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AMENDMENT OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET
OF THE UNION FOR THE 1998-99 BIENNIUM

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1. At its thirty-first ordinary session, on October 29, 1997, the Council, after deciding upon the appointment of the new Secretary-General, noted with appreciation that the new Secretary-General did not wish to receive an indemnity from UPOV, and decided that the program and budget for the 1998-99 biennium ("the program and budget") should be so amended that the resulting saving be used for financing activities of interest particularly to developing countries (see paragraph 5 of the Record of decisions adopted in the session (document C/31/16)).

2. In order to implement this decision, it is proposed that budget item UV.08 in the program and budget should be replaced by a revised item UV.08 and supplemented by an additional item UV.08 *bis* as follows:

UV.08 CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENTS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

[Ex UV.08]

The Office of the Union will continue to maintain contacts with governments of both member States and non-member States, and with interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in order to:

(i) inform them on, and discuss with them, the objectives and activities of UPOV;

(ii) learn about their activities and their position regarding plant variety protection and related questions;

(iii) institute, where appropriate, exchanges of publications, mutual attendance at certain meetings, and other means of cooperation;

(iv) hear the views of organizations as to the priorities that ought to be fixed in the field of international cooperation concerning plant breeders' rights and on other questions of mutual interest.

	TOTAL	Staff	Travel		Contractual Services				Operating Expenses	Supplies & Materials	Furniture & Equipment	Premises	Fellowships	Other Expenses
	Total	Staff	Missions	3rd Party	Conf.	Consult.	Print.	Other						
UV.08	302		110			192								

UV.08 *bis* TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Office of the Union will

(i) establish and maintain contact with non-member States envisaging accession to the UPOV Convention (the overwhelming majority of which are developing countries or countries in transition to market economies), including the rendering of assistance in the preparation and the discussion of the necessary legislation, providing comments on the compatibility of such legislation with the UPOV Convention and the organizing of seminars, workshops or similar activities;

(ii) particularly in the context of the worldwide need for food security and the obligation embodied in Article 27.3(b) of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (“the TRIPS Agreement”) for members of the World Trade Organization to provide protection for plant varieties, assist such non-member States to establish plant variety protection offices and to develop relevant human resources by the provision of training courses (when possible in cooperation with member States) and a fellowship program to facilitate participation in such training courses.

	TOTAL	Staff	Travel		Contractual Services				Operating Expenses	Supplies & Materials	Furniture & Equipment	Premises	Fellowships	Other Expenses
	Total	Staff	Missions	3rd Party	Conf.	Consult.	Print.	Other						
UV.08 <i>bis</i>	301*		80	121	40							60		

* includes 170,000 francs transferred from item UV.08 and 131,000 francs from item UV.09.

3. The following consequential changes to the program and budget will be necessary:

Program Items:

Item UV.09: “Staff” reduced by 131,000 francs to 3,207,000 francs.

“Total” reduced by 131,000 francs to 3,207,000 francs.

Object of Expenditure:

- Staff expenses reduced by 131,000 francs
- Missions reduced by 30,000 francs
- Third party travel increased by 121,000 francs
- Conferences increased by 40,000 francs.

4. The Council is invited to adopt the amendments to the program and budget proposed in this document.

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