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AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9(3) OF THE CONVENTION ESTABLISHING THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

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1. The present document reports on progress in relation to the entry into force of the amendment to Article 9(3) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (the WIPO Convention). Although the process of amending Article 9(3) of the WIPO Convention preceded the establishment of the Working Group on Constitutional Reform (the Working Group), it is of obvious relevance to the reform of the constitutional structure of the Organization.
2. In September 1999, the Paris Union Assembly, the Berne Union Assembly and the WIPO Conference unanimously adopted an amended text of Article 9(3) of the WIPO Convention limiting the possible tenure of Directors General of WIPO to two mandates of six years each (document A/34/16, paragraph 148). In order for the amendment to enter into force, Article 17(3) of the WIPO Convention requires written notifications of acceptance of the amendment to be deposited with the Director General by three-fourths of the States that were members of WIPO at the time of the adoption of the amendment (at that time, there were 172 Member States of WIPO, thus requiring written notifications of acceptance from 129 of those States). At the date of the present document, such written notifications have been received from 32 States, whose names are listed in the Annex.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 9(3) OF THE WIPO CONVENTION*

State	Date on which State deposited its Notification of Acceptance	State	Date on which State deposited its Notification of Acceptance
Andorra.....	January 12, 2001	Niger.....	January 29, 2001
Benin.....	January 19, 2000	Nigeria.....	May 31, 2000
Brazil.....	January 3, 2000	Panama.....	February 23, 2000
Burkina Faso.....	February 28, 2000	Poland.....	November 13, 2000
Canada.....	August 11, 2000	Republic of Korea.....	April 20, 2000
China.....	May 1, 2000	Saint Lucia.....	January 10, 2000
Democratic People's Republic of Korea.....	March 24, 2000	Saudi Arabia.....	March 30, 2000
Denmark.....	January 7, 2000	Senegal.....	February 23, 2000
Dominica.....	April 6, 2000	Spain.....	November 10, 2000
Ecuador.....	December 21, 1999	Sri Lanka.....	March 14, 2000
Finland.....	March 28, 2000	Thailand.....	August 21, 2000
Holy See.....	December 16, 1999	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.....	April 26, 2000
India.....	September 22, 2000	Turkey.....	May 19, 2000
Jordan.....	February 1, 2000	Uganda.....	February 1, 1999
Madagascar.....	January 24, 2000	United Republic of Tanzania.....	March 16, 2000
Mauritius.....	January 12, 2000	Viet Nam.....	January 20, 2000

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* The said amendment shall enter into force one month after written notifications of acceptance have been received by the Director General from three-fourths of the Member States of WIPO in accordance with Article 17(3) of the WIPO Convention.