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PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

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IMPLEMENTATION OF DELIBERATIONS ON ARTICLE XIV BODIES

1. At its 112th Session, held in November 2012, the Programme Committee examined document PC 112/9 "Review of Article XIV Bodies" in the light of the deliberations of the CCLM on the matter and agreed with Management's view that it was desirable to bring this IPA-related action to a close.
2. It is useful to mention that the current review of bodies established under Article XIV of the Constitution is being carried out before the three committees of restricted membership - the Programme Committee, the Finance Committee and the CCLM. In particular, the Finance Committee at its 147th Session of November 2012 decided to re-examine the matter in detail at its session of the Spring of 2013. An in-depth review of the matter is therefore still being carried out on the basis of information on the main outstanding issues and a matrix containing detailed information on the main characteristics of existing bodies. This document is presented for information and it is suggested that the Programme Committee await for the outcome of this review, prior to receiving a more detailed report on the implementation of the deliberations at a future session.
3. Without prejudice to the review that is under way before the Finance Committee, and noting that this progress report has been drafted in January 2013, the Organization is taking steps to implement the deliberations of the CCLM. Thus, bodies under Article XIV of the Constitution have been concluding arrangements with other organizations and institutions; some have also been concluding donor agreements under a delegation by the Assistant Director-General, Technical Cooperation Department. The Organization is not aware of any recent issues related to restrictions on travel or attendance at external meetings by secretaries of bodies under Article XIV of the Constitution nor of any issues arising from current arrangements related to Letters of Agreement, which seem to be working satisfactorily. A few matters pertaining to human resources would be dealt with after the new human resources management team becomes fully operational. One of these issues concerns possible adjustments to the current Performance Evaluation and Management System to reflect the particular situation of some Executive Secretaries who are functionally accountable to the bodies under Article XIV of the Constitution.

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4. A proposal is also being made in the context of the Programme of Work and Budget, 2014-2015 that a number of bodies under Article XIV of the Constitution should report to heads of Department. This reflects, inter alia, a determination on the part of the Organization to facilitate the efficient operation of these bodies.