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PREFACE

[The Sixty-Sixth Series of 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, hereinafter “the 66th WIPO Assemblies”, was held in Geneva from July 8 to 17, 2025.

The present document¹ contains the list of the decisions² adopted at those meetings, together with additional information, as appropriate. Questions, comments or suggestions on this document can be addressed to assemblies@wipo.int

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 forum 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.

Including the WIPO Convention, WIPO administers [28 IP treaties](#), 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 194 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 66th WIPO Assemblies, 22 bodies met in joint sessions. The list of those bodies appears in document [A/66/INF/1 Rev.](#) (General Information).

¹ The document is available in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

² 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 66th WIPO Assemblies on July 8, 2025.

Document: [A/66/INF/1 Rev.](#) (General Information).

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Documents: [A/66/1](#) (Consolidated Agenda) and [A/66/2](#) (List of Documents).

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, adopted the agenda as proposed in document A/66/1 Prov.3. (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 WIPO Assemblies.

ITEM 4: GENERAL STATEMENTS

General statements were made by delegations from 141 States (including 11 on behalf of groups of States), eight intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), and 29 non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The statements are available in the Annex of document A/66/11 and on a dedicated [Assemblies web page](#).

ITEM 5: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Document: [A/66/INF/2](#) (Officers).

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, elected their respective officers as appears in document A/66/INF/2.”

Additional Information: In accordance with 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, and 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

Document: [A/66/3 Rev.2](#) (Admission of Observers).

19. Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, decided to grant observer status to the following national non-governmental organizations:

- (i) Association of Technology, Education, Development, Research, and Communication (TEDIC);
- (ii) Chamber for the Protection of Copyright of Artists, Creators and Performers (SIIP);
- (iii) Copyright Society of China (CSC);

- (iv) Emirates Publishers Association (EPA);
- (v) INDICAM for the Protection of Intellectual Property (INDICAM);
- (vi) InfoCons Association;
- (vii) International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA);
- (viii) Korea Intellectual Property Protection Agency (KOIPA);
- (ix) National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce (NPRCC);
- (x) News/Media Alliance (N/MA);
- (xi) Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers of Music (SACEM); and
- (xii) United States Council for International Business (USCIB)."

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 [observer community](#). Following the above-mentioned decision, WIPO currently has 208 international, and 123 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: APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IN 2026

Document: [A/66/4](#) (Appointment of the Director General in 2026).

Decision: "The WIPO General Assembly, the WIPO Coordination Committee and the Paris and Berne Union Assemblies, each in so far as it is concerned:

- (i) took note of the circular set out in Annex II of document A/66/4, to be dispatched as indicated in paragraph 7 of that document;
- (ii) approved the convening of the WIPO General Assembly, the Paris Union Assembly and the Berne Union Assembly on April 21, 2026;
- (iii) approved the timeline of procedural steps set out in paragraph 7 of document A/66/4."

Additional Information: The term of office of the Director General will expire on September 30, 2026. The Government of every State member of WIPO may propose the name of one of its nationals as a candidate by October 24, 2025. The extraordinary Session of the Coordination Committee to nominate a candidate for appointment to the post of Director General will be held on February 12 and 13, 2026. The extraordinary Sessions of the General Assembly, the Paris Union Assembly, and the Berne Union Assembly to appoint the Director General will be held on April 21, 2026. The term of the Director General-elect will begin on October 1, 2026 for a period of six years.

ITEM 8: COMPOSITION OF THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE, AND OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE PARIS AND BERNE UNIONS

Document: [A/66/5](#) (Composition of the Coordination Committee, and of the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions)

Decision: "Following informal consultations among Member States,

(i) The Paris Union Assembly elected the following States as *ordinary* members of the *Paris Union Executive Committee*: Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Zambia (41).

(ii) The Berne Union Assembly elected the following States as *ordinary* members of the *Berne Union Executive Committee*: Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Colombia (2026), Congo, Cuba, Czech Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Gabon, Ghana, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay (2027) (40).

