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## Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

### Sixty-Fifth Series of Meetings Geneva, July 9 to 17, 2024

#### SUMMARY REPORT

*prepared by the Secretariat*

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This Summary Report records the decisions of the following 22 Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States of WIPO (the “Assemblies”):

- (1) WIPO General Assembly, fifty-seventh (31<sup>st</sup> extraordinary) session
- (2) WIPO Conference, forty-fifth (19<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (3) WIPO Coordination Committee, eighty-third (55<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (4) Paris Union Assembly, sixtieth (34<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (5) Paris Union Executive Committee, sixty-fourth (60<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (6) Berne Union Assembly, fifty-fourth (28<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (7) Berne Union Executive Committee, seventieth (55<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (8) Madrid Union Assembly, fifty-eighth (33<sup>rd</sup> extraordinary) session
- (9) Hague Union Assembly, forty-fourth (20<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (10) Nice Union Assembly, forty-fourth (18<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (11) Lisbon Union Assembly, forty-first (16<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (12) Locarno Union Assembly, forty-fourth (19<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (13) IPC [International Patent Classification] Union Assembly, forty-fifth (21<sup>st</sup> extraordinary) session
- (14) PCT [Patent Cooperation Treaty] Union Assembly, fifty-sixth (32<sup>nd</sup> extraordinary) session
- (15) Budapest Union Assembly, forty-first (19<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (16) Vienna Union Assembly, thirty-seventh (17<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session

- (17) WCT [WIPO Copyright Treaty] Assembly, twenty-fourth (13<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (18) WPPT [WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty] Assembly, twenty-fourth (13<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (19) PLT [Patent Law Treaty] Assembly, twenty-third (13<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session
- (20) Singapore Treaty [Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks] Assembly, seventeenth (9<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session.
- (21) Marrakesh Treaty [Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled] Assembly, ninth (9<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session.
- (22) BTAP [Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances] Assembly, fifth (5<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session

2. The list of the members and observers of the Assemblies, as of July 9, 2024, is set forth in document [A/65/INF/1 Rev.](#)

3. The meetings dealing with the following items of the Agenda (document [A/65/1](#)) were presided over by the following Chairs:

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18, 21 and 22	Ambassador Alfredo Suescum (Mr.) (Panama), Chair of the WIPO General Assembly
Item 5, 7, 19, 20	Vivienne Katjuongua (Ms.) (Namibia), Chair of the WIPO Coordination Committee
Item 11	Abdulaziz Algabbaa (Mr.) (Saudi Arabia), Chair of the PCT Union Assembly
Item 12	Loreto Bresky (Ms.) (Chile), Chair of the Madrid Union Assembly
Item 13	Pascal Faure (Mr.) (France), Chair of the Hague Union Assembly
Item 15	Szabolcs Farkas (Mr.) (Hungary), Vice-Chair of the Budapest Union Assembly
Item 16	Franklin Ponka Seukam (Mr.) (Cameroon), Vice-Chair of the Marrakesh Treaty Assembly, as Acting Chair, in the absence of Fabiola Torres (Ms.) (Paraguay), Chair of the Marrakesh Treaty Assembly

## ITEM 1 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### OPENING OF THE SESSIONS

4. The Sixty-Fifth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of WIPO was convened by the Director General of WIPO, Mr. Daren Tang.

5. The sessions were opened in a joint meeting of all the 22 Assemblies and other bodies concerned by the Chair of the WIPO General Assembly, Ambassador Alfredo Suescum (Mr.) (Panama).

## ITEM 2 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. Discussions were based on document A/65/1 Prov.1.

7. The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, adopted the agenda as proposed in document A/65/1 Prov.1 (referred to in this document as “the Consolidated Agenda”).

## ITEM 3 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### ADDRESS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO THE ASSEMBLIES OF WIPO

8. The Director General presented his annual report (the [address](#) is available on the WIPO website).

## ITEM 4 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### GENERAL STATEMENTS

9. Delegations of States, and Representatives of observers provided oral or written statements under this agenda item.

10. The [statements](#) provided under this and other agenda items will be included in the Extensive Reports of the Assemblies, to be issued as decided under Agenda Item 21. Pending those Reports, the statements that delegations submit to the Secretariat in written form, on this and on other items, are published on the WIPO website with the indication “check against delivery”. [Webcasting](#) of the entirety of the meetings is also available on the WIPO website.

