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ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE 1978 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

Report by the Secretary-General

1. At its thirteenth ordinary session, held in October 1979, the Council was informed, in document C/XIII/11, on the state of activities resulting from the 1978 Diplomatic Conference.

2. In the period since the preparation of document C/XIII/11:

(a) the Revised Text of the Convention has been signed by representatives of the Governments of Ireland (on September 27, 1979), of Japan (on October 17, 1979) and of Canada (on October 31, 1979), bringing the total number of signatory States at the close of the period of signature (on October 31, 1979) to 16;

(b) the Secretary-General has sent to the Foreign Ministers of all member States and of all other States that were represented at the Diplomatic Conference copies, certified by him, of the Revised Text of the Convention as adopted on October 23, 1978, and as signed at the close of the period of signature on October 31, 1979;

(c) the provisional summary minutes of the sixteen meetings of the Plenary, which will form part of the Records of the Diplomatic Conference (Actes de la Conférence diplomatique), have been prepared by the Office of the Union in the English language, and have been translated into the French and German languages;

(d) in accordance with Rule 44 of the Rules of Procedure of the Diplomatic Conference (document DC/16), the above-mentioned provisional summary minutes have been circulated--as Annex I to documents DC/PCD/3, DC/PCD/5 and DC/PCD/4 respectively--to all speakers at the Conference, for approval of the minutes of their own interventions;

(e) in accordance with Article 42(3) of the Revised Text of the Convention, the Secretary-General has established, after consultation with the Governments of the interested States that were represented in the Diplomatic Conference, official texts in the Italian and Spanish languages, and brochures containing those official texts have been given a wide circulation (UPOV publications 293(I) and 295(S));

(f) an unofficial translation of the text of the Convention of December 2, 1961, the Additional Act of November 10, 1972, and the Revised Text of October 23, 1978, has been prepared in the Russian language, and a brochure containing that unofficial translation has been given a wide circulation (UPOV publication 293(R));

(g) the 1980 edition of the UPOV General Information Brochure has been published in the English language (UPOV publication 408(E)) and contains a chapter entitled "Differences Between the 1961/1972 Text and the Revised Text (1978) of the Convention."

3. The compilation of the English version of the Records of the Diplomatic Conference is proceeding and it is hoped that arrangements for publication can be made towards the end of 1980. French and German versions of that publication will also be prepared.

4. French, German and Spanish versions of the above-mentioned General Information Brochure are in the process of being printed.

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