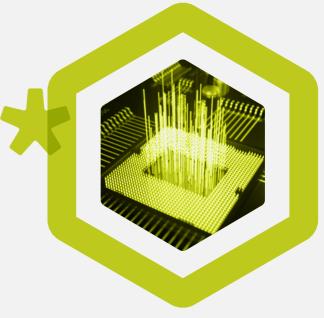


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#### **PREFACE**

<u>The Sixty-Fifth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies</u> and other Bodies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and of the Unions administered by WIPO, hereinafter "the 65<sup>th</sup> WIPO Assemblies", was held in Geneva from July 9 to 17, 2024.

The present document<sup>1</sup> contains the list of the decisions<sup>2</sup> adopted at those meetings, together with additional information, as appropriate. Questions, comments or suggestions on this document can be addressed to <a href="mailto:assemblies@wipo.int">assemblies@wipo.int</a>

#### ABOUT THE WIPO ASSEMBLIES

WIPO is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) that serves the world's innovators and creators, ensuring that their ideas travel safely to the market and improve lives everywhere.

WIPO does so by providing services that enable creators, innovators and entrepreneurs to protect and promote their intellectual property (IP) across borders and acting as a form for addressing cutting-edge IP issues. WIPO's data and information guide decisionmakers across the world and its impact-driven projects and technical assistance ensure IP benefits everyone, everywhere.

WIPO's mandate is set out in the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization ("WIPO Convention").

As established by the WIPO Convention, the main policy and decision making bodies of WIPO are the WIPO General Assembly, and the WIPO Coordination Committee.

In addition to the WIPO Convention, WIPO administers another <u>26 IP treaties</u> most with their own decision making bodies, such as the Paris Union Assembly, the Berne Union Assembly and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Union Assembly.

The decision making bodies of the WIPO Convention and of the treaties administered by WIPO meet annually in joint sessions on the basis of a consolidated agenda. These meetings bring together the 193 WIPO Member States and Observers, allowing them to take stock of the progress in the Organization's work, negotiate the changes and new rules needed to ensure that the international IP system keeps pace with the changing world, and continues to serve its fundamental purpose of encouraging innovation and creativity, as well as to discuss future policy directions.

The "Meetings of the Assemblies and other Bodies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and of the Unions administered by WIPO" are also simply known as the "WIPO Assemblies".

At the 65<sup>th</sup> WIPO Assemblies, 22 bodies met in joint sessions. The list of those bodies appears in document <u>A/65/INF/1 Rev</u>. (General Information).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The document is available in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Disclaimer: This is an informative document prepared by the Secretariat to facilitate the consultation of the decisions by delegations and interested parties. This document has no legal status. The formal reports of the Assemblies, as adopted by Member States, are the only authoritative source of the proceedings and of the decisions adopted. The references to these reports are listed in the Annex to this document.

#### ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSIONS

Ambassador Alfredo Suescum (Mr.) (Panama), Chair of the WIPO General Assembly, opened the 65<sup>th</sup> WIPO Assemblies on July 9, 2024.

<u>Document</u>: <u>A/65/INF/1 Rev.</u> (General Information).

#### ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

<u>Documents</u>: A/65/1 (Consolidated Agenda) and A/65/2 (List of Documents).

<u>Decision</u>: "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: ADDRESS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO THE ASSEMBLIES OF WIPO

**Document:** Address of the Director General.

Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, presented his annual report to the Assemblies.

#### **ITEM 4: GENERAL STATEMENTS**

General statements were made by delegations from 143 States (including 11 on behalf of groups of States), seven IGOs, and 21 non-governmental organizations. The statements are available in Annex I of document A/65/11 and on a dedicated Assemblies web page.

#### **ITEM 5: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Document: A/65/INF/2

<u>Decision</u>: "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: [----]
Vice-Chair: [----]

"Berne Union Executive Committee Chair: Gilbert Agaba (Mr.) (Uganda)

Vice-Chair: [----] Vice-Chair: [----]"

Additional Information: According to the relevant rules of procedure, the officers of the Assemblies (i.e. the Chair and the Vice-Chairs of each of the 22 bodies that meet in the framework of the WIPO Assemblies) are elected once every two years during ordinary sessions (and therefore serve a two-year mandate). This is with the exception of the officers of the WIPO Coordination Committee, as well as the officers of the Paris and Berne Union Executive Committees, respectively, whose mandates are limited to one year. Elections of officers for these three bodies therefore take place annually.

