

**Consultative Committee****CC/94/14****Ninety-Fourth Session  
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**Date:** October 5, 2017**REPORTS FROM NEW MEMBERS OF THE UNION***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

1. The Consultative Committee, at its ninety-second session, held in Geneva on October 27, 2016, agreed to invite Serbia and to renew the invitation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make presentations at its ninety-fourth session, on progress in their implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance (see document CC/92/21 "Report", paragraphs 92 and 93). The Consultative Committee, at its ninety-fourth session, will also be invited to consider invitations for future presentations.

**BACKGROUND**

2. At its eightieth session, held in Geneva on October 20, 2010, the Consultative Committee endorsed a proposal to invite new members of the Union to make a brief presentation at the Consultative Committee, on progress on the implementation of the UPOV system in their territory, with an opportunity to indicate any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance (see document CC/80/10 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 78).

3. At its eighty-first session, the Consultative Committee approved the following arrangements:

(a) In order to provide an opportunity for new members of the Union to share their experiences and to indicate any particular areas where they consider that further guidance or assistance would be beneficial, new members of the Union will be invited to make a brief presentation (10 to 15 minutes) at the October sessions of the Consultative Committee. The members of the Union concerned will be invited to report on progress on the implementation of the UPOV system in their territory and to share their experiences in the implementation of the UPOV system. In addition, they will be invited to indicate any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance and, on the basis of their own experience, suggestions that they might have with regard to guidance or assistance that would be beneficial for future members of the Union. It will be emphasized in the invitation that the purpose of the presentation is to facilitate cooperation between members of the Union and to enable the guidance and assistance that UPOV offers to be improved.

(b) In the first instance, members of the Union were invited to make a presentation five years after becoming a member of the Union. There were no new members of the Union in 2010 and, from October 2015, the period was reduced to four years to avoid a gap in 2015.

**PRESENTATIONS AT THE NINETY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

4. In accordance with the request of the Consultative Committee at its ninety-second session, the Office of the Union issued invitations to Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to make presentations, at the ninety-fourth session of the Consultative Committee, on progress in their implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where it would welcome guidance or assistance (see document CC/92/21 "Report", paragraphs 92 and 93).

5. At the time of publication of this document, Serbia had confirmed that it would make a presentation at the ninety-fourth session of the Consultative Committee.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE NINETY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

6. In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Consultative Committee at its eighty-first session (see document CC/81/11 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 41), the Office of the Union plans to invite the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) to make a presentation at the ninety-fifth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2018.

7. On the above basis, the timetable for presentations at the sessions of the Consultative Committee would be as follows:

<i>October 2018</i>	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)
<i>October 2019</i>	Montenegro United Republic of Tanzania
<i>October 2020</i>	[no new member in 2016]
<i>October 2021</i>	[no new member in 2017 at the time of publication of this document]

8. *The Consultative Committee is invited to:*

*(a) note the information on progress in the implementation of the UPOV system by Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and any particular areas where guidance or assistance would be welcome; and*

*(b) to agree to invite OAPI to make a presentation at the ninety-fifth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2018.*

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