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**Second Series of Meetings
Geneva, September 27 to October 2, 1971**

ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS
AND
GENERAL INFORMATION

Report by the International Bureau

SUMMARY

This document

- (i) identifies the six bodies convened from September 27 to October 2, 1971, the members of each body, and the observers admitted to the sessions thereof,
- (ii) lists the preparatory documents dispatched and those planned but not yet dispatched,
- (iii) proposes a timetable for the meetings.

1. This document deals with the sessions of the following six bodies which have been convened to meet from September 27 to October 2, 1971:

- (a) WIPO Coordination Committee, second ordinary session
- (b) Paris Union Executive Committee, seventh ordinary session
- (c) Berne Union Executive Committee, second ordinary session
- (d) Madrid Union Assembly, first session (extraordinary)
- (e) Madrid Union Committee of Directors, session (extraordinary)
- (f) Locarno Union Assembly, first session (extraordinary).

2. The meetings will take place in Geneva, at the Palais des Nations, in Room XV. They will start on Monday, September 27, at 10 a.m.

Members

3. The members of each of the six bodies are the following:

(a) WIPO Coordination Committee

- (i) Ordinary members: Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Hungary, Italy, Japan, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States of America (19);
- (ii) Associate members: Australia, Ceylon, Congo, India, Kenya, Mexico, Philippines, Poland (8).

(b) Paris Union Executive Committee

- (i) Ordinary members: Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Hungary, Japan, Senegal, Soviet Union, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America (13);
- (ii) Associate members: Australia, Ceylon, Kenya (3).

- (c) Berne Union Executive Committee
- (i) Ordinary members: Canada, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Italy, Pakistan, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom (10);
 - (ii) Associate members: Congo, India, Mexico, Philippines, Poland (5).
- (d) Madrid Union Assembly: Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic (membership contested by a number of member countries), Germany (Federal Republic), Hungary, Romania, Switzerland (5 or 6).
- (e) Madrid Union Committee of Directors: Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Viet-Nam, San Marino, Spain, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Yugoslavia (16). N.B.: It is assumed that countries members of the Assembly (established by the 1967 Stockholm Act of the Madrid Agreement) are no longer members of the Committee of Directors (established by the 1957 Nice Act of the Madrid Agreement) since the Stockholm Act does not maintain the Committee of Directors. Furthermore, it is assumed that the Republic of Viet-Nam is a member of the Committee of Directors notwithstanding the fact that it has not accepted the Nice Act since Article 10 of that Act provides that: "There shall be established, at the International Bureau, a Committee of the Directors of the National Industrial Property Offices of the Special Union" without restricting membership to countries bound by the Nice Act.
- (f) Locarno Union Assembly: Czechoslovakia, Denmark, German Democratic Republic (membership contested by a number of signatory countries), Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland (6 or 7).

Observers

4. The following States may be represented in the following bodies by observers:

- (a) WIPO Coordination Committee: any State Member of WIPO which is not a member of the Coordination Committee (see WIPO Convention, Article 8(7));

- (b) Paris Union Executive Committee: any country member of the Paris Union which is not a member of the Executive Committee (see Paris Convention, Stockholm Act, Article 14(9));
- (c) Berne Union Executive Committee: any country member of the Berne Union which is not a member of the Executive Committee (see Berne Convention, Stockholm Act, Article 23(9));
- (d) Madrid Union Assembly: any country member of the Madrid Union which is not a member of the Assembly (see Madrid Agreement, Stockholm Act, Article 10(3)(g)). Furthermore, the Assembly may wish to invite any country member of the Paris Union not member of the Madrid Union. (A similar decision was made last year by the Assembly of the Nice Union.)
- (e) Madrid Union Committee of Directors: none, unless under Rule 8(1) of the WIPO General Rules of Procedure--whose adoption is proposed--the Committee decides to admit observers. It would appear to be desirable to invite, in any case, as observers, the countries members of the Madrid Union Assembly, unless--contrary to the assumption referred to in paragraph 3(e)--they are regarded as members of the Committee of Directors. Furthermore, any country member of the Paris Union not member of the Madrid Union could be invited as observer. (A similar decision was made last year by the Assembly of the Nice Union.)
- (f) Locarno Union Assembly: none, unless under Rule 8(1) of the WIPO General Rules of Procedure--whose adoption is proposed--the Assembly decides to admit observers. It would appear to be desirable to invite, in any case, as observers, the countries signatories of the Locarno Agreement. Furthermore, any country member of the Paris Union not member of the Locarno Union and not a signatory of the Locarno Agreement could be invited as observer. (A similar decision was made last year by the Assembly of the Nice Union.)

5. The following intergovernmental organizations were invited to be represented by observers in the WIPO Coordination Committee and the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions: United Nations (UN), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), International Labour Organisation (ILO), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), International Patent Institute (IIB),

African and Malagasy Industrial Property Office (OAMPI), Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Conference for the Setting Up of a European System for the Grant of Patents, and the Benelux Trademark Office (11). The Council of Europe was invited to be represented by observers in the Executive Committee of the Paris Union when items on the International Patent Classification are discussed.

