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PREFACE

[The Sixty-Eighth 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 68th WIPO Assemblies”), was held in Geneva from July 7 to 15, 2026.

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 promotes innovation and creativity by helping people and businesses protect and use their intellectual property (IP) across borders.

WIPO provides services, generates data and knowledge, supports countries through technical assistance and impact-driven projects, and addresses emerging IP issues, with the aim of ensuring that IP benefits everyone, everywhere.

WIPO’s mandate is set out in the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (“WIPO Convention”), which establishes the WIPO General Assembly and the WIPO Coordination Committee as the Organization’s main policy and decision-making bodies. WIPO also administers 28 IP treaties, most of which have 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 to take stock of progress in the Organization’s work, negotiate the changes and new rules needed to ensure that the international IP system keeps pace with a changing world, and discuss future policy directions.

The WIPO Assemblies also serve as a central forum for global discussion on intellectual property and innovation, bringing together stakeholders from across the IP and innovation community to exchange perspectives, and contribute to shaping the future of the international IP ecosystem.

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 68th WIPO Assemblies, 22 bodies met in joint sessions. The list of those bodies appears in document [A/68/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 Carlos Sorreta (Mr.) (Philippines), Chair of the WIPO General Assembly, opened the 68th WIPO Assemblies on July 7, 2026.

Document: [A/68/INF/1 Rev.](#) (General Information).

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Document: [A/68/1](#) (Consolidated Agenda) and [A/68/2](#) (List of Documents).

Decision: The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, adopted the agenda as proposed in document A/68/1 Prov. 3 (referred to in this document as “the Consolidated Agenda”, document [A/68/1](#)).

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

Delegations from 142 Member States (13 speaking on behalf of groups of States), eight intergovernmental organizations, and 31 non-governmental organizations delivered general statements. Statements delivered orally are available in the Annex of the General Report (document A/68/10) and on the WIPO webcast platform, while statements submitted in writing can be found in the "Statements" section of the [Assemblies web page](#).

ITEM 5: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Document: [A/68/INF/2](#) (Officers).

Decision: No decision taken.

Additional information: As consensus was not reached on the election of the officers (one Chair and two Vice-Chairs) for each of the bodies concerned, namely the Coordination Committee, the Paris Union Executive Committee, and the Berne Union Executive Committee, no officers were elected at the 68th WIPO Assemblies. The current list of officers is found in document [A/68/INF/2](#).

ITEM 6: ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

Document: [A/68/3 Rev.](#) (Admission of Observers).

Decision: The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, decided to grant observer status to the following organizations:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (IGO)

- (i) Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO).

INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- (i) AI Ethics and Integrity International Association (AIEI);
- (ii) European Composer and Songwriter Alliance (ECSA);
- (iii) Global Audiovisual Alliance (GAVA);
- (iv) International Musical Artists Rights Alliance (IMARA);
- (v) Wine Origins Alliance (WOA);
- (vi) World Council of Indigenous Games (WIG);
- (vii) World Crafts Council (WCC AISBL).

NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- (i) American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law (ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law);
- (ii) Federation of Intellectual Property Societies (FIPRO);
- (iii) Paraguayan Association of Intellectual Property Agents (APAPI);
- (iv) Tathmeer Intellectual Property Association;
- (v) Union of Inventors;
- (vi) Women's IP Today.

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 77 intergovernmental organizations, 216 international, and 129 national non-governmental organizations 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 DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS GENERAL

Document: [WO/CC/86/1](#).

Decision: The WIPO Coordination Committee:

- (i) approved the appointments as Deputy Directors General of Mr. Shen Changyu, Mr. Pascal Faure, Ms. Laura Peter and Mr. Mzukisi Qobo for the period indicated in paragraph 10 of document WO/CC/86/1; and
- (ii) gave its favorable advice on the appointments as Assistant Directors General of Ms. Chitra Narayanaswamy, Mr. Andrew Staines, Mr. Kenichiro Natsume and Mr. Marco Aleman for the period indicated in paragraph 10 of document WO/CC/86/1.

ITEM 8: DRAFT AGENDAS FOR 2027 ORDINARY SESSIONS

Document: [A/68/4](#).

Decision: 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.

ITEM 9: REPORTS ON AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT

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

Document: [WO/GA/60/1](#).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)” (document WO/GA/60/1).

(ii) Reports by the External Auditor

Documents: [A/68/5](#), [A/68/8](#).

Decisions: The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, took note of the “Report by the External Auditor on the Financial Statements” (document A/68/5).

The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, took note of the “Report by the External Auditor on the WIPO/UPOV After Service Health Insurance Plan (ASHIP)” (document A/68/8).

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

Document: [WO/GA/60/2](#).

Decisions: The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)” (document WO/GA/60/2).

ITEM 10: REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (PBC)

Document: [A/68/6](#).