#### ITEM 6: ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

<u>Document</u>: A/65/3 Rev. (Admission of Observers).

<u>Decision</u>: "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."

Additional Information: WIPO welcomes the participation of observers at the Assemblies and other formal meetings of Member States, effectively contributing to open, transparent and responsive interaction with the <u>observer community</u>. Following the above-mentioned decision, WIPO currently has 209 international, and 111 national, NGOs admitted as observers. These observers are invited to attend the meetings of the Assemblies and, in the same capacity, relevant meetings of committees, working groups, and other bodies subsidiary to the Assemblies.

#### ITEM 7: DRAFT AGENDAS FOR 2025 ORDINARY SESSIONS

Document: A/65/4

<u>Decision</u>: "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."

Additional Information: According to the WIPO Convention, the WIPO Coordination Committee formally prepares the draft agenda of the ordinary sessions of the WIPO General Assembly and of the WIPO Conference. Similarly, the Paris Union and the Berne Union Executive Committees prepare the draft agendas for their respective Assemblies. Ordinary sessions of these bodies take place every two years (the next in 2025), and through a standard agenda item in the year prior, Member States complete the prescribed formalities. The annexes referred to in the decision of the 65<sup>th</sup> WIPO Assemblies include draft agendas for the 2025 sessions of the abovementioned bodies, which will be complemented with more items before the convening of these sessions.

#### ITEM 8: REPORTS ON AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT

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

<u>Documents</u>: (<u>WO/GA/57/1</u>) (Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC) and <u>A/65/6</u> (List of Decisions Adopted by the PBC).

<u>Decision</u>: "The WIPO General Assembly took note of the "Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC) (document WO/GA/57/1)."

Additional Information: The IAOC reported on the quarterly sessions it held during the reporting period. Specific matters addressed relate, amongst others, to the Internal Oversight plan and the work plan results; the review of the Audited Financial Statements for 2023 and the Report by the External Auditor; Risk Management and Internal Controls; monitoring the Implementation of Oversight Recommendations; the review of, and provision of advice on, the workplan of the Ethics Office; discussions with the Ombudsperson; and assistance to governing bodies.

#### (ii) Report by the External Auditor

<u>Documents</u>: A/65/5 (Report by the External Auditor) and A/65/6 (List of Decisions Adopted by the PBC).

<u>Decision</u>: "The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, took note of the "Report by the External Auditor" (document A/65/5)."

Additional Information: WIPO received an unqualified audit opinion on its 2023 Annual Financial Statements from the External Auditor. In addition, the External Auditor provided a Long Form Report on the audit of WIPO, in accordance with WIPO's Financial Regulations and Rules.

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

<u>Documents</u>: <u>WO/GA/57/2</u> (Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)) and <u>A/65/6</u> (List of Decisions Adopted by the PBC).

<u>Decision</u>: "The WIPO General Assembly took note of the "Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)" (document WO/GA/57/2)."

Additional Information: The Report contains information on, among others, significant issues and high priority oversight recommendations, investigative activities, status of implementation of oversight recommendations, consultative and advisory oversight work, as well as IOD's cooperation with the Ombudsperson, the Ethics Office and with external oversight bodies.

#### ITEM 9: REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (PBC)

<u>Document</u>: A/65/6 (List of Decisions Adopted by the PBC).

<u>Decision</u>: "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."

<u>Additional Information</u>: This item covered all matters under the PBC's supervision except for the Reports on Audit and Oversight (covered under item 8).

#### **ITEM 10: REPORTS FROM WIPO COMMITTEES**

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

Document: WO/GA/57/3 (Report on the SCCR).

**Decision**: "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 (GRULAC) 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."

Additional Information: According to the Report, the SCCR agenda included the following matters over the past year: (i) protection of broadcasting organizations; (ii) limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives; (iii) limitations and exceptions for educational and research institutions and persons with other disabilities; (iv) analysis of copyright related to the digital environment; (v) resale right; (vi) protection of theatre directors' rights; (vii) public lending right; and (viii) proposal for study on the rights of audiovisual authors.

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

Document: WO/GA/57/4 (Report on the SCP).

