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**MATTERS CONCERNING THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON CERTAIN
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Memorandum of the Director General

1. Following the decisions adopted by the General Assembly of WIPO, at its eighteenth session (6th extraordinary), and by the Assembly of the Berne Union, at its nineteenth session (7th extraordinary), in joint meetings held in Geneva on May 21 and 22, 1996 (see document AB/XXVIII/3, paragraph 7), based on the conclusions of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee (Geneva, May 20 and 21, 1996; see document CRNR/PM/8), the International Bureau has taken the necessary measures to prepare the Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions, to take place in Geneva from December 2 to 20, 1996.
2. The preparatory documents of the Diplomatic Conference (namely, the Draft Agenda (document CRNR/DC/1), the Provisional Rules of Procedure (document CRNR/DC/2), and the "Basic Proposal," including both the Substantive Provisions and the draft Administrative and Final Clauses (documents CRNR/DC/3 to 6)) have been prepared and distributed along with the letters of invitation to the Diplomatic Conference.

3. The International Bureau has also taken the necessary measures to prepare the consultation meetings as approved by the said joint meeting of the above-mentioned Governing Bodies, as follows:

- regional consultation meetings for the three groups of developing countries in Geneva on September 20, 1996;
- a meeting of a "12+12 group" (with the participation of 12 developing countries and of 12 countries other than developing countries) in Geneva on October 14 and 15, 1996;
- a regional consultation meeting for developing countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago de Chile, from October 29 to 31, 1996;
- a regional consultation meeting for developing countries of Africa in Casablanca, Morocco, from November 7 to 9*, 1996; and
- a regional consultation meeting for developing countries of Asia and the Pacific in Chiang-mai, Thailand, on November 21 and 22, 1996 (see document AB/XXVIII/3, paragraph 8).

4. Concerning the selection of the participants in the "12 + 12 group" and the mandate of that group, the Governing Bodies decided to defer the decisions to their present sessions (see document AB/XXVIII/3, paragraph 12).

5. *The General Assembly of WIPO and the Assembly of the Berne Union are invited:*

(a) to note the information contained in the present document;

(b) to decide what the mandate of the "12 + 12 group" is and to identify the 24 countries that should be the members of the group.

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* Originally, the dates November 6 to 8, 1996, were agreed upon, which, however, at the request of the Government of Morocco, for technical reasons, have been modified as indicated.