Decision: 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/68/6); and
- (ii) approved the recommendations made by the Program and Budget Committee as contained in the same document.

ITEM 11: REPORTS FROM WIPO COMMITTEES

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

Document: [WO/GA/60/3](#).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly:

- (i) took note of the “Report on the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights” (document WO/GA/60/3); and
- (ii) directed the SCCR to continue its work regarding all ongoing issues reported on in document WO/GA/60/3.

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

Document: [WO/GA/60/4](#).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)” (document WO/GA/60/4).

Additional information: According to the report, the SCP, at its 37th session in November 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/60/5](#).

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/60/5).

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

Document: [WO/GA/60/6](#).

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/60/6).

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

Document: [WO/GA/60/7](#).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report from the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)” (document WO/GA/60/7).

(vi) The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

Document: [WO/GA/60/8](#).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Committee on WIPO Standards”, which includes the update and implementation of WIPO Standard ST.26 version 2.0.(document WO/GA/60/8).

(vii) The Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE)

Document: [WO/GA/60/9](#).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE)” (document WO/GA/60/9).

ITEM 12: PCT SYSTEM

Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations and Modifications to Directives of the PCT Union Assembly

Document: [PCT/A/58/1](#).

Decision: The Assembly of the PCT Union:

- (i) adopted the proposed amendments to the Regulations under the PCT set out in Annexes I to IV of document PCT/A/58/1, and the entry into force and transitional arrangements set out in paragraph 4 of the same document; and
- (ii) adopted the proposed modifications to the Directives relating to the Establishment of Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees set out in Annex VI of document PCT/A/58/1, and the proposals relating to the entry into force set out in paragraph 7 of the same document.

Extension of Appointment of the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities Under the PCT

Document: [PCT/A/58/2](#).

Decision: The Assembly of the PCT Union, in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3) of the PCT:

- (i) approved the text of the draft agreements between the International Authorities and the International Bureau set out in Annexes I to XXV of document PCT/A/58/2;
- (ii) extended the appointment of the present International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities until December 31, 2037;
- (iii) noted the disassociation of Ukraine from the decision to extend the appointment of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property of the Russian Federation and of the Eurasian Patent Office; and
- (iv) noted the disassociation of the Russian Federation from the decision to extend the appointment of the Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations.

Appointment of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority Under the PCT

Documents: [PCT/A/58/3](#), [PCT/A/58/3 Add.](#)

Decision: The Assembly of the PCT Union, in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3) of the PCT:

- (i) approved the text of the draft Agreements between the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau set out in Annexes I and II to document PCT/A/58/3; and
- (ii) appointed the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the date of the entry into force of the Agreement in Annex I if this date is on or before December 31, 2027, or with effect from the date of entry into force of the Agreement in Annex II if this date is on or after January 1, 2028, until December 31, 2037.

Additional information: The adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations:

- (i) require an email address and telephone number for processing of an international application, allow the exclusion of certain personal data from public access, and provide a basis for changing the address for correspondence later than 30 months from the priority date;

- (ii) correct the French language text of Rule 26.3~~ter~~;
- (iii) clarify that the processing of an international application considered withdrawn following failure to supply an electronic copy of an international application filed on paper in accordance with Rule 89~~bis~~.1(d-~~ter~~) will take place in the same way as other cases where the receiving Office declares that an international application is considered withdrawn; and
- (iv) enable the use of the proposed draft model Agreement as the basis for individual agreements under Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) with International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities with effect from January 1, 2028.

The adopted modifications to the Directives relating to the Establishment of Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees aim to streamline the process of establishing equivalent amounts, eliminating unnecessary actions by the International Bureau and receiving Offices, and reducing the time limit between changes in exchange rates and the entry into force of a new equivalent amount.

ITEM 13: MADRID SYSTEM

Documents: [MM/A/60/1](#), [MM/A/60/2](#), and [MM/A/60/INF/1](#).

Decision: The Madrid Union Assembly:

- (i) 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/60/1); and
- (ii) adopted the amendments to Rules 3, 18, 25 and 27 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/60/2, with November 1, 2026, as their date of entry into force.

Additional information: The adopted amendments to the Regulations introduce a form for requesting the cancellation of the recording of the appointment of a representative before the International Bureau, with a view to making the process more efficient and secure. They also provide that requests to change the e-mail address of a holder or representative be processed as formal recordings of change, thereby strengthening the security of the procedure. Such changes will be formally notified to the requester but will not be published or notified to other parties to protect the privacy of the holder or representative. Finally, the amendments include two editorial updates, namely, the deletion of an obsolete reference in Rule 18 of the Regulations, and a minor addition clarifying that payment information is not required where a request for the recording of a change under Rule 25 of the Regulations is not subject to a fee. These amendments will enter into force on November 1, 2026.

