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GENERAL INFORMATION

*Memorandum of the Secretariat*

1. This document deals with the sessions of the following three Assemblies of WIPO and of the Unions administered by WIPO that will meet in extraordinary sessions on May 7 and 8, 2020:

 (1) WIPO General Assembly, fifty‑second(28th extraordinary) session

 (2) Paris Union Assembly, fifty-fifth (31st  extraordinary) session

 (3) Berne Union Assembly, forty-ninth (25th extraordinary) session

## Members

2. The members of each of the three concerned Assemblies of the Member States are the following:

 (1) WIPO General Assembly: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea‑Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe (185).

 (2) Paris Union Assembly:  Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe (175).

 (3) Berne Union Assembly: Afghanistan Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea‑Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe (175).

## Observers

3. Any State that is not a member of any of the Assemblies referred to in items 1 2, and 3 of paragraph 1, above, but is a member of the WIPO Conference[[1]](#footnote-2), may be represented as an observer in the said Assemblies. Similarly, any State that is not a member of any of the Assemblies referred to in paragraph 1, but is a member of the United Nations or of any of its specialized agencies (other than WIPO), may be represented as an observer in the Assemblies.

4. The following other observers have been invited to be represented:

 in all the three Assemblies referred to in paragraph 1, above:

 (i) Palestine;

 (ii) United Nations System of Organizations: United Nations (UN), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Development Association (IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Universal Postal Union (UPU), World Health Organization (WHO), World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (17);

 (iii) Intellectual Property Organizations: African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU), Benelux Organization for Intellectual Property (BOIP), Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), European Patent Organisation (EPO), International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), Interstate Council on the Protection of Industrial Property (ICPIP), Nordic Patent Institute (NPI), Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office), Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) (11);

 (iv) Other Intergovernmental Organizations: African Regional Centre for Technology (ARCT), African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group), African Union (AU), Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO), Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC), Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Central American Economic Integration Secretariat (SIECA), Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure as a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (CLARIN ERIC), Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Commonwealth Secretariat, *Communauté économique et monétaire en Afrique centrale (CEMAC)*, Community of Portuguese‑speaking Countries (CPLP), Conference of Latin American Authorities on Informatics (CALAI), Council of Europe (CE), Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL), European Audiovisual Observatory, European Commission (EC), European Free Trade Association (EFTA), Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), European Public Law Organization (EPLO), Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC), General Secretariat of the Andean Community, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), International Olive Oil Council (IOOC), International Vine and Wine Office (IWO), Islamic Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ISESCO), ITER International Fusion Energy Organization for the Joint Implementation of the ITER Project (ITER Organization), Latin American Economic System (SELA), Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), League of Arab States (LAS), *Rede de Informação Tecnológica Latino‑Americana* (RITLA), Regional Center for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC), *Secretaría General Iberoamericana* (SEGIB), *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie* (OIF), Organization of American States (OAS), Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), South Centre (CS), Southern African Development Community (SADC), West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), World Trade Organization (WTO)(47);

 (v) all Non-Governmental Organizations having an observer status with WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO; their list appears in the Annex.

## Rules of Procedure

5. The rules governing the procedure of the Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO are set out in the treaties establishing WIPO and the Unions, the “WIPO General Rules of Procedure” (publication 399 Rev.3) and the “Special Rules of Procedure” (document A/57/INF/6), which are all available on the WIPO website.

[Annex follows]

1. Eritrea, Ethiopia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Somalia and Timor‑Leste. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)