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Special Union for the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Union)

Committee of Experts

Ninth Session Geneva, January 20 to 21, 2025

ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

prepared by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has prepared this informal annotated Draft Agenda of the Ninth Session of the Committee of Experts of the Special Union for the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Union).

The Committee of Experts will meet for four hours each day of the Session, on Monday, January 20, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Tuesday, January 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., all times are Geneva Time (GMT +1). Taking into account the progress of the discussions and preferences expressed by the delegations at the Session, the Chair may propose changes to the time and length of those meetings, as appropriate.

Monday, January 20, 2025¹ From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1. Opening of the session

2. Election of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs

Proposal for Chair and Vice-Chairs:

Chair: (to be elected)

Vice-chair(s): (to be elected)

 Adoption of the Draft Agenda See document VA/CE/9/1 Prov.

4. Consideration of proposals for amendments and additions to the ninth edition of the Vienna Classification

See project VE092, Annex 1 (https://www.wipo.int/classifications/vienna/vclef/public/en/project/VE092/annex/1/pdf)

Proposals submitted by Vienna Union Member States and the International Bureau about the amendments and additions to the current edition (ninth edition) of the Vienna Classification will be discussed. The individual proposals will be adopted by voting as prescribed by the Vienna Agreement.

(This Item continues to be discussed on each day)

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Continuation of the deliberation of Agenda Item 4.

5. Consideration of a proposal for amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Experts

See project VE092, Annex 2 (https://www.wipo.int/classifications/vienna/vclef/public/en/project/VE092/annex/2/pdf)

The main amendments that are proposed reflect the <u>WIPO Guidelines on Inclusive</u> <u>Language</u>, as well as changes in 2023 to the <u>General Rules of Procedure of WIPO</u>.

The Committee is invited to adopt the amendments described in the above document.

The proposed timetable is merely indicative. If the Committee does not finish discussions on an Item by the end of the day, discussions on that Item will continue next day, unless otherwise proposed by the Chair.

6. Next session of the Committee of Experts

The Committee is invited to decide the timing of the entering into force of the 10^{th} edition and of the next session.

7. Closing of the session

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