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APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW VICE SECRETARY-GENERAL

*Report on Discussions in the Consultative Committee ("the Committee")
proposed by Mr. Karl Olov Öster, Chairman of the Committee*

1. The Committee met on the morning of April 7, 2000, and received my report contained in document CC/59/2 on the meetings of the open-ended Sub-Committee of the Committee on November 18, 1999, and March 9, 2000, which were convened to discuss the appointment of the new Vice Secretary-General.

2. The Committee noted that nominations of the following persons, listed in alphabetical order, had been received by the Secretary-General:

Mr. Sean Butler (United Kingdom)
Mr. Rolf Jördens (Germany)
Mr. Patrick Wallace Murphy (United Kingdom).

3. It further noted that the open-ended Sub-Committee had taken the general view that all three candidates were well qualified for the post and had created a favorable impression. The meetings of the Sub-Committee could therefore not be the final step in selecting the most appropriate candidate. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee had proposed that delegations should consult in the light of the presentations and qualities of the candidates and that, subject

to any discussion in the Committee, the list of candidates would have to be submitted to the Council in alphabetical order with a view to reaching a decision in the Council. If no consensus was reached, the question would have to be put to a vote in the Council.

4. On the proposal of the Delegation from the United Kingdom, the Committee, by acclamation, agreed to propose to the Council that, with the approval of the Secretary-General, it appoint Mr. Rolf Jördens as Vice Secretary-General of UPOV.

5. The Council is invited to appoint Mr. Rolf Jördens as Vice Secretary-General of UPOV.

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