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ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

(SUPPLEMENT TO DOCUMENT AB/XXIV/11)

Memorandum by the Director General

1. Since the preparation of document AB/XXIV/11, the Director General has received the request of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) for admission as observer to the meetings of the Governing Bodies concerned. A brief statement about ICSU--its objectives, structure and membership--appears in the Annex to the present document.

2. It is proposed that the Governing Bodies include the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) in the category of international non-governmental organizations that are concerned with more than one field of intellectual property and that it be subject to the principles applicable in extending invitations to other similar international non-governmental organizations to attend, as observers, the meetings of the Governing Bodies concerned.

3. The Governing Bodies are invited, each insofar as it is concerned, to take a decision on the proposal appearing in paragraph 2.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

PARTICULARS CONCERNING A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
(on the basis of information received from that organization)

International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU)

Headquarters: Paris, France. Founded at Brussels, in 1931.

Objectives: to encourage and promote international scientific and technological activity for the benefit and well-being of humanity; to facilitate the coordination of the activities of the international scientific unions; to facilitate coordination of the international scientific activities of its members; to stimulate, design, coordinate or participate in the implementation of international interdisciplinary scientific programmes; to act as a consultative body on scientific issues that have an international dimension; to engage in any related activities.

Structure: General Assembly, General Committee, Executive Board.

The General Assembly is the highest authority of ICSU and determines its general policy. The General Assembly consists of the representatives of the (national) scientific academies and research councils and of the (international) scientific unions. Ordinary sessions of the General Assembly are normally held every three years.

The General Committee consists of the officers, the representatives of all the International Scientific Union members and representatives of the National Members elected by the General Assembly. The General Committee reviews the existing and proposed scientific activities of ICSU, determines priorities for scientific activities of the Council and recommends to the General Assembly the creation of appropriate bodies to facilitate and coordinate interdisciplinary scientific and educational activities on an international basis.

The Executive Board consists of the Officers of ICSU (President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer, the past President) and six ordinary members elected by the General Committee from its own membership. The Executive Board directs the day to day affairs of ICSU between sessions of the General Assembly.

Membership: there are two categories of members: scientific unions (international disciplinary organizations devoted to the promotion of activities in a particular area of science) and scientific academies and research councils (national, multidisciplinary bodies). In addition, ICSU has scientific associates (national, regional and international scientific non-governmental organizations).

At present ICSU has 83 scientific academies and research councils in 62 States and 20 scientific unions.