ITEM 14: HAGUE SYSTEM

Document: [H/A/46/1](#).

Decision: The Assembly of the Hague Union took note of the "Report on the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs" (document H/A/46/1).

ITEM 15: LISBON SYSTEM

Document: [LI/A/43/1](#).

Decision: The Assembly of the Lisbon Union took note of the “Report on the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System” (document LI/A/43/1).

Additional information: At its next session in 2027, the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System will continue its discussions, on proposed amendments to Rule 9 (Refusal), Rule 11 (Withdrawal of Refusal) and Rule 12 (Grant of Protection) of 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 well as on the procedures relating to additional requirements under Article 7(4) of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications and Rule 5(3) of the Common Regulations.

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

Document: [WO/GA/60/10](#).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of the document “WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names” (document WO/GA/60/10).

Additional information: The report outlines the Center’s activities as an international resource for time- and cost-efficient alternatives to court litigation of IP and technology disputes. It provides details on the Center’s caseload, indicating notably that in 2025, the Center was involved in the resolution of 1,461 IP-related disputes, representing a 70 per cent increase from 2024. In particular, the Center supported the resolution of 1,046 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 6,282 cases, 2025 was the busiest year in WIPO domain name case filings. In total, the Center has administered over 80,000 cases based on the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), covering over 143,000 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: MARRAKESH TREATY TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO PUBLISHED WORKS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR OTHERWISE PRINT DISABLED (MVT)

Documents: [MVT/A/11/1](#), [MVT/A/11/INF/1](#).

Decision: The Assembly of the Marrakesh Treaty took note of the “Status of the Marrakesh Treaty” (document MVT/A/11/1).

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

Document: [A/68/7](#).

ITEM 19: REPORTS ON STAFF MATTERS

Documents: [WO/CC/86/INF/1](#), [WO/CC/86/INF/2](#), and [WO/CC/86/2](#).

Decision: The WIPO Coordination Committee noted the Chair's summary as contained in the Annex to the Summary Report (document A/68/9).

ITEM 20: AMENDMENTS TO STAFF REGULATIONS AND RULES

Document: [WO/CC/86/3](#).

Decision: The WIPO Coordination Committee:

- (i) approved the amendments to the Staff Regulations as provided in Annex I, document WO/CC/86/3; and
- (ii) took note of the amendments to the Staff Rules as provided in Annex II, document WO/CC/86/3.

ITEM 21: GUIDELINES FOR WIPO PERSONNEL STANDING FOR ELECTION TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

Document: [WO/CC/86/4](#).

Decision: The Coordination Committee decided that the Chair of the Coordination Committee will undertake consultations with Member States on the Guidelines for Candidates Standing for Election to the Post of Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) before the next session of the Coordination Committee in 2027, with a view to reaching an agreement on its content and application.

ITEM 22: ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS

Document: [A/68/9](#).

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

- (i) adopted the present Summary Report (document A/68/9); 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, 2026. Comments should be submitted to the Secretariat by September 11, 2026, after which the final reports will be deemed adopted by September 25, 2026.

ITEM 23: CLOSING OF THE SESSIONS

The Sixty-Eighth 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 68TH ASSEMBLIES

A/68/10	General Report of the 68 th Assemblies
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WO/CC/86/5	Report of the 86 th WIPO Coordination Committee
PCT/A/58/4	Report of the 58 th Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Union Assembly
MM/A/60/3	Report of the 60 th Madrid Union Assembly
H/A/46/2	Report of the 46 th Hague Union Assembly
LI/A/43/2	Report of the 43 rd Lisbon Union Assembly
MVT/A/11/2	Report of the 11 th Marrakesh Treaty Assembly

JOINT REPORTS¹

WO/CF/47/1	Report of the 47 th WIPO Conference
P/A/63/1	Report of the 63 rd Paris Union Assembly
P/EC/66/1	Report of the 66 th Paris Union Executive Committee
B/A/57/1	Report of the 57 th Berne Union Assembly
B/EC/72/1	Report of the 72 nd Berne Union Executive Committee
N/A/46/1	Report of the 46 th Nice Union Assembly
LO/A/46/1	Report of the 46 th Locarno Union Assembly
IPC/A/47/1	Report of the 47 th Special Union for the International Patent Classification
BP/A/43/1	Report of the 43 rd Budapest Union Assembly
VA/A/39/1	Report of the 39 th Vienna Union Assembly
WCT/A/26/1	Report of the 26 th WIPO Copyright Treaty Assembly
WPPT/A/26/1	Report of the 26 th WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
PLT/A/25/1	Report of the 25 th Patent Law Treaty Assembly
STLT/A/19/2	Report of the 19 th Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks Assembly
BTAP/A/7/1	Report of the 7 th Beijing Treaty Assembly

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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.