## ITEM 5 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

11. The following officers were elected:

WIPO Coordination Committee

Chair: [----]

Vice-Chair: Karan THAPAR (Mr.) (India)

Vice-Chair: [----]

Paris Union Executive Committee

Chair: Denisse PÉREZ (Ms.) (Chile)

Vice-Chair: [----]

Berne Union Executive Committee

Chair: Gilbert AGABA (Mr.) (Uganda)

Vice-Chair: [----]

Vice-Chair: [----]

12. The list of all the officers of the Assemblies and other bodies appear in document [A/65/INF/2](#).

## ITEM 6 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

13. Discussions were based on document [A/65/3 Rev.](#)

14. The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, decided to grant observer status to the following organizations:

#### INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)

- (i) Boao Forum for Asia (BFA);
- (ii) European Film Agency Directors (EFAD);
- (iii) European Platform of Intellectual Property Administrators (EPIPA);
- (iv) Independent Music Publishers International Forum (IMPF);
- (v) International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA);
- (vi) International Olympic Committee (IOC); and
- (vii) Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA).

#### NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)

- (i) Arab Public Relations Society (APRS);
- (ii) Emirates Inventors Association;
- (iii) Emirates Science Club;
- (iv) Global Access in Action (GAiA);
- (v) Hugo Grotius gGmbH;
- (vi) Intellectual Property International Forum – Québec (FORPIQ);
- (vii) Japan Commercial Broadcasters Association (JBA); and
- (viii) Virtual Rights Specified Nonprofit Corporation.

## ITEM 7 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### DRAFT AGENDAS FOR 2025 ORDINARY SESSIONS

15. Discussions were based on document [A/65/4](#).

16. The WIPO Coordination Committee adopted Annexes I and II; the Paris Union Executive Committee adopted Annex III; the Berne Union Executive Committee adopted Annex IV.

## ITEM 8 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### REPORTS ON AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT

17. Discussions were based on documents [WO/GA/57/1](#), [A/65/5](#), [WO/GA/57/2](#) and [A/65/6](#).

- (i) Report by the Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)

18. The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)” (document WO/GA/57/1).

(ii) Report by the External Auditor

19. The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, took note of the “Report by the External Auditor” (document A/65/5).

(iii) Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)

20. The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)” (document WO/GA/57/2).

## ITEM 9 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (PBC)

21. Discussions were based on document [A/65/6](#).

22. The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned,

(i) took note of the “List of Decisions Adopted by the Program and Budget Committee” (document A/65/6), and

(ii) approved the recommendations made by the Program and Budget Committee as contained in the same document.

## ITEM 10 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### REPORTS FROM WIPO COMMITTEES

23. Discussions were based on documents [WO/GA/57/3](#), [WO/GA/57/4](#), [WO/GA/57/5](#), [WO/GA/57/6](#), [WO/GA/57/7](#), [WO/GA/57/8](#) and [WO/GA/57/9](#).

(i) The Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)

24. The WIPO General Assembly:

(i) took note of the “Report on the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights” (document WO/GA/57/3);

(ii) directed the SCCR to continue its work regarding all issues reported on in document WO/GA/57/3; and

(iii) took note of the request by the Delegation of Chile on behalf of the Group of Latin American and the Caribbean Countries to have two sessions of the SCCR in 2025. This was supported by all groups. This is without prejudice to the Director General’s prerogative to establish the WIPO calendar.

(ii) The Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)

25. The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)” (document WO/GA/57/4).

(iii) The Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)

26. The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)” (document WO/GA/57/5).

(iv) The Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations

27. The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations” (document WO/GA/57/6); and

28. As agreed by all Groups, reminded relevant WIPO bodies to report on the implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations according to the Coordination Mechanism and Monitoring, Assessing and Reporting Modalities.

(v) The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)

29. The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)” (document WO/GA/57/7).

(vi) The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

30. The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Committee on WIPO Standards” (document WO/GA/57/8).

(vii) The Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE)

31. The WIPO General Assembly

(i) took note of the “Report on the Advisory Committee on Enforcement” (document WO/GA/57/9); and

(ii) repealed the special rule of procedure, as recommended by the ACE, as set out in paragraphs 6 and 8 of document WIPO/ACE/16/18 (reproduced in the Annex).

## ITEM 11 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### PCT SYSTEM

32. Discussions were based on documents [PCT/A/56/1](#) and [PCT/A/56/2](#).

#### Review of Criteria for PCT Fee Reductions for Applicants from Certain Countries and Modification of Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria

33. The Assembly of the PCT Union:

(i) decided, having reviewed the criteria set out in item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, that those criteria be maintained and reviewed again by the Assembly in five years' time, as required by that Schedule; and

- (ii) adopted the proposed modifications to the Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees set out in the Annex of document PCT/A/56/1.

#### Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations

34. The Assembly of the PCT Union adopted the proposed amendments to the Regulations under the PCT set out in Annexes I to IV of document PCT/A/56/2, and the entry into force and transitional arrangements set out in paragraph 4 of the same document.

#### ITEM 12 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

##### MADRID SYSTEM

35. Discussions were based on document [MM/A/58/1](#).

36. The Assembly of the Madrid Union took note of the “Report on the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks” (document MM/A/58/1).

