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PROTECTION OF AUDIOVISUAL PERFORMANCES

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1. The Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances held in December 2000 was unable to reach agreement on all articles of a proposed treaty aimed at strengthening the rights of performers in their audiovisual performances.
2. At its session in September 2005, the WIPO General Assembly decided that the issue of protection of audiovisual performances would remain on the Agenda of the Assembly for its session of September 2006.
3. Following the session of the General Assembly in 2005, the Director General has been conducting informal consultations among Member States and key stakeholders in the private sector, in order to identify ways and means for making progress on outstanding issues. At the time of preparing this document, the consultations are continuing to take place in a positive and constructive spirit, but there has not been a breakthrough. It is therefore recommended that the issue remain on the agenda of the General Assembly for its session in September 2007.
4. In order to promote developments in the area, both at the levels of national legislation and international consensus-building, the Director General proposes that the WIPO Secretariat organize national and/or regional seminars on the issue in the coming year. These seminars will explore the issues at stake and the various solutions found in existing national legislation and contractual practices.

5. *The WIPO General Assembly is invited to:*

(i) *note the information contained in paragraphs 2 and 3, above;*

(ii) *note the intention of the Director General to organize national and/or regional seminars on the issue in the coming year;*

(iii) *decide that the issue of Protection of Audiovisual Performances will remain on the Agenda of the WIPO General Assembly in its session in September 2007.*

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