<u>Decision</u>: "The WIPO General Assembly took note of the "Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)" (document WO/GA/57/4)."

<u>Additional Information</u>: According to the Report, the SCP, at its 35<sup>th</sup> session in October 2023, continued to address the following topics over the past year: (i) exceptions and limitations to patent rights; (ii) quality of patents, including opposition systems; (iii) patents and health; (iv) the confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors; and (v) transfer of technology.

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

Document: WO/GA/57/5 (Report on the SCT).

<u>Decision</u>: "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)."

Additional Information: According to the Report, over the past year, the SCT met for a special session of five days to work on the basic proposal for the Design Law Treaty, in preparation of the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude and Adopt a Design Law Treaty. The SCT also met in an ordinary session, in which it continued to address the following topics: (i) on industrial designs, the topic of the protection for designs for graphical user interfaces; (ii) on trademarks, the topics of the protection of country names and nation brands (with an Information Session on the latter topic); and (iii) on geographical indications, an Information Session was held on the topic of "Trademarks and Geographical Indications - Prior Rights Grounds for Refusal".

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

<u>Document</u>: <u>WO/GA/57/6</u> (Report on the CDIP and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations).

**Decision**: "The WIPO General Assembly

- (i) 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
- (ii) as agreed by all Groups, reminded relevant WIPO bodies to report on the implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations according to the Coordination Mechanisms and Monitoring, Assessing and Reporting Modalities."

Additional Information: The Report contains the Summaries by the Chair of the last two CDIP sessions, held between November 2023 and May 2024. These Summaries reflect the main decisions taken by the CDIP on all documents and the issues considered. In addition, the Report contains the Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda, presented at the April/May 2024 CDIP session.

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

Document: WO/GA/57/7 (Report on the IGC).

<u>Decision</u>: "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)."

Additional Information: The 2022 WIPO General Assembly decided to convene a Diplomatic Conference to Conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources, and directed the IGC to meet in a special session, which was held from September 4 to 8, 2023. The 2023 WIPO General Assembly agreed to renew the mandate of the IGC for the 2024-2025 biennium. IGC 48 is scheduled to meet on November 29, 2024, and IGC 49 is scheduled to meet from December 2 to 6, 2024.

#### (vi) The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

Document: WO/GA/57/8 (Report on the CWS).

<u>Decision</u>: "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)

Document: WO/GA/57/9 (Report on the ACE).

Decision: "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)."

Additional information: The repeal of the special rule of procedure has the effect that Rule 9 of the WIPO General Rules of Procedure will henceforth apply to the sessions of the ACE, with the practical consequence that ACE officers will hold office for one ACE session, including the time leading up to that session, regardless of the duration of time between sessions.

#### **ITEM 11: PCT SYSTEM**

(i) 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

<u>Document</u>: <u>PCT/A/56/1</u> (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).

<u>Decision</u>: "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."

Additional information: The Assembly of the PCT Union adopted, in 2014, amendments to the Schedule of Fees concerning the criteria for determining the States whose nationals and residents are eligible for reductions of certain PCT fees. The Schedule of Fees so amended requires the Assembly to review the criteria at least every five years. As the Assembly had last performed this review in 2019, it was required to review the eligibility criteria in 2024. The Assembly decided to maintain the criteria, which provide reductions to natural persons who are nationals of and resident in certain States based on gross domestic product (GDP) per capita and the number of PCT filings, and to all applicants who are nationals of and resident in least developed countries (LDCs).

In addition, following the change in the time of year that the Assembly meets, the Assembly adopted modifications to the Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees to refer to the annual Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO instead of a specific time during the year.

#### (ii) Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations

<u>Document</u>: <u>PCT/A/56/2</u> (Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations).

<u>Decision</u>: "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."

<u>Additional information</u>: The Assembly of the PCT Union adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations:

- (i) to allow an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications or subsequently-filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper is submitted again in electronic form within two months, to enter into force on July 1, 2025;
- (ii) to enable the International Bureau to correspond with applicants or Offices in any of the 10 languages of international publication for certain communications to be determined in future

Administrative Instructions, instead of in either English or French only, to enter into force on July 1, 2025;

- (iii) to limit the scope of the exceptions from the requirement of the receiving Office to invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract and text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published when the abstract or text matter of drawings is filed in a different language, thereby ensuring that the international application is published in a single language, to enter into force on July 1, 2025, and apply to any international application with an international filing date that is on or after that date; and
- (iv) to broaden the definition of relevant prior art for international search and preliminary examination to include non-written disclosures, to enter into force on January 1, 2026, and apply to any international application in relation to which the international search report or declaration under Article 17(2)(a) is established on or after that date.