(iii) The WIPO Conference designated the following State as *ad hoc* member of the *WIPO Coordination Committee*: Somalia (1);

(iv) The WIPO Conference and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions noted that Switzerland will continue to be an *ex officio* member of the *Paris Union Executive Committee* and of the *Berne Union Executive Committee*.

As a consequence, the WIPO Coordination Committee for the period starting from the close of the present session to the close of the next ordinary session of the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions and of the WIPO Conference that will meet in 2027, is composed of the following States:

Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia (2026), Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Somalia (*ad hoc*), South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay (2027), Zambia (83).

The Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions, and the WIPO Conference, each in so far as it is concerned, decided, per unanimous agreement by all Member States of WIPO, that the Coordination Committee, as exceptionally composed at 83 members, has been properly constituted, including, in particular, in view of its functions with respect to the process of appointment of the next Director General, and shall not be the basis for challenge, by any State Member of any pertinent WIPO body, to the validity of the nomination by the Coordination Committee of a candidate for appointment to the position of Director General in 2026.

The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, decided that the Chair of the WIPO General Assembly will undertake consultations with Member States on the allocation of the vacant seats at the WIPO Assemblies in 2027, for the election of the

composition of the WIPO Coordination Committee, and of the Paris and Berne Unions Executive Committees, at the same WIPO Assemblies.

Ukraine expressed its opposition to the nomination of the Russian Federation as an ordinary member of the Berne Union Executive Committee and as a member of the Coordination Committee for the period starting from the close of the present session to the close of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly in 2027.

The Russian Federation expressed its opposition to the nomination of Ukraine as an ordinary member of the Paris Union Executive Committee and as a member of the Coordination Committee for the period starting from the close of the present session to the close of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly in 2027.”

Additional Information: The membership of the WIPO Coordination Committee is established every two years in accordance with Article 8 of the WIPO Convention. On the basis of the above decision taken by WIPO Member States, further consultations will take place on the allocation of the seven seats that remained vacant in 2025.

ITEM 9: COMPOSITION OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Document: [WO/GA/58/1](#) (Composition of the Program and Budget Committee)

Decision: Following informal consultations among Member States, the following States were elected by the General Assembly as members of the Program and Budget Committee for the period starting from the close of the present session to the close of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly in 2027:

Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, India (2027), Indonesia (2026), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2027), Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan (2027), Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar (2026), Republic of Korea (2027), Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia (2026), Singapore (2027), South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates (2026), United Kingdom, United States of America, Viet Nam (2026) (53).

Ukraine expressed its opposition to the nomination of the Russian Federation as a member of the Program and Budget Committee for the period starting from the close of the present session to the close of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly in 2027.

The Russian Federation expressed its opposition to the nomination of Ukraine as a member of the Program and Budget Committee for the period starting from the close of the present session to the close of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly in 2027.

Additional Information: At the 66th WIPO Assemblies, the 53 members of the Program and Budget Committee, as noted above, were elected for a two-year term.

ITEM 10: REPORTS ON AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT

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

Documents: [WO/GA/58/2](#) (Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)” (document WO/GA/58/2)”.

Additional Information: The IAOC reported on the quarterly sessions it held during the reporting period. Specific matters addressed relate, among others, to the implementation of the Internal Oversight Division’s 2024 workplan and the endorsement of the 2025 workplan; the planning for, and interim results, of the WIPO’s 2024 Financial Statements and Performance Audits by the incoming External Auditor; risk management and internal controls, including closer looks at cybersecurity, information assurance, procurement, data governance, and the effectiveness of anti-fraud activities; monitoring the implementation of oversight recommendations; the implementation of the Ethics Office’s 2024 workplan, and provision of advice on the 2025 workplan; discussions with the Interim Ombudsperson on the functions of the Ombuds Service; and assistance to governing bodies.

(ii) Report by the External Auditor

Documents: [A/66/6](#) (Report by the External Auditor)

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, took note of the “Report by the External Auditor” (document A/66/6).”

