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Calendar of Meetings in 2017

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 The Consultative Committee, at its ninety-second session, held in Geneva on October 27, 2016, agreed to consider, at its ninety-third session, to be held in Geneva on April 6, 2017, whether to propose to organize a single set of sessions from 2018, according to the following proposal, subject to comments from the Technical Committee (TC), as follows:

 (a) after 2017, to hold a single set of sessions of UPOV bodies in the period mid- to late November, with a more specific proposal for timing being developed after taking into account the views of the Technical Committee, which would be invited to consider the matter at its fifty-third session, to be held in Geneva from April 3 to 5, 2017;

 (b) an arrangement for the scheduling of the UPOV bodies, on the following basis:

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|  Friday | Working Group (if appropriate) |
|  Saturday | Working Group (if appropriate) / Enlarged Editorial Committee |
|  Sunday | Working Group (if appropriate) / Enlarged Editorial Committee |
|  **Monday** | **Technical Committee** |
|  **Tuesday** | **Technical Committee** |
|  **Wednesday** | **Administrative and Legal Committee**  |
|  **Thursday** | **Consultative Committee** |
|  **Friday** | **Council** |
|  Saturday | Symposium /Seminar/Working Group (if appropriate) |

 With regard to timing of sessions in November 2018, the TC will be invited, at its fifty-third session, to consider if the week of [November 12-16]/[November 26-30] would be a suitable week.

 Document C(Extr.)/34/3 “Report by the President on the work of the ninety-third session of the Consultative Committee; adoption of recommendations, if any, prepared by that Committee”) will contain a report on the conclusions of the TC, at its fifty-third session, and the recommendations of the Consultative Committee, with regard to the timing of sessions in 2018.

 The Working Group on a Possible International System of Cooperation (WG-ISC) will hold its second meeting in Geneva on April 5, 2017. The date of the next meeting of the WG-ISC will be reported to the Council at its thirty-fourth extraordinary session on April 6, 2017.

 The Council is invited,

 (a) subject to comments from the TC at its fifty‑third session, to be held from April 3 to 5, 2017, and to recommendations made by the Consultative Committee at its ninety-third session, to be held on April 6, 2017, to consider the scheduling of a single set of sessions from 2018, as set out in paragraphs 1 to 3, above;

 (b) to note the date of the next meeting of the WG-ISC; and

 (c) to approve a revision of document C/50/8 Rev.2 “Revised Calendar of Meetings in 2017”.

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