#### **ITEM 12: MADRID SYSTEM**

<u>Document</u>: <u>MM/A/58/1</u> (Report on the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks).

<u>Decision</u>: "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: HAGUE SYSTEM**

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

<u>Document</u>: <u>H/A/44/1</u> (Freeze of the Application of the 1960 Act and Proposed Consequential Amendments to the Common Regulations)

Decision: "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."

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

<u>Document</u>: <u>H/A/44/2</u> (Proposed Amendments to the Common Regulations with respect to Rule 14 and to the Schedule of Fees).

<u>Decision</u>: "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: WIPO ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER, INCLUDING DOMAIN NAMES

<u>Document</u>: <u>WO/GA/57/10</u> (WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names).

<u>Decision</u>: "The WIPO General Assembly took note of the document "WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names" (document WO/GA/57/10)."

Additional Information: The Report outlines the Center's activities as an international resource for time- and cost-efficient alternatives to court litigation of IP disputes. It notes that the Center continues to experience record growth in mediation and arbitration cases, including cases coadministered with Member State Copyright authorities. It provides details on the Center's caseload, indicating notably that in 2023, the Center was involved in the resolution of 680 IP, innovation, and technology disputes. The document also presents the Center's collaborations with IP Offices and judicial authorities in the area of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), and the outreach channels and activities through which the Center reaches current and potential users. In the area of domain name dispute resolution, the document notes that in 2023 the Center administered a record 6,192 cases, especially under the WIPO-initiated Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP); in total, the Center has administered over 68,000 UDRP-based cases covering over 124,000 domain names and involving parties from 185 countries. The document also provides details on the Center's collaboration with national country code top-level domain (ccTLD) registries, and addresses a number of policy developments in relation to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

#### ITEM 15: BUDAPEST UNION ASSEMBLY

<u>Document</u>: <u>BP/A/41/1</u> (Activity Report on the Operation of the Budapest System).

<u>Decision</u>: "The Assembly of the Budapest Union took note of the "Activity Report on the Operation ,.,of the Budapest System" (document BP/A/41/1)."

Additional Information: The Activity Report provides: (i) an overview of the recent development of the Budapest System as well as the activities of the International Bureau relating to the operation of the Budapest System; (ii) a report on a Meeting of the Member States and international depositary authorities (IDAs) under the Budapest Treaty held in November 2023, which discussed, *inter alia*, potential areas for improvement in the Budapest System.

## ITEM 16: MARRAKESH TREATY TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO PUBLISHED WORKS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR OTHERWISE PRINT DISABLED (MVT)

<u>Documents</u>: <u>MVT/A/9/1 Rev.</u> (Status of the Marrakesh Treaty). Reference was made to document MVT/A/9/INF/1.

<u>Decision</u>: "The Assembly of the Marrakesh Treaty took note of the "Status of the Marrakesh Treaty" (document MVT/A/9/1 Rev.)."

Additional Information: As of September 15, 2024, 97 Member States and one IGO, covering a total of 122 WIPO Member States, have ratified or acceded to the Marrakesh Treaty. In April 2024, the 10<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the launch of the Accessible Books Consortium (ABC) featured a concert by Mr. Cobhams Asuquo, a Nigerian performing artist, singer/songwriter and music producer who is visually impaired.

# ITEM 17: 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

<u>Document</u>: <u>WO/GA/57/11</u> (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).

<u>Decision</u>: "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

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Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources" (document WO/GA/57/11)."

Additional Information: The Diplomatic Conference to Conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources ("Diplomatic Conference") was convened by WIPO and held in Geneva, from May 13 to 24, 2024. On May 24, 2024, the Diplomatic Conference adopted by consensus the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge (the Treaty). As of September 15, 2024, 36 States have signed the Treaty.

