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## WEBCASTING OF UPOV SESSIONS

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1. The Technical Committee (TC), at its forty-seventh session, held in Geneva from April 4 to 6, 2011 noted that the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC), at its twenty-eighth session, had agreed to hold its twenty-ninth session in Geneva, Switzerland, from June 7 to 10, 2011, with the preparatory workshop on June 6, in order to facilitate the webcasting of the session (see documents TC/47/3, paragraph 14, and TC/46/26 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 11).
2. At its eighty-second session, held in Geneva on October 19, and on the morning of October 20, 2011, the Consultative Committee was informed that the webcast of the twenty-ninth session of the TWC was followed online by 25 participants from 10 members of the Union. The Consultative Committee was informed that no webcasting of UPOV sessions was planned for 2012. However, it was proposed that webcasting be considered for future UPOV symposia and seminars to be held in Geneva, on a case-by-case basis, where appropriate to reach a wider audience.
3. The Consultative Committee noted the report on the webcast of the twenty-ninth session of the TWC and approved the proposal to consider webcasting of future UPOV symposia and seminars to be held in Geneva, on a case-by-case basis. It further agreed to request the TC and the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) to consider whether it would be appropriate to introduce the possibility to webcast sessions of the TC, CAJ and the Technical Working Parties (TWPs) with the opportunity to participate in such sessions by electronic means.
4. A brief overview of technologies currently available will be made at the forty-eighth session of the TC.
5. *The TC is invited to consider whether it would be appropriate to introduce the possibility to webcast sessions of the TC and the TWPs with the opportunity to participate in such sessions by electronic means.*

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