

**Preparatory Committee of the Diplomatic Conference to conclude a
Treaty to facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired
Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities**

Geneva, December 17 to 18, 2012

**AGENDA, DATES, VENUE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE**

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Introduction

1. Subject to the outcome of the Extraordinary Session of the WIPO General Assembly at its forty-second session, it is recommended that the Preparatory Meeting approves the agenda, dates, venue and other organizational questions for the diplomatic conference to conclude a Treaty to facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities.

AGENDA OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

2. It is proposed that the draft agenda of the Diplomatic Conference be as set out in the Annex.

3. The said draft is based on the draft Rules of Procedure of the Diplomatic Conference, contained in document VIP/PM/3, which is modeled on the agenda of the 2012 Beijing diplomatic conference on the protection of audiovisual performances held under the auspices of WIPO.

DATES, VENUE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

4. The General Assembly did not fix the dates, venue and other organizational questions concerning the proposed Diplomatic Conference.

5. At the time of finalization of the present document, the International Bureau of WIPO had received no official invitation from any Government to host the Diplomatic Conference. Therefore the International Bureau recommends that the venue be in Switzerland, and likely in Geneva, unless the Preparatory Committee decides to accept the proposal by a Member State to host the Diplomatic Conference, in which case it will take place in the country concerned. It is proposed that the Diplomatic Conference take place in Geneva during a two-week period between June 10 and July 5, 2013.

6. The Preparatory Committee is invited to comment on the proposal contained in paragraph 2, above, and to decide on the venue and dates of the Diplomatic Conference,

DRAFT AGENDA OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

1. Opening of the Conference by the Director General of WIPO
2. Consideration and adoption of the Rules of Procedure
3. Election of the President of the Conference
4. Consideration and adoption of the agenda
5. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference
6. Election of the members of the Credentials Committee
7. Election of the members of the Drafting Committee
8. Election of the Officers of the Credentials Committee, the Main Committees and Drafting Committee
9. Consideration of the first report of the Credentials Committee
10. Opening declarations by Delegations and by representatives of Observer Entities
11. Consideration of the texts proposed by the Main Committees
12. Consideration of the second report of the Credentials Committee
13. Adoption of the Treaty
14. Adoption of any recommendation, resolution, agreed statement or final act
15. Closing declarations by Delegations and by representatives of Observer Entities
16. Closing of the Conference by the President*

[End of Annex and of document]

* Immediately after the closing of the Conference, the Final Act, if any, and the Instrument will be open for signature.