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ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE BERNE CONVENTION IN THE
CHINESE LANGUAGE

Memorandum of the Secretariat

1. Article 37(1)(b) of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Paris (1971) Act) provides as follows:

“Official texts shall be established by the Director General, after consultation with the interested Governments, in the Arabic, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, and such other languages as the Assembly may designate.”

2. At present, an official text of the Berne Convention in the Chinese language does not exist. The Director General of WIPO has now received a request from the Government of the People’s Republic of China to establish such an official text.

3. *The Assembly of the Berne Union is invited to note the request to establish an official text of the Berne Convention in the Chinese language and to designate, for the purposes of Article 37(1)(b) of the Berne Convention, Chinese as a language in which an official text of the Berne Convention shall be established.*

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