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DESIGNATION OF AUDITOR

Memorandum of the Director General

1. Article 11(10) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization provides that the auditing of the accounts is to be effected by one or more Member States, or by external auditors, as provided in the financial regulations, and that they shall be designated, with their agreement, by the General Assembly. Similar powers are conferred on the Assemblies of the Paris, Berne, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC, PCT, Vienna and FRT Unions.
2. During their 1989 sessions, the WIPO General Assembly and the Assemblies of the Paris, Berne, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC, PCT, TRT and Vienna Unions expressed their great appreciation for the readiness of the Swiss Government to assume the task of auditor of the accounts of WIPO, of the Unions administered by WIPO, and of the accounts of technical assistance projects executed by WIPO and financed by UNDP up to and including the year 1993, and renewed the designation of Switzerland as auditor of those accounts for the said period (see document AB/XX/20, paragraphs 221 and 222). In 1991, at its first session, the Assembly of the FRT Union designated Switzerland as auditor of its accounts for the same period (see document FRT/A/I/9, paragraph 22).

3. In response to the request recently addressed to it by the Director General, the Swiss Government has informed the Director General that Switzerland was ready to accept the renewal of its mandate of auditor of the accounts of WIPO, of the Unions administered by WIPO, and of the accounts of technical assistance projects executed by WIPO and financed, in particular, by UNDP, up to and including the year 1997.

4. The WIPO Coordination Committee is invited to give advice to the Assemblies referred to in the subsequent paragraph in respect of the question of the designation of the auditor.

5. The WIPO General Assembly and the Assemblies of the Paris, Berne, Madrid, Haque, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC, PCT, Vienna and FRT Unions are invited to renew the designation of Switzerland as auditor of the accounts referred to in paragraph 3, above, up to and including the year 1997.

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