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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION GENEVA

QUESTIONNAIRE

ON THE

DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2010/11 BIENNIUM

I. BACKGROUND

The present questionnaire is being issued pursuant to the mechanism for the preparation and the follow-up of the Program and Budget (see Annex I) and the decision taken by the forty-sixth session of the WIPO Assemblies held in December 2008 (document A/46/12, paragraph 54).

Member States' replies to the questionnaire will be published on the WIPO website in their original language. These replies will assist the Secretariat in the preparation of the draft Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium, which will be reviewed by the Program and Budget Committee at its June 2009 session.

Strategic Goals

The Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium is prepared on the basis of the same nine strategic goals approved by the Member States under the revised Program and Budget for the 2008/09 Biennium (document WO/PBC/13/4 and A/46/12), and in parallel with the Medium-Term Strategic Plan 2010-15 (MTSP). The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals are attached as Annex II. For reference, the nine Strategic Goals are:

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| Strategic Goal I: | Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP |
| Strategic Goal II: | Provision of Premier Global IP Services |
| Strategic Goal III: | Facilitating the Use of IP for Development |
| Strategic Goal IV: | Coordination and Development of Global IP Infrastructure |
| Strategic Goal V: | World Reference Source for IP Information and Analysis |
| Strategic Goal VI: | International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP |
| Strategic Goal VII: | Addressing IP in Relation to Global Policy Issues |
| Strategic Goal VIII: | A Responsive Communications Interface between WIPO, its Member States and All Stakeholders |
| Strategic Goal IX: | An Efficient Administrative and Financial Support Structure to Enable WIPO to Deliver its Programs |

II. COMMENTS

Please provide, in the right-hand column, your Government's comments on the strategic issues and priorities which you would like to see addressed in the context of the preparation of the next draft Program and Budget of the Organization.

Strategic Goals	Comments
I. Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP	Georgia believes that the international normative framework for IP should be developing constantly in a balanced way, taking into account the interests of creators and inventors, on the one hand, and the general public, on the other one, and by considering the different levels of development of the member states of WIPO and their priorities. Georgia fully shares the Recommendations of Cluster B of the Development Agenda and is interested in the acceleration of the processes of provision of the international protection of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore. From this viewpoint, it would be useful to prepare a draft of a relevant international agreement, or at least, to elaborate certain recommendations.
II. Provision of Premier Global IP Services	This activity of WIPO should remain at the centre of the attention with respect to the extension of the international protection of IP rights and possible further perfection and simplification of its procedures. Georgia is interested in the creation of the international registration system of geographical indications. Although it is problematic to reach a consensus on the creation of such a system within the frames of the TRIPS Agreement, Georgia regards that the number of the supporters of the creation of the registration system of geographical indications among the member states of the WIPO is quite high and presumably it exceeds considerably the current number of the parties to the Lisbon Agreement. Therefore, it is reasonable to modify the Lisbon registration system and to apply it to the protection of geographical indications.
III. Facilitating the Use of IP for Development	Georgia recognizes the necessity of the effective use of IP subject-matters for the facilitation of the economic, cultural and social development of the society and regards it as one of the effective means for the implementation of the millennium development goals. In this regard it is important to develop legal mechanisms for the simplification of the use of the IP subject-matters relating to health protection, product safety, environmental protection, wide adoption of information technologies. It is also important to facilitate training of IP protection experts and national

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	specialists in the IP sphere, such as examiners, judges, customs officials, policemen and so on.
IV. Coordination and Development of Global IP Infrastructure	Georgia shares the view that the global IP infrastructure contributes to the establishment of the common technical standards, which simplifies the exchange of data and products between offices. At the same time it thinks considers that it is necessary to facilitate the translation into national languages of tools of the infrastructure, such as intellectual property classifications, for their existence in national languages, on the one hand, will increase considerably the interest in the use of these classifications and the global infrastructure, in general, and, on the other one, it will be render great assistance to persons working in the sphere of judicial practice, science and business.
V. World Reference Source for IP Information and Analysis	Georgia completely shares the opinion that WIPO has the most perfect and unique collection of IP information as well as modern means of every kind for its timely, free and unhampered provision to external users. At the same time, it confirms that Georgia takes great interest in the empirical economic analysis carried out by WIPO with respect to IP subject-matters and results study. Namely, from this viewpoint, it would be interesting to receive such research results concerning geographical indications.
VI. International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP	Along with other members states of WIPO, Georgia is unanimous concerning the necessity of raising the importance of IP, building respect for IP and the development and strengthening of collaboration in this direction. Georgia regards that in order to realize this, it is necessary to elaborate a special national program. It is desirable to elaborate such a program with the assistance of WIPO too. One of the component parts of such a program should be carrying out special research for the purpose of study of infringement of IP rights and counterfeiting situation in Georgia, which is desirable to be realized with the assistance of WIPO. The translation and publishing of relevant IP literature in the national language should also be important, which would be again desirable with the assistance of WIPO.

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VII. Addressing IP in Relation to Global Policy Issues	Georgia has always regarded that the IP system must be constantly oriented to the solution of such global problems of the public as climate change, production safety, health protection, safety of biological diversity, etc.
VIII. A Responsive Communications Interface Between WIPO, its Member States and all Stakeholders	Georgia welcomes close communication of WIPO with its member states as well as other interested persons.
IX. An Efficient Administrative and Financial Support Structure to Enable WIPO to Deliver its Programs	Georgia welcomes the creation of such an administrative, financial and support structure, which will allow delivering efficiently the planned programs with the observation of maximum transparency.

III. GENERAL COMMENTS

Any comments of general nature may be provided in the box below.

General Comments

IV. PROCEDURES FOR REPLY

It would be appreciated if the completed questionnaire could be returned to the International Bureau, preferably by email to <controller.mail@wipo.int>, before Thursday, March 19, 2009. A confirmation copy may be sent by post. The questionnaire is also available in the electronic form on the Organization's Website at <<http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/pb/>>.

List of Annexes:

- Annex I Implementation of the New Mechanism
- Annex II The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals

[Annexes follow]