#### ITEM 13 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

##### HAGUE SYSTEM

37. Discussions were based on documents [H/A/44/1](#) and [H/A/44/2](#).

#### Freeze of the Application of the 1960 Act and Proposed Consequential Amendments to the Common Regulations

38. The Assembly of the Hague Union:

- (i) decided to freeze the application of the 1960 Act, with a date of effect of January 1, 2025; and
- (ii) adopted the proposed amendments to the Common Regulations, as set out in Annexes II and III to document H/A/44/1, with a date of entry into force of January 1, 2025.

#### Proposed Amendments to the Common Regulations with respect to Rule 14 and to the Schedule of Fees

39. The Assembly of the Hague Union adopted the proposed amendments to the Common Regulations with respect to Rule 14 and to the Schedule of Fees, as set out in Annexes I and II to document H/A/44/2, with a date of entry into force to be decided by the International Bureau.

ITEM 14 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

WIPO ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER, INCLUDING DOMAIN NAMES

40. Discussions were based on document [WO/GA/57/10](#).

41. The WIPO General Assembly took note of the document “WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names” (document WO/GA/57/10).

ITEM 15 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

BUDAPEST UNION ASSEMBLY

42. Discussions were based on document [BP/A/41/1](#).

43. The Assembly of the Budapest Union took note of the “Activity Report on the Operation of the Budapest System” (document BP/A/41/1).

ITEM 16 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

MARRAKESH TREATY ASSEMBLY

44. Discussions were based on document [MVT/A/9/1 Rev.](#) Reference was made to document [MVT/A/9/INF/1](#).

45. The Assembly of the Marrakesh Treaty took note of the “Status of the Marrakesh Treaty” (document MVT/A/9/1 Rev.).

ITEM 17 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO CONCLUDE AN INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENT RELATING TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, GENETIC RESOURCES AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ASSOCIATED WITH GENETIC RESOURCES

46. Discussions were based on document [WO/GA/57/11](#).

47. The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Outcome of the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources” (document WO/GA/57/11).

ITEM 18 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE’S INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY SECTOR AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEM

48. Discussions were based on documents [A/65/7](#), [A/65/8](#) and [A/65/9](#).

49. The Delegations of the Republic of Moldova on behalf of the Central European and Baltic States Group (CEBS) and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on behalf of Group B made a joint proposal for a decision, on the adoption of which the Delegation of Ukraine requested a vote,



which was supported by the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova. By a vote of 64 “in favor,” 11 “against,” and 35 “abstentions” the proposed decision was adopted.

50. The Assemblies of WIPO each in so far as it is concerned:

*Recalling* their Decisions on the Assistance and Support for Ukraine’s Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System contained in documents [A/63/10](#) and [A/64/14](#);

Took note of the Report on the Assistance and Support for Ukraine’s Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System contained in document [A/65/7](#), and the continued negative impacts of the ongoing war on Ukraine’s innovation and creativity sector and IP system; and

Requested the International Bureau:

- (a) to continue its close cooperation with Ukraine to ensure its ongoing support and assistance to the creators, innovators, and members of the IP community, focusing on mitigating the adverse effects of the war and rebuilding an innovative and creative ecosystem in Ukraine that benefits all stakeholders and strengthens the country’s economy; and
- (b) to provide an updated assessment of the medium- and long-term impacts of the war on Ukraine’s innovation and creativity sector and ecosystem; and
- (c) to take steps to ensure that publications on WIPO resources and platforms comply with the principles of sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders;
- (d) to report on the implementation of this decision and other relevant activities at the 2025 WIPO Assemblies, and annually thereafter.

## ITEM 19 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### REPORTS ON STAFF MATTERS

51. Discussions were based on documents [WO/CC/83/INF/1 Rev.](#) and [WO/CC/83/INF/2 Rev.](#)

52. The Coordination Committee invites the Secretariat to

- Hold consultations with regional groups with the aim of promoting geographical diversity, taking into account the need to reflect contemporary realities and to ensure a merit-based approach;
- Present a report of these consultations to the 84<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee.

## ITEM 20 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### AMENDMENTS TO STAFF REGULATIONS AND RULES

53. Discussions were based on document [WO/CC/83/1](#).

54. The WIPO Coordination Committee:

(i) approved the amendments to the Staff Regulations as provided in Annex I, document WO/CC/83/1; and

(ii) requested the Secretariat to prepare a report on the implementation of Staff Regulation 4.17(d), for consideration by the Coordination Committee at its 2028 ordinary session.

## ITEM 21 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

55. Discussions were based on document A/65/10.

56. The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned,

(i) adopted the present Summary Report (document A/65/10); and

(ii) requested the Secretariat to finalize the Extensive Reports, post them on the WIPO website and communicate them to Member States by August 14, 2024. Comments should be submitted to the Secretariat by September 11, 2024, after which the final reports will be deemed adopted by September 25, 2024.

## ITEM 22 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

### CLOSING OF THE SESSIONS

57. The Sixty-Fifth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of WIPO was closed by the Chair of the WIPO General Assembly.

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