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DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE PROTECTION OF AUDIOVISUAL
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1. At its session in September 2002, the WIPO General Assembly decided that the Director General and the International Bureau would conduct informal consultations with all interested parties and, to convene, if those consultations proved successful, an *ad hoc* informal meeting with the participation of all interested Member States and interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to discuss exhaustively and in full transparency the renewal of the dialogue on the protection of audiovisual performances. Furthermore, the General Assembly also decided that a report would be made to the WIPO General Assembly in its session in September 2003.
2. In accordance with that decision, consultation took place with the Member States through the regional group coordinators in Geneva, under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the General Assembly. Following the consultations, dates for the *ad hoc* informal meeting were fixed from June 18 to 20, 2003.
3. However, as the documentation to be submitted to the meeting could not be ready in time due to technical reasons, the Secretariat proposed that the meeting take place on November 6 and 7, 2003.

4 *The WIPO General Assembly is invited to:*

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

(ii) *consider and decide that the issue of the Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances will remain on the Agenda of the WIPO General Assembly in its session in September 2004.*

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