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1. As reported in document IRC/VI/7, the Secretary-General of UPOV has, after consultation with the President of the Council of UPOV and with his agreement, discussed the question of the special role of Switzerland in UPOV with the Head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the International Organizations in Geneva and handed over an aide-mémoire to the Head of the said Mission a copy of which has been attached to document IRC/VI/7.

2. On September 5, 1977, the Head of the said Mission wrote to the Director General as follows: "Pursuant to my letter of July 29 in the above-mentioned matter [general revision of the UPOV Convention] I have the honor to inform you that the Swiss authorities would see no inconvenience in foregoing their supervisory role in respect of UPOV and in revising the Convention so as to no longer attribute a special role to the Swiss Government." [translated from French]

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