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OF WIPO AND OF THE UNIONS ADMINISTERED BY WIPO AND BIRPI**

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

ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS
AND
GENERAL INFORMATION

Report by the International Bureau

SUMMARY

This document, replacing document AB/II/1,

(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) proposes a timetable for the meetings,

(iii) lists the preparatory documents.

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, Australia, 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 (20);

(ii) Associate members: Ceylon, Congo, India, Kenya, Mexico, Philippines, Poland (7).

(b) Paris Union Executive Committee

(i) Ordinary members: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Hungary, Japan, Senegal, Soviet Union, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America (14);

(ii) Associate members: Ceylon, Kenya (2).

(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, Monaco, Romania, Switzerland (6 or 7).

(e) Madrid Union Committee of Directors: Austria, Belgium, Egypt, France, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Viet-Nam, San Marino, Spain, Tunisia, Yugoslavia (15). 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 preparatory documents are listed at the end of the present document.

Program and Organization of the Meetings

8. It is proposed that the various bodies meet in the following order and deal with the following agenda items (the numbers in parentheses refer to the relevant preparatory documents):

First Step. WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Agenda items: 1. Opening of session (WO/CC/II/1.Rev.)
2. Adoption of agenda (WO/CC/II/1.Rev.)
3. Election of Officers (WO/CC/II/1.Rev.)

Second Step. PARIS UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Agenda items: 1. Opening of session (P/EC/VII/1.Rev.)
2. Adoption of agenda (P/EC/VII/1.Rev.)
3. Election of Officers (P/EC/VII/1.Rev.)

Third Step. BERNE UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Agenda items:
1. Opening of session (B/EC/II/1.Rev.)
 2. Adoption of agenda (B/EC/VII/1.Rev.)
 3. Election of Officers (B/EC/II/1.Rev.)
 4. Phonograms conference (B/EC/II/2)
 5. Admission of observers (AB/II/13)

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 6 on the agenda of the Berne Union Executive Committee) (AB/II/2 and 12)
 - (b) Financial report for 1971 (item 5 on the agendas of the Coordination Committee and the Paris Union Executive Committee, and item 7 on the agenda of the Berne Union Executive Committee) (AB/II/3)

Fifth Step. WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE

- Agenda items:
6. Due dates of contributions, etc. (WO/CC/II/2 and AB/II/5)
 7. Headquarters agreement (WO/CC/II/3)
 8. New building (WO/CC/II/5 and 7)
 9. OAMPI working agreement (WO/CC/II/6)
 10. Staff matters (WO/CC/II/4 and 8)

Sixth Step. PARIS UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Agenda items:
6. PCT (P/EC/VII/5 and 5.Corr.)
 7. ICIREPAT (P/EC/VII/3, 4, 4.Corr., and 9)
 8. IPC (P/EC/VII/6.Rev. and 7)
 9. New sources of revenue (P/EC/VII/2 and 13)
 10. Patent licensing and developing countries (P/EC/VII/8, 12, and 15)
 11. Patent documents (P/EC/VII/10)
 12. Scientific discoveries (P/EC/VII/14)
 13. Mechanized trademark searches (P/EC/VII/11)
 14. Admission of observers (AB/II/13)

Seventh Step. MADRID UNION ASSEMBLY

- Agenda items:
1. Opening of session
 2. Election of provisional Chairman
 3. Adoption of agenda (MM/A (Extr.)/I/1.Rev.)
 4. Adoption of rules of procedure (AB/II/4)
 5. Election of Officers (MM/A(Extr.)/I/1.Rev.)
 6. Financial regulations (MM/A(Extr.)/I/3)
 7. Auditors (MM/A(Extr.)/I/3)
 8. Working capital fund (MM/A(Extr.)/I/3)
 9. Observers (AB/II/9)
 10. Official texts (MM/A(Extr.)/I/2)
 11. Next sessions (AB/II/8)
 12. Temporary building (AB/II/6)
 13. Distribution of certain fees (AB/II/10)

Eighth Step. MADRID UNION COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS

- Agenda items:
1. Opening of session
 2. Election of provisional Chairman
 3. Adoption of agenda (MM/CDIR(Extr.)/I/1.Rev.)
 4. Adoption of rules of procedure (AB/II/4)
 5. Election of Officers (MM/CDIR(Extr.)/I/1.Rev.)
 6. Observers (AB/II/9)
 7. Temporary building (AB/II/6)
 8. Distribution of certain fees (AB/II/10)

Ninth Step. LOCARNO UNION ASSEMBLY

- Agenda items:
1. Opening of session
 2. Election of provisional Chairman
 3. Adoption of agenda (LO/A(Extr.)/I/1.Rev.)
 4. Adoption of rules of procedure (AB/II/4)
 5. Election of Officers (LO/A(Extr.)/I/1.Rev.)
 6. Financial regulations (LO/A(Extr.)/I/3)
 7. Auditors (LO/A(Extr.)/I/3)
 8. Working capital fund (AB/II/5)
 9. Observers (AB/II/9)
 10. Official texts (LO/A(Extr.)/I/2)
 11. Next sessions (AB/II/8)

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, 15, 8, 13 and 14, respectively, on the agendas of the five bodies referred to above) (AB/II/7, 7.Corr., and 11)

Eleventh Step. Joint meeting of the WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE, the PARIS AND BERNE UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES, the MADRID UNION ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS, and the LOCARNO UNION ASSEMBLY, presided over by the Chairman of the Coordination Committee

- Agenda item: see Steps 12 to 17, below (adoption of the General Report)

Twelfth Step. WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE

- Agenda item: 12. Adoption of the report

Thirteenth Step. PARIS UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Agenda item: 16. Adoption of the report

Fourteenth Step. BERNE UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Agenda item: 9. Adoption of the report

Fifteenth Step. MADRID UNION ASSEMBLY
Agenda item: 15. Adoption of the report

Sixteenth Step. MADRID UNION COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS
Agenda item: 9. Adoption of the report

Seventeenth Step. LOCARNO UNION ASSEMBLY
Agenda item: 13. Adoption of the report

9. 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

10. 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).

List of Preparatory Documents

AB/II/1.Rev.	Organizational Questions; General Information
2	Activities of the International Bureau (See also document No. 12)
3	Finances for the Year 1970
4	Draft Rules of Procedure for Bodies of the Madrid and Locarno Unions
5	Working Capital Fund of the Locarno Union
6	Loan for a Temporary Building
7	Draft Program and Budget for 1972 (See also documents No. 7.Corr. and 11)
7.Corr.	Corrigendum to Document No. 7
8	Next Sessions of Madrid and Locarno Union Assemblies
9	Observers in Bodies of Madrid and Locarno Unions
10	Distribution of Madrid Union Fees
11	Addendum to Document No. 7
12	Addendum to Document No. 2
13	Observers in Bodies of Paris and Berne Unions

WO/CC/II/1	Draft Agenda
1.Rev.	Revised Draft Agenda
2	Due Date of Contributions; Working Capital Funds
3	Headquarters Agreement
4	Staff Matters (See also document No. 8)
5	New Building (See also document No. 7)
6	Working Agreement With OAMPI
7	Addendum to Document No. 5
8	Addendum to Document No. 4
P/EC/VII/1	Draft Agenda
1.Rev.	Revised Draft Agenda
2	New Sources of Revenue (See also document No. 13)
3	ICIREPAT Questions
4	ICIREPAT Contributions (See also document No. 4.Corr.)
4.Corr.	Corrigendum to Document 4
5	PCT Contributions (See also document No. 5.Corr.)
5.Corr.	Corrigendum to Document No. 5
6.Rev.	IPC Contributions
7	IPC Administrative Arrangements
8	Patent Licensing Convention (See also documents Nos. 12 and 15)
9	ICIREPAT Program for 1972
10	Patent Documentation Questions
11	Mechanized Trademark Searches
12	Addendum to Document No. 8
13	Addendum to Document No. 2
14	Scientific Discoveries
15	Addendum to Document No. 8
MM/A(Extr.)/I/1.Rev.	Revised Draft Agenda
2	Official Texts
3	Financial Regulations, Etc.
MM/CDIR(Extr.)/I/1.Rev.	Revised Draft Agenda
LO/A(Extr.)/I/1	Draft Agenda
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2	Diplomatic Conference on Phonograms

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