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GENERAL INFORMATION

Memorandum of the International Bureau

1. This document deals with the sessions of the following two Governing Bodies which will meet in extraordinary sessions for the period of May 21 and 22, 1996:

- (1) WIPO General Assembly, eighteenth session (6th extraordinary)
- (2) Berne Union Assembly, nineteenth session (7th extraordinary)

Members

2. The members of each of the two Governing Bodies are the following:

- (1) WIPO General Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama (as from June 8, 1996), Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia^{*}, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe (142).
- (2) Berne Union Assembly: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama (as from June 8, 1996), Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia^{*}, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe (115).

* This Governing Body decided that "the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall not participate in any meeting" of this Governing Body.

Observers

3. The following *States* may be represented by observers:
- (1) in the WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY* , any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the WIPO Conference ° , that is: Andorra, Angola, Bahrain, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Guatemala, Laos, Nicaragua, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen (15).
 - (2) in the BERNE UNION ASSEMBLY* , any State which is
 - (i) a member of the Berne Union Conference of Representatives, that is: Lebanon, Madagascar, New Zealand (3);
 - (ii) a member of WIPO without falling into the preceding category and not being a member of the Berne Union Assembly.
4. The following *organizations* have been invited to be represented by observers:
- United Nations (UN), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO), World Trade Organization (WTO) (5).

Documents

5. The preparatory documents for the sessions of the two Governing Bodies are divided into three sets: two of those correspond to the two Governing Bodies, the third contains the documents of interest to both Governing Bodies. This last set bears the symbol "AB/XXVIII." The symbols used for the other two sets indicate the name of the Governing Body, and Roman numerals indicate the number of the session. They are the following:

"WO/GA/XVIII" for WIPO General Assembly
"B/A/XIX" for Berne Union Assembly

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° The members of the WIPO General Assembly and of the WIPO Conference, together, constitute the members of WIPO.

Rules of Procedure

6. The rules governing the procedure of the Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO consist of provisions in the treaties establishing WIPO and the Unions, the "WIPO General Rules of Procedure" (publication 399 Rev.3) and, for each Governing Body, a distinct set of rules, called "Special Rules of Procedure" (document AB/XXIV/INF/2). The said treaties, publication and document are available upon request.

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