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INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

GENEVA

**DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
ON THE REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS**

Geneva, October 9 to 23, 1978

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Place of Conference

The Diplomatic Conference will take place in the new building of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva (Switzerland). Plenary sessions of the Conference will always be held in Room A. Should meetings of two organs of the Conference (the Plenary of the Conference, the Credentials Committee, the Drafting Committee and any committee or working group which the Conference establishes) take place at the same time, one meeting will be held in Room A and the other in Room B.

2. Opening of the Conference and Meeting Hours

The Diplomatic Conference will open on Monday, October 9, at 10 a.m. If the Conference agrees, the meetings will generally take place from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (without interruption).

3. Registration and Presentation of Documents

The participants in the Diplomatic Conference will be able to register with the Secretariat of the Conference, which will maintain a permanent documentation service at the entrance to Room A during the hours mentioned below, and will be able to present their credentials and full powers or their letters of appointment (see Rules 6 to 8 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure) between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday, October 9 and Tuesday, October 10.

4. Simultaneous Interpretation and Oral Intervention

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for in English, French and German. Instructions on the use of the equipment for simultaneous interpretation and for oral interventions will be on your desk.

5. Documents

Documents will be distributed immediately on publication by the documentation service. Copies of documents which have already been distributed can also be obtained at the documentation service's desk at the entrance to Room A.

Manuscripts of proposals for amendments which are presented by the delegations of member States or of "observer" States should be submitted to the Secretary of the appropriate organ (Plenary of the Conference, Credentials Committee, Drafting Committee, Committee or Working Group). The Secretariat of the Conference will distribute these proposals in the form of documents in the working languages of the appropriate organ. For the proper functioning of the Conference, delegations are asked to submit the manuscripts of their proposals for amendments to the Secretariat of the Conference at the earliest opportunity.

Documents presented to the following organs or which emanate from them will be distributed under the following references:

- (i) Plenary of the Conference: DC/...
- (ii) Credentials Committee: DC/CVP/...
- (iii) Drafting Committee: DC/DC/...
- (iv) Committees established by the Conference: DC/CO/I/..., DC/CO/II/..., etc.
- (v) Working Groups established by the Conference: DC/WG/I/..., DC/WG/II/... etc.

Documents intended for the information of participants will be distributed under reference DC/INF/... and will be printed on blue paper. In all other cases, documents in the English language will be printed on pink paper, documents in the French language on white paper and documents in the German language on green paper; trilingual documents (English, French, German) will be printed on yellow paper.

Written declarations of "observer" organizations will be distributed only in the quantities and in the languages in which they have been submitted (see Rule 48.5 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure).

6. Personal Effects of Participants

Coatstands are at the disposal of participants at the entrance to the Conference Room, at their own risk. Briefcases can be left at the risk of the participants in the Conference Room in which the meeting has taken place, but not in the small meeting rooms (see item 7 below).

7. Private Meetings

Two small meeting rooms (which can accommodate up to 16 persons) will be available for different groups at short notice for private discussions. These rooms are not equipped for simultaneous interpretation.

8. Telephone, Telegrams, Telex and Post Office

A telephone booth will be found on the ground floor of the new building of WIPO.

The nearest office of the Swiss Postal and Telegraphic Service is on the ground floor of the International Conference Center (Centre international des conférences - CIGG), 15, rue de Varembe (opening hours, Monday to Friday: from 7.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. without interruption).

9. Bank

An office of the Union de Banques Suisses will be found on the ground floor of the International Conference Center (Centre international des conférences - CIGG), 15, rue de Varembe (opening hours, Monday to Friday: from 7.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. without interruption).

An office of the Société de Banque Suisse will be found on the ground floor of the tower of the International Telecommunication Union (UIT-ITU), avenue Giuseppe Motta, opposite the WIPO building, (opening hours, Monday to Friday: from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.).

10. Travel Agency

An office of the Kuoni Travel Agency will be found on the ground floor of the BIRPI building.

11. Transport

Buses "O" and "F", serving the city center and the railway station, stop at the rue de Vermont (outside the restaurant "Les Grillades") and also at the Place des Nations but at different stops. Taxis can be ordered through the receptionist at the entrance of the WIPO building.

12. Parking

Parking facilities are available on the chemin des Colombettes at the front of the WIPO building. Underground parking (against payment) can be found at the Place des Nations.

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