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(BERNE UNION)**

ASSEMBLY

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

Memorandum of the Secretariat

1. Article 37(1)(b) of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Paris (1971) Act) provides as follows:

“Official texts shall be established by the Director General, after consultation with the interested Governments, in the Arabic, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, and such other languages as the Assembly may designate.”

2. At present, only an unofficial text of the Berne Convention in the Russian language exists. The Director General of WIPO has now received a request from the Government of the Russian Federation to establish an official text of the Berne Convention in the Russian language and has initiated steps to establish such an official text in consultation with the interested Governments.

3. *The Assembly of the Berne Union is invited to note the request to establish an official text of the Berne Convention in the Russian language and to designate, for the purposes of Article 37(1)(b) of the Berne Convention, Russian as a language in which an official text of the Berne Convention shall be established.*

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