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**WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

GENEVA

**DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE  
ON  
CERTAIN COPYRIGHT AND NEIGHBORING RIGHTS QUESTIONS**

**Geneva, December 2 to 20, 1996**

RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING DATABASES

*adopted by the Diplomatic Conference on December 20, 1996*

The Delegations participating in the Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions in Geneva,

*Recognizing* that databases are a vital element in the development of a global information infrastructure;

*Conscious* of the importance of encouraging further development of databases;

*Aware* of the need to strike a balance between the interests of the producers of databases in protection from unfair copying and the interests of users in having appropriate access to the benefits of a global information infrastructure;

*Expressing interest* in examining further the possible implications and benefits of a *sui generis* system of protection of databases at the international level;

*Noting* that a treaty on such a *sui generis* system was not negotiated or adopted at the Conference;

*Recommend* the convocation of an extraordinary session of the competent WIPO Governing Bodies during the first quarter of 1997 to decide on the schedule of further preparatory work on a Treaty on Intellectual Property in Respect of Databases.

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