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EXTENSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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1. At its fortieth ordinary session, held in Geneva on October 19, 2006, the Council considered the extension of the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General. Relevant paragraphs of the report on the decisions for that session (document C/40/18) are reproduced below for ease of reference:

"34. The Council noted that the Consultative Committee had stressed the importance of the independence of the Council of UPOV in its decisions concerning the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General.

"35. The Council unanimously decided to extend the term of Mr. Rolf Jördens as Vice Secretary-General of UPOV until November 30, 2009.

"36. The Council noted that the Consultative Committee had also agreed to have an initial discussion on that item at its seventy-third session, in March 2007, and to make a final recommendation for a Council decision regarding the one-year extension at the seventy-fifth session of the Committee in April 2008. The final decision would be taken at the twenty-fifth extraordinary session of the Council in April 2008, at the latest."

2. The Council is invited to take a decision on the extension of the appointment of the Vice Secretary-General.

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