Additional Information: WIPO received an unqualified audit opinion on its 2024 Annual Financial Statements from the External Auditor. In addition, the External Auditor provided a Long Form Report on the financial and performance audits of WIPO, in accordance with WIPO’s Financial Regulations and Rules.

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

Documents: [WO/GA/58/3](#) (Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)” (document WO/GA/58/3).”

Additional Information: The report provides a comprehensive overview of the Internal Oversight Division’s activities throughout 2024, including audits, evaluations, investigations, and advisory work. It outlines the Division’s contribution to strengthening organizational governance and fostering accountability. Additionally, the report details the implementation status of oversight recommendations and highlights collaboration with external oversight bodies.

ITEM 11: REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (PBC)

Document: [A/66/7](#) (List of Decisions Adopted by the PBC) and [A/66/9](#) (Proposed Program of Work and Budget for 2026/27).

Decision: “With respect to all matters under this agenda item, except for the Proposed Program of Work and Budget for the 2026/27 Biennium, 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” (documents WO/PBC/38/6 and WO/PBC/39/10); and
- (ii) approved the recommendations made by the Program and Budget Committee as contained in the same documents.

With respect to the Proposed Program of Work and Budget for the 2026/27 Biennium: The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned:

- (iii) agreed to change the name of the “Development Acceleration Fund” to “Innovation, Creativity and Development Acceleration Program”;
- (iv) approved the Proposed Program of Work and Budget for the biennium 2026/27 (document A/66/9) subject to the change in (iii) above;
- (v) requested the Secretariat, in line with the regular WIPO practices, regarding the projects funded by the “Innovation, Creativity and Development Acceleration Program” to:
 - i. Develop criteria for projects ensuring clear linkages to WIPO’s expected results, focusing on piloting new and innovative ideas and not overlapping with other ongoing projects and initiatives across the Organization;
 - ii. Provide regular updates to Member States on the WIPO website, including on the status of all projects, activities to be completed under each project, updates on project implementation, and project outcomes;
 - iii. Provide comprehensive reporting on projects in each WIPO Performance Report.”

Additional Information: This item covered all matters under the PBC’s supervision except for the Reports on Audit and Oversight (covered under item 10).

ITEM 12: REPORTS FROM WIPO COMMITTEES

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

Document: [WO/GA/58/4](#) (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/58/4); and
- (ii) directed the SCCR to continue its work regarding all ongoing issues reported on in document WO/GA/58/4.

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

Document: [WO/GA/58/5](#) (Report on the SCP).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)” (document WO/GA/58/5).”

Additional Information: According to the report, the SCP, at its 36th session in October 2024, continued to address the following topics: (i) exceptions and limitations to patent rights; (ii) quality of patents, including opposition systems; (iii) patents and health; (iv) confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors; and (v) transfer of technology (TT).

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

Document: [WO/GA/58/6](#) (Report on the SCT).

Decision: “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/58/6).”

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

Document: [WO/GA/58/7](#) (Report on the CDIP and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly 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/58/7).”

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

Document: [WO/GA/58/8](#) (Report on the IGC).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly:

- (i) took note of the information contained in document WO/GA/58/8; and
- (ii) agreed to renew the mandate of the IGC for the biennium 2026/2027 as below:

Bearing in mind the Development Agenda recommendations, reaffirming the importance of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (Committee), noting the different nature of these issues and acknowledging the progress made, the WIPO General Assembly agrees that the mandate of the Committee be renewed, without prejudice to the work pursued in other fora, as follows:

- (a) The Committee will, during the budgetary biennium 2026/2027, in a Member State driven process, continue its work on the protection of genetic resources (GRs), traditional knowledge (TK) and traditional cultural expressions (TCEs), with the objective of finalizing an agreement on an international legal instrument(s), without prejudging the nature of outcome(s), relating to intellectual property, which will ensure the balanced and effective protection of TK and TCEs.
- (b) The Committee’s work on TK and TCEs in the 2026/2027 biennium will build on the existing work carried out by the Committee, including text-based negotiations, with a primary focus on narrowing existing gaps and reaching common understanding on core issues.
- (c) Noting the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge adopted in 2024, the Committee will, during the budgetary biennium 2026/2027, continue to discuss intellectual property issues concerning GRs and their interlinkage with TK and TCEs, without normative work on GRs.
- (d) The Committee will follow, as set out in the table below, a work program based on open and inclusive working methods for the 2026/2027 biennium, including an evidence-based approach with actual examples, including national/regional experiences, as set out in paragraph (e). This work program will make provision for 3 sessions of the Committee in 2026/2027, including thematic, cross cutting, and stocktaking sessions.

(e) The Committee will use all WIPO working documents, including WIPO/GRTKF/IC/51/4 (The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Draft Articles) and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/51/5 (The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Articles), as well as any other contributions of Member States, such as conducting/updating studies covering, inter alia, examples of national experiences, including domestic legislation, impact assessments, databases, and examples of protectable subject matter and subject matter that is not intended to be protected; and outputs of any related activities conducted under the capacity-building and technical assistance program of the Secretariat (the Traditional Knowledge Division). The Secretariat is requested to continue to collect, compile and make available online information on national and regional *sui generis* regimes for the intellectual property protection of TK and TCEs. Studies or additional activities are not to delay progress or establish any preconditions for the negotiations.

(f) In 2026, the Committee is requested to submit to the General Assembly the results of its work. The General Assembly in 2027 will take note of discussions on GRs, and take stock of progress made on TK and TCEs, and based on the maturity of the text(s) on TK and TCEs, including levels of agreement on objectives, scope, and nature of the instrument(s), decide on whether to convene a diplomatic conference and/or continue negotiations.

(g) The General Assembly requests the Secretariat to continue to assist the Committee by providing Member States with necessary expertise and funding, in the most efficient manner, of the participation of experts from developing countries and least developed countries (LDCs), taking into account the usual formula for the IGC.

(h) The Secretariat is requested to facilitate the effective participation of Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities in WIPO's normative work related to TK and TCEs. With a view to deepening interaction, the Secretariat is also requested to organize, within existing resources, a hybrid Expert Workshop, following similar arrangements *mutatis mutandis* to those as agreed at the Twentieth Session of the Committee under Agenda Item 8.

Work Program – 3 Sessions

Indicative Dates	Activity
March 2026	IGC 52 Undertake discussions on GRs and negotiations on TK and/or TCEs. Duration 8 days
September/October 2026	IGC 53 Undertake discussions on GRs and negotiations on TK and/or TCEs. Duration 8 days.

March/April 2027	<p>IGC 54</p> <p>Undertake discussions on GRs and negotiations on TK and/or TCEs.</p> <p>Take note of discussions on GRs and take stock of progress made on TK/TCEs, and make a recommendation</p> <p>Duration 8 days.</p>
July 2027	<p>WIPO General Assembly will take stock of the progress made, consider the text(s) and make the necessary decision(s)."</p>

(vi) The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

Document: [WO/GA/58/9](#) (Report on the CWS).

Decision: "The WIPO General Assembly is invited to take note of the "Report on the Committee on WIPO Standards", which includes ICT Recommendations for Intellectual Property Offices and document CWS/12/25 (document WO/GA/58/9)."

(vii) The Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE)

Document: [WO/GA/58/10](#) (Report on the ACE).

Decision: "The WIPO General Assembly took note of the "Report on the Advisory Committee on Enforcement" (document WO/GA/58/10)."

ITEM 13: MADRID SYSTEM

Documents: [MM/A/59/1](#) (Proposed Amendments to the Regulations under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks) and [MM/A/59/2](#) (Report on the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks).

