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REVISED BUDGET FOR THE 2006/07 BIENNIUM

Memorandum of the Director General

- 1. Pursuant to the new mechanism, to further involve Member States in the preparation and follow up of the Program and Budget of the Organization, as approved by the 2006 Assemblies of the WIPO Member States, the Secretariat submitted the revised budget for the 2006/07 biennium to the eleventh (June) session of the Program and Budget Committee for its review (document WO/PBC/11/5).
- 2. Following extensive consideration and discussion, the June session of the Program and Budget Committee had (i) considered favorably the Revised Budget for 2006/07 as proposed in document WO/PBC/11/5; (ii) looked forward to finalizing its recommendations in its September 2007 session; and (iii) expressed its support for activities required in 2006/07 to meet, *inter alia*, the international obligations of the Organization (document PBC/11/17, paragraphs 20 to 28).
- 3. A second reading of the proposed budget for 2006/07 was then made by the twelfth (September) session of the Program and Budget Committee on the basis of document WO/PBC/12/2. Upon conclusion of its discussions, and after hearing the clarifications provided by the Secretariat on a number of issues, the twelfth session of the Program and Budget Committee deliberated as follows (document WO/PBC/12/9, paragraphs 8 to 19):
 - "17. The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of WIPO Member States the adoption of the Revised Budget for the 2006/07 biennium as proposed in document WO/PBC/12/2, with the exception of the proposal to create three additional posts over the initial budget to compensate for those redeployed to security services.

- "18. This recommendation is without prejudice to the 2008/09 Program and Budget or to making permanent any increased spending or increase in posts that go beyond original provisions of the 2006/07 budget with flexibility clause adjustments.
- "19. This recommendation is also without prejudice to follow up actions that may be taken on the results of the desk-to-desk review."
- 4. In order to facilitate the deliberations of the Assemblies of the WIPO Member States, the revised Budget for 2006/07 as proposed by the Secretariat in document WO/PBC/12/2 and an extract of the relevant sections of the report of the twelfth session of the Program and Budget Committee, are enclosed to the present document as Annex I and II respectively.
 - 5. The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and the Unions administered by it are invited, each as far as it is concerned, to:
 - (i) take note of the content of the present document; and
 - (ii) approve the Revised Budget for the 2006/07 Biennium, as presented in document WO/PBC/12/2, with the exception of the proposal to create three additional posts over the initial budget to compensate for those redeployed to security services.

[Annexes follow]