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GENERAL INFORMATION

Memorandum of the Secretariat

1. This document deals with the sessions of the following 19 Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions administered by WIPO that will meet in ordinary sessions for the period from September 26 to October 5, 2005:

- (1) WIPO General Assembly, thirty-second (17th ordinary) session
- (2) WIPO Conference, twenty-third (17th ordinary) session
- (3) WIPO Coordination Committee, fifty-third (36th ordinary) session
- (4) Paris Union Assembly, thirty-sixth (17th ordinary) session
- (5) Paris Union Executive Committee, forty-second (41st ordinary) session
- (6) Berne Union Assembly, thirty-first (17th ordinary) session
- (7) Berne Union Executive Committee, forty-eighth (36th ordinary) session
- (8) Madrid Union Assembly, thirty-sixth (16th ordinary) session
- (9) Hague Union Assembly, twenty-third (15th ordinary) session
- (10) Nice Union Assembly, twenty-third (17th ordinary) session
- (11) Lisbon Union Assembly, twentieth (16th ordinary) session
- (12) Locarno Union Assembly, twenty-third (16th ordinary) session
- (13) IPC [International Patent Classification] Union Assembly, twenty-third (15th ordinary) session
- (14) PCT [Patent Cooperation Treaty] Union Assembly, thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session

- (15) Budapest Union Assembly, twentieth (13th ordinary) session
- (16) Vienna Union Assembly, sixteenth (13th ordinary) session
- (17) WCT [WIPO Copyright Treaty] Assembly, third (2nd ordinary) session
- (18) WPPT [WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty] Assembly,
third (2nd ordinary) session
- (19) PLT [Patent Law Treaty] Assembly, First (1st ordinary) session

Members

2. The members of each of the 19 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, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, 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 (172).
- (2) WIPO Conference:¹ In addition to the States members of the WIPO General Assembly listed above: Afghanistan (as from December 13, 2005), Angola, Brunei Darussalam, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kuwait, Maldives, Myanmar, Samoa, Somalia, Yemen (172 + 11 = 183).
- (3) WIPO Coordination Committee: Algeria, Angola (*ad hoc*), Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia (*ad hoc*), Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Myanmar (*ad hoc*), Nepal,

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

Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia (80).

- (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 and Montenegro, 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:

Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom (41).

- (6) Berne 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, 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, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, 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, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, 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, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (156).

(7) Berne Union Executive Committee:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia (37).

(8) Madrid Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain (as from December 15, 2005), Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 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 and Montenegro, 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 (78).

(9) Hague Union Assembly: Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Estonia, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro,

Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine (39).

- (10) Nice Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain (as from December 15, 2005), Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominica, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint-Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis (as from October 27, 2005), Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (75).
- (11) Lisbon Union Assembly: Algeria, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Gabon, Georgia, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Togo, Tunisia (22).
- (12) Locarno Union Assembly: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay (45).
- (13) IPC Union Assembly: Armenia (as from December 6, 2005), 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, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (55).
- (14) 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, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland,

Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, 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 (as from October 27, 2005), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, 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 (128).

- (15) Budapest Union Assembly: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia (as from September 30, 2005), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan (61).
- (16) Vienna Union Assembly: Armenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Cuba, France, Guinea, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Lucia, Slovenia, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay (20).
- (17) WCT Assembly: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain (as from December 15, 2005), Belarus, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar (as from October 28, 2005), Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America (55).
- (18) WPPT Assembly: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain (as from December 15, 2005), Belarus, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus (as from December 2, 2005), Czech Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Qatar (as from October 28, 2005), Saint Lucia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore,

Slovakia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America (54).

- (19) PLT Assembly: Bahrain (as from December 15, 2005), Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine (11).

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 ASSEMBLY, any State which is
 - (i) party to an Act of the Berne 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 Berne Union Assembly;
- (7) in the BERNE UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, any State which, without being a member of that Committee, is a member of the Berne Union;
- (8) in the MADRID UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (9) in the HAGUE UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (10) in the NICE UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;

- (11) in the LISBON UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
 - (12) in the LOCARNO UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
 - (13) in the IPC UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
 - (14) in the PCT UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
 - (15) in the BUDAPEST UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
 - (16) in the VIENNA UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
 - (17) in the WCT ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the WIPO Conference;
 - (18) in the WPPT ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the WIPO Conference;
 - (19) In the PLT ASSEMBLY, (to be decided by the Assembly).
4. The following *organizations* have been invited to be represented by observers:

in all THE 19 ASSEMBLIES² OR BODIES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1, ABOVE:

- (i) 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);
- (ii) African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU), Benelux Designs Office (BBDM), Benelux Trademark Office (BBM), Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), European Patent

² The PLT Assembly will decide as far as it is concerned.

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) (10);

- (iii) 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, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), International 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 de Cooperación Iberoamericana (SECIB)*, *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) (39);
- (iv) 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 19 bodies are divided into 20 sets: 19 of those correspond to the 19 bodies, the 20th contains the documents of interest to more than one of the 19 bodies. This last set bears the symbol "A/41." The symbols used for the other 19 sets indicate the name of the body, and Arabic numerals indicate the number of the session. They are the following:

"WO/GA/32"	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>General</u> <u>Assembly</u>
"WO/CF/23"	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>Conference</u>
"WO/CC/53"	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>Coordination</u> <u>Committee</u>
"P/A/36"	for <u>Paris</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
"P/EC/42"	for <u>Paris</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Committee</u>
"B/A/31"	for <u>Berne</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
"B/EC/48"	for <u>Berne</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Committee</u>

“MM/A/36”	for <u>M</u> adrid (<u>M</u> arks) Union <u>A</u> ssembly
“H/A/23”	for <u>H</u> ague Union <u>A</u> ssembly
“N/A/23”	for <u>N</u> ice Union <u>A</u> ssembly
“LI/A/20”	for <u>L</u> isbon Union <u>A</u> ssembly
“LO/A/23”	for <u>L</u> ocarno Union <u>A</u> ssembly
“IPC/A/23”	for <u>I</u> nternational <u>P</u> atent <u>C</u> lassification Union <u>A</u> ssembly
“PCT/A/34”	for <u>P</u> atent <u>C</u> ooperation <u>T</u> reaty (Union) <u>A</u> ssembly
“BP/A/20”	for <u>B</u> udapest Union <u>A</u> ssembly
“VA/A/16”	for <u>V</u> ienna Union <u>A</u> ssembly
“WCT/A/3”	for <u>W</u> IPO <u>C</u> opyright <u>T</u> reaty <u>A</u> ssembly
“WPPT/A/3”	for <u>W</u> IPO <u>P</u> erformances and <u>P</u> honograms <u>T</u> reaty <u>A</u> ssembly
“PLT/A/1”	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]