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ADDENDUM

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL

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1. As announced in document C/42/16 (see paragraph 4 of document C/42/16), the purpose of this addendum is to report the decision of the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on the appointment of the new Director General of WIPO and to invite the Council to consider a decision concerning the terms of appointment for the new Secretary-General of UPOV.

Appointment of the New Director General of WIPO

2. The General Assembly of WIPO, at its thirty-sixth (18th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from September 22 to 30, 2008, appointed Mr. Francis Gurry as the new Director General of WIPO for the period from October 1, 2008, to September 30, 2014.

3. In accordance with Article 4(3) of the WIPO/UPOV Agreement (see paragraph 2 of document C/42/16), Mr. Gurry is Acting Secretary-General of UPOV as from October 1, 2008.

Appointment of the New Secretary-General of UPOV

4. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the UPOV Convention (Article 26(5)(iii) of the 1991 Act and Article 21(b) of the 1978 Act) and of the WIPO/UPOV Agreement (see paragraphs 1 and 2 of document C/42/16), the Council is invited to appoint Mr. Gurry as the new Secretary-General of UPOV for the period from October 30, 2008 to September 30, 2014. The Annex to document C/42/16 contains the curriculum vitae of Mr. Gurry.

5. Furthermore, Article 4(5) of the WIPO/UPOV Agreement provides that “[t]he indemnity of the Secretary-General of UPOV, payable by UPOV, shall be determined by the Council of UPOV.”

6. In accordance with decisions of the Council of UPOV, the remuneration of the Secretary-General of UPOV corresponds to twenty percent of the salary, including post adjustment, which he receives in his capacity as Director General of WIPO.

7. Mr. Gurry has expressed his wish (paragraph 7 of WIPO document WO/GA/36/12 “Report of the Working Group on the Conditions of the Appointment of the New Director General”) not to receive an indemnity as Secretary-General of UPOV and to use this indemnity in the UPOV program and budget for financing activities of particular interest to developing countries.

8. The Council is invited to appoint Mr. Francis Gurry as the new Secretary-General of UPOV for the period from October 30, 2008 to September 30, 2014.

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