Decision: "The Madrid Union Assembly:

- (i) adopted the amendments to Rules 3, 20*bis*, 24, 25 and 35 of the Regulations Under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, as set out in Annexes I and II to document MM/A/59/1, with November 1, 2025, as their date of entry into force; and
- (ii) 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/59/2)."

Additional information: The Madrid Union Assembly adopted amendments to the Regulations, entering into force on November 1, 2025. First, holders and representatives who have not yet provided e-mail addresses must do so when submitting requests for recording. This ensures all users receive electronic communications and gain secure online access to manage their international trademark portfolio. Second, the International Bureau must recalculate individual fees in Swiss francs when exchange rates decrease more than five per cent over three consecutive months. This ensures fees more closely reflect amounts holders would pay when filing directly with relevant members. The Assembly also noted a report summarizing discussions from the twenty-second Madrid System Working Group session held in October 2024.

ITEM 14: HAGUE SYSTEM

Document: [H/A/45/1](#) (Participation in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS)).

Decision: “The Assembly of the Hague Union adopted the recommendation, as set out in paragraph 7 of document H/A/45/1, with immediate effect.”

ITEM 15: LISBON SYSTEM

Documents: [LI/A/42/1](#) (Report on the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System) and [LI/A/42/2](#) (Proposed Amendments to the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement).

Decision: “The Assembly of the Lisbon Union:

- (i) took note of the “Report on the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System” (document LI/A/42/1), and
- (ii) adopted the amendments to the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications, as set out in the Annex to document LI/A/42/2, with July 1, 2026, as their date of entry into force.”

ITEM 16: WIPO ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER, INCLUDING DOMAIN NAMES

Document: [WO/GA/58/11](#) (WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the document “WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names” (document WO/GA/58/11).”

Additional Information: The report outlines the Center’s activities as an international resource for time- and cost-efficient alternatives to court litigation of IP and technology disputes. It provides details on the Center’s caseload, indicating notably that in 2024, the Center was involved in the resolution of 858 IP-related disputes, representing a 25 per cent increase from 2023. In particular, the Center supported the resolution of 559 cases co-administered with Member State IP and Copyright authorities. 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 with 6,168 cases, 2024 was the second busiest year in WIPO domain name case filings. In total, the Center has administered over 75,000 cases based on the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), covering over 133,000 domain names and involving parties from 188 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 17: PATENT LAW TREATY

Document: [WO/GA/58/12](#) (Technical Assistance and Cooperation Regarding the Patent Law Treaty (PLT))

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the information on “Technical Assistance and Cooperation regarding the Patent Law Treaty (PLT)” (document WO/GA/58/12).”

Additional Information: The document presented, reflecting item 4 of the Agreed Statements by the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Patent Law Treaty, provided information on the technical assistance activities of WIPO for the period March 2023 to February 2025. These

activities helped facilitate filing of communications in electronic form in developing and least developed countries, as well as in countries in transition.

ITEM 18: SINGAPORE TREATY ON THE LAW OF TRADEMARKS (STLT)

Document: [STLT/A/18/1](#) (Technical Assistance and Cooperation regarding the Singapore Treaty on the Law Of Trademarks (STLT)).

Decision: “The Assembly of the Singapore Treaty took note of the information on “Technical Assistance and Cooperation Regarding the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (STLT)” (document STLT/A/18/1).

ITEM 19: REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO CONCLUDE AND ADOPT A DESIGN LAW TREATY (DLT)

Document: [WO/GA/58/13](#) (Report on the Outcome of the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude and Adopt a Design Law Treaty (DLT)).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Outcome of the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude and Adopt a Design Law Treaty (DLT)” (document WO/GA/58/13).”

ITEM 20: ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE’S INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY SECTOR AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEM

Document: [A/66/8](#) (Report on the Assistance and Support for Ukraine’s Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System).

ITEM 21: REPORTS ON STAFF MATTERS

(i) Report on Human Resources

Document: [WO/CC/84/INF/1](#) (Annual Report on Human Resources).

