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GENERAL INFORMATION

Memorandum of the Secretariat

1. This document deals with the sessions of the following 10 Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions administered by WIPO that will meet in ordinary or extraordinary sessions for the period from September 25 to October 3, 2006:

- (1) WIPO General Assembly, thirty-third (16th extraordinary) session
- (2) WIPO Conference, twenty-fourth (7th extraordinary) session
- (3) WIPO Coordination Committee, fifty-fifth (37th ordinary) session
- (4) Paris Union Assembly, thirty-seventh (20th extraordinary) session
- (5) Paris Union Executive Committee, forty-third (42nd ordinary) session
- (6) Berne Union Executive Committee, forty-ninth (37th ordinary) session
- (7) Madrid Union Assembly, thirty-seventh (21st extraordinary) session
- (8) IPC [International Patent Classification] Union Assembly, twenty-fourth (9th extraordinary) session
- (9) PCT [Patent Cooperation Treaty] Union Assembly, thirty-fifth (20th extraordinary) session
- (10) PLT [Patent Law Treaty] Assembly, Second (1st extraordinary) session

Members

2. The members of each of the 10 Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States are the following:

- (1) WIPO General Assembly:¹ Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (173).
- (2) WIPO Conference:¹ In addition to the States members of the WIPO General Assembly listed above: Afghanistan, Angola, Brunei Darussalam, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kuwait, Maldives, Myanmar, Somalia, Yemen (173 + 10 = 183).
- (3) WIPO Coordination Committee: Algeria, Angola (*ad hoc*), Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia (*ad hoc*), Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait (*ad hoc*), Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines,

¹ The members of the WIPO Conference constitute "the Members of WIPO".

Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Zambia (82).

- (4) Paris Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (167).

- (5) Paris Union Executive Committee:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (41).

- (6) Berne Union Executive Committee:

Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Benin, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru,

Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Zambia (39).

- (7) Madrid Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana (as from December 5, 2006), Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia (79).
- (8) IPC Union Assembly: Albania (as from July 24, 2007), Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan (as from March 7, 2007), United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (57).
- (9) PCT Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala (as from October 14, 2006), Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine,

United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (133).

- (10) PLT Assembly: Bahrain, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan (14).

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;
- (2) in the WIPO CONFERENCE, any State which, without being a member of that Conference, is a member of the United Nations or of any of the United Nations specialized agencies (other than WIPO);
- (3) in the WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE, any State which, without being a member of that Committee, is a member of the WIPO Conference;
- (4) in the PARIS UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which is
 - (i) party to an Act of the Paris Convention which is earlier than the Stockholm (1967) Act,
 - (ii) a member of WIPO without falling into the preceding category and not being a member of the Paris Union Assembly;
- (5) in the PARIS UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, any State which, without being a member of that Committee, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (6) in the BERNE UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, any State which, without being a member of that Committee, is a member of the Berne Union;
- (7) in the MADRID UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (8) in the IPC UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (9) in the PCT UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (10) In the PLT ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the WIPO Conference.

4. The following *observers* have been invited to be represented:

in all THE 10² ASSEMBLIES OR BODIES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1, ABOVE:

- (i) Palestine;
- (ii) United Nations (UN), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Development Association (IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Universal Postal Union (UPU), World Health Organization (WHO), World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (17);
- (iii) African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU), Benelux Organization for Intellectual Property (BOIP), Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), European Patent Organisation (EPO), International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), Interstate Council on the Protection of Industrial Property (ICPIP), Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office) (9);
- (iv) African Regional Centre for Technology (ARCT), African Union (AU), African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group), Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO), Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC), Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Central American Economic Integration Secretariat (SIECA), Commission of the European Communities (CEC), Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Commonwealth Secretariat, *Communauté économique et monétaire en Afrique centrale (CEMAC)*, Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP), Conference of Latin American Authorities on Informatics (CALAI), Council of Europe (CE), Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL), European Audiovisual Observatory, European Free Trade Association (EFTA), Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC), General Secretariat of the Andean Community, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), International

² With the exception of the Coordination Committee, where the only observers are those States which, without being a member of that Committee, are members of the WIPO Conference.

Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), International Olive Oil Council (IOOC), International Vine and Wine Office (IWO), Islamic Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ISESCO), Latin American Economic System (SELA), Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), League of Arab States (LAS), *Rede de Informação Tecnológica Latino-Americana* (RITLA), *Secretaría General Iberoamericana* (SEGIB), *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie* (OIF), Organization of American States (OAS), Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), South Centre, Southern African Development Community (SADC), World Trade Organization (WTO) (40);

- (v) all non-governmental organizations having an observer status with WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO; their list appears in the Annex.

Documents

5. The preparatory documents for the sessions of the 10 bodies are divided into 11 sets: 10 of those correspond to the 10 bodies, the 11th contains the documents of interest to more than one of the nine bodies. This last set bears the symbol "A/42." The symbols used for the other 10 sets indicate the name of the body, and Arabic numerals indicate the number of the session. They are the following:

"WO/GA/33"	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>G</u> eneral <u>A</u> ssembly
"WO/CF/24"	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>C</u> onference
"WO/CC/55"	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>C</u> oordination <u>C</u> ommittee
"P/A/37"	for <u>P</u> aris <u>U</u> nion <u>A</u> ssembly
"P/EC/43"	for <u>P</u> aris <u>U</u> nion <u>E</u> xecutive <u>C</u> ommittee
"B/EC/49"	for <u>B</u> erne <u>U</u> nion <u>E</u> xecutive <u>C</u> ommittee
"MM/A/37"	for <u>M</u> adrid (<u>M</u> arks) <u>U</u> nion <u>A</u> ssembly
"IPC/A/24"	for <u>I</u> nternational <u>P</u> atent <u>C</u> lassification <u>U</u> nion <u>A</u> ssembly
"PCT/A/35"	for <u>P</u> atent <u>C</u> ooperation <u>T</u> reaty (Union) <u>A</u> ssembly
"PLT/A/2"	for <u>P</u> atent <u>L</u> aw <u>T</u> reaty <u>A</u> ssembly

Rules of Procedure

6. The rules governing the procedure of the Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States 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 most of the bodies, 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.

[Annex follows]