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**PROCEDURAL STEPS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL  
IN 1997**

*Proposal by Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America*

1. As far as the procedural steps leading to the nomination of the new Director General are concerned, the following is proposed:

(i) On October 15, 1996, a circular would be sent by the Chairman of the Coordination Committee to the Government of each of the States member of WIPO and/or the Paris Union and/or the Berne Union (hereinafter referred to as "the Member States") inviting it to propose, if it so desires, one or several nationals of its State as candidate or candidates for the post of Director General and to send the proposal, through diplomatic channels, to the Chairman of the Coordination Committee by January 15, 1997.

(ii) A copy of each proposal would be sent to all the Governments of the Member States by the Chairman of the Coordination Committee on February 15, 1997.

(iii) The Coordination Committee would meet, at the Headquarters of WIPO, in extraordinary session in early March 1997, in order to nominate a person as its candidate for appointment by the WIPO General Assembly to the post of Director General.

(iv) The Chairman of the Coordination Committee would communicate the nomination of the Coordination Committee to the Governments of the Member States by July 15, 1997.

2. As far as the procedural steps leading to the appointment are concerned, the following is proposed:

(v) The General Assembly of WIPO and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions would have, on the agendas of their ordinary sessions of 1997 (which will be held from September 22 to October 1, 1997), an item entitled "Appointment of the Director General."

(vi) When the General Assembly of WIPO appoints the nominee of the Coordination Committee, it would decide the period and the other conditions of the appointment.

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