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PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REVISION OF THE UPOV CONVENTION

prepared by the Office of the Union

1. This document contains, in its Annex, the preliminary draft of the Provisional Agenda of the Diplomatic Conference on the revision of the UPOV Convention, which is scheduled to be held in October 1978. It would bear the document number UPOV/78DC/1.

2. The said draft has been established on the basis of the Draft of the Provisional Rules of Procedure appearing in document IRC/VI/4. It conforms to practice and takes account of the experience gained from recent diplomatic conferences. It is on the basis of such experience that it is proposed:

(i) that the first three items of the agenda be dealt with under the Chairmanship of the Secretary-General of UPOV, thus placing each Delegation in a position of strict equality during the adoption of the Rules of Procedure and the election of the President,

(ii) that the Rules of Procedure be adopted before the election of the President of the Conference, thus ensuring that the said Rules be applicable without contestation to the said election,

(iii) that the Credentials Committee establish two reports to be considered by the Conference, as all the credentials, full powers and letters or other documents of appointment are generally not available at the beginning of the Conference.

3. The Committee of Experts is invited:

(i) to examine the preliminary draft of the Provisional Agenda,

(ii) to approve, subject to any amendment agreed upon, its submission to the Council at its eleventh ordinary session, to be held in December 1977, for final approval.

[Annex follows]

PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

prepared by the Office of the Union

1. Opening of the Conference by the Secretary-General of UPOV
2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure (document UPOV/78DC/2)
3. Election of the President of the Conference
4. Adoption of the agenda (this document)
5. Election:
 - (i) of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference
 - (ii) of the members of the Credentials Committee
 - (iii) of the members of the Drafting Committee
6. Consideration of the first report of the Credentials Committee
7. Consideration of the draft of a revised text of the UPOV Convention (document UPOV/78DC/3)
8. Consideration of the second report of the Credentials Committee
9. Consideration of the draft of a revised text of the UPOV Convention submitted by the Drafting Committee and adoption of the said revised text
10. Consideration and adoption of any recommendation or resolution whose subject matter is germane to the revised text
11. Consideration and adoption of any statement to be included in the Records of the Conference
12. Adoption of a final act, if any, of the Conference
13. Closing of the Conference by the President*.

*The signing ceremony will take place immediately after the closing of the Conference.