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FOR THE PROTECTION OF LITERARY AND ARTISTIC WORKS
(BERNE UNION)**

ASSEMBLY

**Twenty-Fifth (14th Ordinary) Session
Geneva, September 20 to 29, 1999**

REPORT

adopted by the Assembly

1. The Assembly was concerned with the following items of the Consolidated Agenda document A/34/1 Prov.3): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28 and 29.
2. The report on the said items, with the exception of item 22, is contained in the General Report (document A/34/16).
3. The report on item 22 is contained in the present document.
4. Mr. M.K. Kaw (India) was elected Chair of the Assembly; Mr. Takahiko Kondo (Japan) and Mr. Tolesh Erdenovich Kaudyrov (Kazakhstan) were elected Vice-Chairs.

ITEM 22 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA:

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE
BERNE CONVENTION IN THE CHINESE LANGUAGE**

5. Discussion was based on document B/A/25/1.

6. The Delegation of China recalled that China had acceded to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works in 1992, that Chinese was one of the official working languages of the United Nations and that it was the most widely spoken language in the world. In the Delegation's view, the establishment of the official text of the Berne Convention in the Chinese language would encourage the protection and development of intellectual property rights in China. Pursuant to Article 37(1)(b) of the Berne Convention, the Government of China had requested, in a letter dated March 10, 1999, addressed to the Director General, the establishment of an official text of the Berne Convention in the Chinese language. The Delegation of China invited the Member States of the Berne Union to support that request.

7. The Assembly of the Berne Union decided to designate, for the purposes of Article 37(1)(b) of the Berne Convention, Chinese as a language in which an official text of the Berne Convention shall be established.

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