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The Director-General of the World Health Organization presents his compliments and has the honour to transmit, in accordance with Article 3 of the "Procedure for the Selection of Recommended International Nonproprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances",¹ a list of proposed international nonproprietary names (prop. INN) which has been published by the World Health Organization in WHO Drug Information, Vol. 7, No. 4, 1993.

It would be appreciated if this communication could be forwarded to the appropriate patent and trade-mark office and to any other organization dealing with the introduction of nonproprietary names for pharmaceutical substances. Any comments that may be made, or notifications of a conflict between proposed names and existing proprietary rights, should be addressed to the INN Programme, World Health Organization, 1211 Geneva 27, within four months following the publication of the above-mentioned journal, i.e. no later than 30 June 1994.

It will be appreciated that the selection of international nonproprietary names by the World Health Organization for use in all Member States presents many difficulties. It would therefore facilitate the fulfilment of the Organization's task if the right to raise objections were exercised with restraint.

Furthermore, the Director-General would be grateful if, in the interest of public health and pursuant to the procedure referred to in the first paragraph of this communication, these proposed names could be granted protection in Member States during the period they are under consideration by the World Health Organization as international nonproprietary names.

GENEVA, 28 February 1994

¹ Annex to resolution EB15.R7, Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., No. 60, pp. 3, 55. This text was amended by resolution EB43.R9, Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., No. 173, p. 10.

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