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## ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF WIPO

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#### APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

*Memorandum by the Chair of the WIPO Coordination Committee*

1. Article 6(2)(i) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (the WIPO Convention) provides that the General Assembly shall "appoint the Director General upon nomination by the Coordination Committee."
2. Article 6(3)(g) of the WIPO Convention provides that for "the appointment of the Director General... the required majority must be attained not only in the General Assembly but also in the Assembly of the Paris Union and the Assembly of the Berne Union."
3. Article 9(3) of the WIPO Convention provides that the "Director General shall be appointed for a fixed term, which shall not be less than six years. He shall be eligible for reappointment for fixed terms. The period of the initial appointment and possible subsequent appointments, as well as all other conditions of the appointment, shall be fixed by the General Assembly."
4. In its session held on March 24 and 25, 2003, the Coordination Committee nominated Dr. Kamil Idris as the candidate for appointment to the post of Director General of WIPO (document WO/CC/49/2, paragraph 54). A curriculum vitae of the nominee, Dr. Kamil Idris, is annexed to the present document.

5. In accordance with Article 9(3) of the WIPO Convention it is proposed that Dr. Idris be appointed for a second period of not less than six years. The new term of appointment of Dr. Idris would commence on December 1, 2003, and, following the practice of six-year terms, would expire on November 30, 2009.

*6. The Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions and the General Assembly of WIPO are invited to act upon the nomination of the WIPO Coordination Committee referred to in paragraph 4.*

*7. The General Assembly of WIPO is invited to appoint Dr. Kamil Idris as Director General for a second term from December 1, 2003, to November 30, 2009.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

**Kamil IDRIS**

Languages: Arabic, English, French, Spanish (good knowledge).

Bachelor of Law (LLB) from Khartoum University (Sudan), Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Political Science and Economic Theories from Cairo University (Egypt), Master in International Law and International Affairs from Ohio University (USA), Doctorate in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva University (Switzerland).

**Principal Positions**

Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Secretary-General of the International Union for the Protection of Plant Varieties (UPOV), (Geneva, since November 1997); Deputy Director General, WIPO (Geneva, 1994 -1997); Director, Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Arab Countries (including the supervision of specific activities in Central and Eastern European countries (1990 -1992)), WIPO (Geneva, 1985 -1994); Senior Program Officer, Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Africa, WIPO, (Geneva, 1982 -1985); Attorney -at-Law, Advocate and Commissioner for Oaths, Sudan; Professor of International Law; Ambassador, Sudanese Foreign Service; Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Sudan to the United Nations Office, Geneva (1979-1982); Coordinator and Spokesman of the African Group and the Group of 77, Geneva (1981-1982).

Member, United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) (1992 -1996) and (2000-2001).

**Honorary Degrees**

Doctor *Honoris Causa* : The State University of Moldova (1999), Franklin Pierce Law Center (Concord, New Hampshire, 1999), Fudan University (Shanghai, 1999), University of National and World Economy (Sofia, 2000), University of Bucharest (2001), Hannam University (Daegu, 2001), Mongolian University of Science and Technology (Ulaanbaatar, 2001), Matej Bel University (Banská Bystrica, 2001), National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute" (Kiev, 2002).

Honorary Professor of Laws, Peking University, China (1999).

**Decorations**

Sudan (1983, 2002), Egypt (1985, 2000, 2001), Senegal (1998), Russian Federation (1999, 2000), Saudi Arabia (1999), Slovakia (1999), Syrian Arab Republic (2000), Portugal (2001), Romania (2001), Mexico (2001), Republic of Moldova (2001), Côte d'Ivoire (2002), Poland (2002).