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Item No. 17 on the Agenda : Appointment of correspondents of the Institute

(memorandum prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>Desirability of appointing new correspondents</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Related documents</i>	<i>None</i>

1. The Secretariat traditionally proposes the appointment of a certain number of correspondents of the Institute to the Governing Council each year. Correspondents are potentially of the utmost importance to the Institute's work, especially in those member countries where there is no Governing Council member and personal links are therefore more tenuous. The duties of correspondents are varied, including in particular the provision of advice and information to the Secretariat not only on subjects already under consideration under an existing work programme but also concerning topics for consideration for future study.
2. The appointments made over past years have greatly reinforced the Institute's network of correspondents right across its membership and in certain non-member countries too, this last being particularly useful in the building of bridges to such countries.
3. The Secretariat, however, feels that this is not the time for any new appointments to be made. Rather, it believes that it is first essential for new life to be breathed into its relations with the Institute's existing network of correspondents, only a small number of whom are, in fact, in regular contact with the Secretariat.
4. In these circumstances, the Secretariat would propose that the Governing Council refrain on this occasion from appointing any new correspondents.

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