### ITEM 18: ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE'S INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY SECTOR AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEM

<u>Documents</u>: A/65/7 (Report on the Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System), A/65/8 (Joint Proposal of the Central European and Baltic States Group (CEBS) and Group B on the Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System and A/65/9 (Proposal of the Delegation of the Russian Federation on the Assistance and Support for Ukraine's Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System).

Decision: "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."

Additional Information: 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 by roll-call, 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.

#### **ITEM 19: REPORTS ON STAFF MATTERS**

#### (i) Report on Human Resources

<u>Document</u>: <u>WO/CC/83/INF/1 Rev.</u> (Annual Report on Human Resources).

<u>Decision</u>: "The WIPO Coordination Committee invited the Secretariat to:

- (i) 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; and
- (ii) present a report of these consultations to the 84th session of the Committee."

Additional Information: The Report covers matters concerning human resources at WIPO as well as other staff matters of interest. It includes information on progress made in achieving goals relating to some of these staff matters and a brief description of relevant policies, initiatives and activities that are aligned with the Organization's Human Resources Strategy 2022-2026. The information in the Report is complemented by a separate workforce report containing key data and metrics on WIPO's workforce, diversity, talent sourcing, development and training as well as conflict management.

#### (ii) Report by the Ethics Office

<u>Document</u>: <u>WO/CC/83/INF/2 Rev.</u> (Annual Report by the Ethics Office).

Additional Information: The Report outlines the activities of the Ethics Office that are related to: (i) confidential advice and guidance to staff members; (ii) awareness raising and training activities; (iii) standard-setting and policy development; and (iv) implementation of policies assigned to the Ethics Office.

#### ITEM 20: AMENDMENTS TO STAFF REGULATIONS AND RULES

<u>Document</u>: <u>WO/CC/83/1</u> (Amendments to Staff Regulations and Rules)).

Decision: "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: ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS**

<u>Documents</u>: See Annex to the present document.

<u>Decision</u>: "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."

Additional Information: The Summary Report incorporates the decisions adopted by the Assemblies on July 17, 2024. The Extensive Reports, adopted on September 25, 2024, supersede the Summary Report with the addition of all statements made during the Assemblies.

#### **ITEM 22 CLOSING OF THE SESSIONS**

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

[Annex follows]

#### LIST OF REPORTS OF THE 65TH ASSEMBLIES

A/65/11 General Report of the 65<sup>th</sup> Assemblies (128 pages)

WO/GA/57/12 Report of the 57<sup>th</sup> WIPO General Assembly (91 pages)

WO/CC/83/2 Report of the 83<sup>rd</sup> WIPO Coordination Committee (23 pages)

MM/A/58/2 Report of the 58<sup>th</sup> Madrid Union Assembly (11 pages)

H/A/44/3 Report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Hague Union Assembly (5 pages)

PCT/A/56/3 Report of the 56<sup>th</sup> Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Union Assembly (6 pages)

MVT/A/9/2 Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> Marrakesh Treaty Assembly (6 pages)

BP/A/41/2 Report of the 41<sup>st</sup> Budapest Union Assembly (4 pages)

#### **JOINT REPORTS<sup>1</sup> (2 PAGES)**

WO/CF/45/1 Report of the 45<sup>th</sup> WIPO Conference

P/A/60/1 Report of the 60<sup>th</sup> Paris Union Assembly

P/EC/64/1 Report of the 64<sup>th</sup> Paris Union Executive Committee

B/A/54/1 Report of the 54<sup>th</sup> Berne Union Assembly

B/EC/70/1 Report of the 70<sup>th</sup> Berne Union Executive Committee

N/A/44/1 Report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Nice Union Assembly

LI/A/41/1 Report of the 41<sup>st</sup> Lisbon Union Assembly

LO/A/44/1 Report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Locarno Union Assembly

IPC/A/45/1 Report of the 45<sup>th</sup> Special Union for the International Patent Classification

VA/A/37/1 Report of the 37<sup>th</sup> Vienna Union Assembly

WCT/A/24/1 Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> WIPO Copyright Treaty Assembly

WPPT/A/24/1 Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty

PLT/A/23/1 Report of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Patent Law Treaty Assembly

STLT/A/17/1 Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks Assembly

BTAP/A/5/1 Report of the 5<sup>th</sup> Beijing Treaty Assembly

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A separate document that records that the listed WIPO bodies were statutorily convened in the framework of the Assemblies but did not have individual matters to discuss.