Documents

6. The preparatory documents for the sessions of the six bodies meeting in September 1971 are subdivided into seven sets: six of those sets correspond to the six bodies which will meet, and one contains the document of interest to more than one of the six bodies. This last set bears the symbol "AB/II", which indicates that they are documents of the Administrative Bodies and that they constitute the second set (the first set related to the sessions held in 1970). The symbols used for the other six sets indicate the name of the body, and Roman numerals indicate the number of the session. The symbols are the following:

"WO/CC" stands for WIPO Coordination Committee
"P/EC" stands for Paris Union Executive Committee
"B/EC" stands for Berne Union Executive Committee
"MM/A" stands for Madrid (Marks) Union Assembly
"MM/CDIR" stands for Madrid (Marks) Union Committee
of Directors
"LO/A" stands for Locarno Union Assembly

7. The following documents were dispatched in March 1971: AB/II/7, P/EC/VII/4, 5, 6, and LO/A/I/4, with circular No. 196 dated March 22, 1971. Documents P/EC/VII/6 and LO/A/I/4 are replaced by documents P/EC/VII/6.Rev. and LO/A(Extr)/I/4, respectively.

8. The following documents were dispatched in June 1971:

AB/II/1, 4, 5, 6, 7.Corr., 8
WO/CC/II/1, 2, 3
P/EC/VII/1, 4.Corr., 5.Corr., 6.Rev.
B/EC/II/1
MM/A(Extr)/I/1, 2, 3
MM/CDIR(Extr)/I/1
LO/A(Extr)/I/1, 2, 3, 4.

9. The following documents are mentioned in the draft agendas (WO/CC/II/1, P/EC/VII/1, B/EC/II/1, MM/A(Extr)/I/1, MM/CDIR(Extr)/I/1, LO/A(Extr)/I/1) but will not be distributed until July, August or September 1971:

AB/II/2, 3, 9
WO/CC/II/4, 5, 6
P/EC/VII/2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10
B/EC/II/2.

Program and Organization of the Meetings

10. It is proposed that the various bodies meet in the following order and deal with the following agenda items:

First Step. WIPO Coordination Committee

- Agenda items: 1. Opening of session
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Election of Officers

Second Step. Paris Union Executive Committee

- Agenda items: 1. Opening of session
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Election of Officers

Third Step. Berne Union Executive Committee

- Agenda items: 1. Opening of session
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Election of Officers
4. Phonograms conference

Fourth Step. Joint meeting of WIPO Coordination Committee and the Paris and Berne Union Executive Committees, presided over by the Chairman of the Coordination Committee

- Agenda items: (a) Activities report (item 4 on the agendas of the Coordination Committee and the Paris Union Executive Committee, and item 5 on the agenda of the Berne Union Executive Committee)
(b) Financial report for 1971 (item 5 on the agendas of the Coordination Committee and the Paris Union Executive Committee, and item 6 on the agenda of the Berne Union Executive Committee)

Fifth Step. WIPO Coordination Committee

- Agenda items: 6. Due dates of contributions, etc.
7. Headquarters agreement
8. Staff matters
9. New building
10. OAMPI working agreement

Sixth Step. Paris Union Executive Committee

- Agenda items: 6. PCT
7. ICIREPAT
8. IPC
9. New sources of revenue
10. Patent licensing and developing countries
11. Patent documents

Seventh Step. Madrid Union Assembly

- Agenda items:
1. Opening of session
 2. Election of provisional Chairman
 3. Adoption of agenda
 4. Adoption of rules of procedure
 5. Election of Officers
 6. Financial regulations
 7. Auditors
 8. Working capital fund
 9. Observers
 10. Official texts
 11. Next sessions
 12. Temporary building

Eighth Step. Madrid Union Committee of Directors

- Agenda items:
1. Opening of session
 2. Election of provisional Chairman
 3. Adoption of agenda
 4. Adoption of rules of procedure
 5. Election of Officers
 6. Observers
 7. Temporary building

Ninth Step. Locarno Union Assembly

- Agenda items:
1. Opening of session
 2. Election of provisional Chairman
 3. Adoption of agenda
 4. Adoption of rules of procedure
 5. Election of Officers
 6. Financial regulations
 7. Auditors
 8. Working capital fund
 9. Observers
 10. Official texts
 11. Next sessions

Tenth Step. Joint meeting of the WIPO Coordination Committee, the Paris and Berne Union Executive Committees, the Madrid and Locarno Union Assemblies, presided over by the Chairman of the Coordination Committee

Agenda item: Program and budget for 1972 (items 11, 12, 8, 13 and 12, respectively, on the agendas of the five bodies referred to above)

Eleventh Step. WIPO Coordination Committee

Agenda item: 12. Adoption of the report

Twelfth Step. Paris Union Executive Committee

Agenda item: 13. Adoption of the report

Thirteenth Step. Berne Union Executive Committee
Agenda item: 8. Adoption of the report

Fourteenth Step. Madrid Union Assembly
Agenda item: 14. Adoption of the report

Fifteenth Step. Madrid Union Committee of Directors
Agenda item: 8. Adoption of the report

Sixteenth Step. Locarno Union Assembly
Agenda item: 13. Adoption of the report

11. Each step will be taken promptly after the previous step has been completed. It is expected that the following steps will be taken on the following days:

Monday, September 27: Steps 1 to 5
Tuesday, September 28: Steps 6 to 9
Wednesday, September 29: Step 10
Thursday, September 30: Reserved for writing the reports
Friday, October 1: Reserved for writing the reports
Saturday, October 2: Steps 11 to 16

12. It is to be noted that the above timetable is merely a tentative proposal. Any of the six bodies may meet on any of the six days (September 27, 28, 29, 30; October 1, 2).

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