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Item No. 16 on the Agenda : Report on the situation regarding correspondents

(submitted by the Secretariat)

<i>Summary</i>	<i>Recommendations of the ad-hoc Working Group</i>
<i>Action to be taken</i>	<i>Take a decision on the recommendations</i>
<i>Related documents</i>	<i>C.D. (85) 5; C.D. (85) 19</i>

1. At its 85th session, the Governing Council took note of the Secretariat's analysis of the rather dismal situation regarding the Institute's correspondents. The Council asked Messrs Gabriel, Govey and Soltysinski to give the matter further consideration and to submit a proposal on action to be taken to this session.

2 The ad-hoc Working Group drafted the letter reproduced below to be sent out to those correspondents who cannot currently be identified as active correspondents.

3. *The Council will be invited to approve the content of the letter and to express an opinion as to how best to present the new appointment-for-time system to active correspondents.*

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"ADDRESS

DATE

Dear ,

In your capacity of one of UNIDROIT's correspondents you receive certain documents. Moreover, every three years the Secretariat comes to you asking for your advice with respect to the Institute's Work Programme. We are, of course, aware, of your many commitments and would not wish to add to the burden you have shouldered over the years in the interest of the stakeholders of our work. The Governing Council has asked me, therefore, that I contact you

with a view to finding out whether you might prefer to be taken off the list of addressees of the aforementioned material and requests.

Moreover, the Governing Council is now considering to restructure the entire system. The most likely outcome of the review will be that correspondents will be appointed for a term of [two/three/five] years. Would you be kind enough to indicate whether you are interested to be reappointed for the next cycle? Your advice regarding the triennial Work Programme will continue to be a priority for us. But we would obviously also welcome any input on any of the projects that are currently under preparation.

If you do not reply by [*deadline two months*] the Council and the Secretariat would interpret such silence as an indication that you would wish us to take your name off the list and relieve you from your duties as a correspondent.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,"