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**GRANT OF PATRONAGE BY THE ORGANISATION
TO THE INTERNATIONAL LIFE SCIENCES FORUM - BIOVISION
Lyon, France - 26-30 March 1999**

(Note by the Secretary-General)

This document is submitted to the Executive Committee for approval under the written procedure.

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1. In a letter dated 26 October 1998, the Deputy Permanent Representative of France, Chargé d'affaires a. i., informed the Secretariat of his authorities' wish that the patronage of the Organisation be granted to the International Life Sciences Forum - BioVision, to be held in Lyon, France, from 26 to 30 March 1999.
2. The Forum will gather together key players from the scientific, industrial, political and regulatory agencies sectors, along with consumer and media representatives, with the purpose of examining the current situation of life sciences and its future challenges. Four main themes will be examined in parallel: feeding mankind; the health of mankind; improving the quality of life and protecting the environment; public perception of biotechnology and risk management. The aim of BioVision is to facilitate the pooling of ideas and strategies of the various participants, in order to enhance understanding and develop a consensus leading to specific action plans.
3. The granting of patronage would not involve any additional financial outlay for the Organisation.
4. The Executive Committee is invited, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Resolution of the Council of 3 July 1962 [C(62)89(Final)], to adopt the following draft entry in its Summary Record:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

agreed to grant the patronage of the Organisation to the International Life Sciences Forum - BioVision, to be held in Lyon, France, from 26 to 30 March 1999.