1. The purpose of this addendum is to report the decision of the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on the designation of the WIPO External Auditor and to invite the Council to consider a decision on the designation of the UPOV External Auditor (see document C/45/14, paragraph 8).

Designation of the WIPO External Auditor

2. The General Assembly of WIPO, at the Forty Ninth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies and other Bodies of the Member States of WIPO, which was held from September 26 to October 5, 2011, approved the recommendation of the WIPO Selection Panel for the appointment of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India as the WIPO External Auditor for a period of six years, to begin in January 2012 (document WO/GA/40/19 Prov., paragraph 29, and document WO/GA/40/3, paragraph 13).

Designation of the UPOV External Auditor

3. Article 29(6) of the 1991 Act and Article 25 of the 1978 Act of the UPOV Convention provide that the auditing of the accounts of UPOV shall be effected by a State member of UPOV as provided in the administrative and financial regulations, and that the State shall be designated, with its agreement, by the Council.

4. The Consultative Committee, at its eighty-first session held in Geneva on April 8, 2011, endorsed the following approach for the designation of the UPOV External Auditor (see document C/45/14, paragraph 6(b)):

“[I]f the WIPO External Auditor, appointed by the WIPO General Assembly, is not a State member of UPOV, to invite the Council to designate as UPOV External Auditor, with its agreement, the Auditor General (or officer holding the equivalent title) of Switzerland.”

5. The agreement of the Swiss authorities to act as auditor of the accounts of UPOV is contained in the Annex to document C/45/14.

6. The Council is invited to designate Switzerland as auditor of the accounts of UPOV for a term of office of six years starting from January 2012.

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