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ADDENDUM

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1. At its second meeting, held in Geneva on October 18, 2011, the Working Group on Rules Concerning Observers (Working Group) considered document CC/OBS/2/2 "Survey on Sanctions" and requested the Office of the Union to prepare a draft text on the possibility for the Consultative Committee to reconsider, and apply appropriate measures, concerning the observer status of organizations, where appropriate. The Working Group agreed that the draft text would be considered at the third meeting of the Working Group (see document CC/OBS/2/3 "Report", paragraphs 10 and 11).
2. The Consultative Committee, at its eighty-second session, noted that the Working Group had requested the Office of the Union to prepare a draft text on the possibility for the Consultative Committee to reconsider, and apply appropriate measures, concerning the observer status of organizations, where appropriate. It further noted that the Working Group had agreed that the draft text would be considered at its third meeting to be held in Geneva on March 29, 2012 (see document CC/82/14 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 56).
3. The Working Group on Rules Concerning Observers (Working Group) held its third meeting in Geneva on March 29, 2012.
4. The Working Group, at its third meeting, agreed to recommend the amendment of the Granting Rules to specify the following:

"The Consultative Committee, where it considers appropriate, may reconsider the observer status of intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations and may apply appropriate measures."
5. The Working Group recommended to include the above text after paragraph 5 of document UPOV/INF/19/1 Draft 1 "Rules Governing the Granting of Observer Status to States, Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations in UPOV Bodies".
6. The Working Group noted that the recommendations in paragraphs 4 and 5 above would be presented to the Consultative Committee, at its eighty-third session, in the form of an addendum to document CC/83/3.

7. *The Consultative Committee is invited to consider the recommendations of the Working Group in paragraphs 4 and 5, above, in relation to the revision of the Rules Governing the Granting of Observer Status to States, Intergovernmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations in UPOV Bodies (see documents CC/83/3 and UPOV/INF/19/1 Draft 1).*

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