Additional Information: The report covers the role of Human Resources (HR) in the delivery of WIPO’s mandate and as an enabler of transformational change in 2024. It illustrates WIPO’s investment in its people to drive innovation and collaboration—and how HR is translating this into daily practice, aligned with WIPO’s Human Resources Strategy 2022-2026. The report also contains an Annex on the progress made with respect to the implementation of the Geographical Diversity Action Plan (GDAP).

(ii) Report by the Ethics Office

Document: [WO/CC/84/INF/2](#) (Annual Report by the Ethics Office).

Additional Information: The report outlines the key activities undertaken by the Ethics Office in 2024, in the following broad areas of responsibility: (i) confidential advice and guidance; (ii) awareness-raising, training and outreach; (iii) monitoring and standard-setting; (iv) review of retaliation complaints in accordance with WIPO’s Policy to Protect against Retaliation; and (v) administration of WIPO’s Policy on Disclosure of Financial and Other Interests.

ITEM 22: RENEWAL OF THE TERMS OF THE CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE WIPO APPEAL BOARD

Document: [WO/CC/84/1](#) (Renewal of the Terms of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the WIPO Appeal Board)

Decision: “The WIPO Coordination Committee renewed, for a term of five years as from October 12, 2025:

- (i) Ms. Joan Powers as Chair of the WIPO Appeal Board; and
- (ii) Mr. Pierre Panchaud as Deputy Chair of the WIPO Appeal Board.”

Additional Information: The WIPO Appeal Board is an administrative body with staff participation, established by the Director General to advise him or her whenever a staff member appeals against an administrative decision or a disciplinary measure. Pursuant to Staff Rule 11.5.1, the Chair and Deputy Chair of the WIPO Appeal Board are designated by the WIPO Coordination Committee, for a term of five years, on a proposal made by the Director General after consultation with the Staff Council. The term is renewable once.

ITEM 23: ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS

Document: [A/66/10](#) (Summary Report).

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned,

- (i) adopted the present Summary Report (document A/66/10); 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, 2025. Comments should be submitted to the Secretariat by September 11, 2025, after which the final reports will be deemed adopted by September 25, 2025.”

ITEM 24 CLOSING OF THE SESSIONS

The Sixty-Sixth 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 66TH ASSEMBLIES

A/66/11	General Report of the 66 th Assemblies
WO/GA/58/14	Report of the 58 th WIPO General Assembly
WO/CC/84/2	Report of the 84 th WIPO Coordination Committee
MM/A/59/3	Report of the 59 th Madrid Union Assembly
H/A/45/2	Report of the 45 th Hague Union Assembly
LI/A/42/3	Report of the 42 nd Lisbon Union Assembly
STLT/A/18/2	Report of the 18 th Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks Assembly

JOINT REPORTS¹

WO/CF/46/1	Report of the 46 th WIPO Conference
P/A/61/1	Report of the 61 st Paris Union Assembly
P/EC/65/1	Report of the 65 th Paris Union Executive Committee
B/A/55/1	Report of the 55 th Berne Union Assembly
B/EC/71/1	Report of the 71 st Berne Union Executive Committee
N/A/45/1	Report of the 45 th Nice Union Assembly
LO/A/45/1	Report of the 45 th Locarno Union Assembly
IPC/A/46/1	Report of the 46 th Special Union for the International Patent Classification
PCT/A/57/1	Report of the 57 th Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Union Assembly
BP/A/42/1	Report of the 42 nd Budapest Union Assembly
VA/A/38/1	Report of the 38 th Vienna Union Assembly
WCT/A/25/1	Report of the 25 th WIPO Copyright Treaty Assembly
WPPT/A/25/1	Report of the 25 th WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
PLT/A/24/1	Report of the 24 th Patent Law Treaty Assembly
MVT/A/10/1	Report of the 10 th Marrakesh Treaty Assembly
BTAP/A/6/1	Report of the 6 th Beijing Treaty Assembly

[End of Annex and of document]

¹ 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.

