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COMPOSITION OF THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE;
ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES
OF THE PARIS AND BERNE UNIONS AND DESIGNATION OF THE *AD HOC*
MEMBERS OF THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE

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Introduction

1. The membership of the WIPO Coordination Committee consists of States drawn from three other bodies, namely

- (i) the Executive Committee of the Paris Union;
- (ii) the Executive Committee of the Berne Union; and
- (iii) one-fourth of the States party to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (“the WIPO Convention”) that are not members of any of the Unions administered by WIPO.¹

¹ Article 8(1)(a) and (c), WIPO Convention.

In addition, Switzerland, as the host State, is an *ex officio* member of the Coordination Committee.²

2. The membership of the Coordination Committee is established once every two years, at the ordinary sessions of the Assemblies of the Member States (“the Assemblies”). The terms of office of the present members of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union, the Executive Committee of the Berne Union and the WIPO Coordination Committee expire at the close of the present (September 22 to October 1, 2009) ordinary sessions of the Assemblies. New members of each of those Committees must therefore be elected during the present sessions of the Assemblies. Those new members will serve until the close of the next ordinary sessions of the Assemblies, which will be held in September 2011.

3. The present document deals with the composition of the Committees that are to be elected and the decisions that the corresponding Assemblies and other bodies are invited to take in order to elect the new members of the Committees.

I. Executive Committee of the Paris Union

4. Present Composition. The Executive Committee of the Paris Union comprises, at present, 42 members, consisting of 41 ordinary members,³ and one *ex officio* member.⁴ The names of the present members are underlined in List No. 1 in the Annex to this document.

5. Limits to Re-eligibility for Election. Members of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union may be re-elected, but only up to a maximum of two-thirds of the ordinary members plus the *ex officio* member.⁵ There being 42 such members, the number of elected ordinary members eligible for re-election is 28.⁶

6. New Composition. The Executive Committee of the Paris Union to serve from the close of the present sessions of the Assemblies to the close of the next ordinary sessions of the Assemblies should have 42⁷ members, consisting of:

(i) 41 elected ordinary members, to be elected by the Assembly of the Paris Union; out of the present 41 elected members, 27 may and 14 may not be re-elected;

(ii) one *ex officio* member (Switzerland).

² Article 11(9)(a), WIPO Convention.

³ Elected by the Assembly of the Paris Union (see Article 14(2)(a) of the Paris Convention and Rule 3(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the Paris Union (document AB/XXIV/INF/2)).

⁴ The State on whose territory the Organization has its headquarters (Switzerland) is the *ex officio* member (see Article 14(2)(a) of the Paris Convention).

⁵ See Article 14(5)(b) of the Paris Convention.

⁶ $42 \times \frac{2}{3} = 28$.

⁷ Forty-two represents one-fourth of the number of States members of the Assembly of the Paris Union, discounting any remainders after division by four (see Article 14(3) of the Paris Convention). There are 171 members of the Assembly, whose names are set out in List No. 1 in the Annex.

7. *Accordingly, the Assembly of the Paris Union is invited to elect, from among its members, 41 States to the Executive Committee of the Paris Union, in the capacity of ordinary members; these 41 States must not include more than 27 States which, at present, are ordinary members of that Committee.*

II. Executive Committee of the Berne Union

8. Present Composition. The Executive Committee of the Berne Union comprises, at present, 40 members, consisting of 39 ordinary members⁸ and one *ex officio* member.⁹ The names of the present members are underlined in List No. 2 in the Annex to this document.

9. Limits to Re-eligibility for Election. Members of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union may be re-elected, but only up to a maximum of two-thirds of the ordinary members plus the *ex officio* member.¹⁰ There being 40 such members, the number of elected ordinary members eligible for re-election is 27.¹¹

10. New Composition. The Executive Committee of the Berne Union to serve from the close of the present sessions of the Assemblies to the close of the next ordinary sessions of the Assemblies should have 40¹² members, consisting of:

(i) 39 elected ordinary members, to be elected by the Assembly of the Berne Union; out of the present 39 elected members, 26 may and 13 may not be re-elected;

(ii) one *ex officio* member (Switzerland).

11. *Accordingly, the Assembly of the Berne Union is invited to elect, from among its members, 39 States to the Executive Committee of the Berne Union; these 39 States must not include more than 26 States which, at present, are members of that Committee.*

⁸ Elected by the Assembly of the Berne Union (see Article 23(2)(a) of the Berne Convention and Rule 3(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the Berne Union (document AB/XXIV/INF/2)).

⁹ The State on whose territory the Organization has its headquarters (Switzerland) is the *ex officio* member (see Article 23(2)(a) of the Berne Convention).

¹⁰ See Article 23(5)(b) of the Berne Convention.

¹¹ $40 \times \frac{2}{3} = 26.6$, which, by convention, is rounded to the nearest whole number.

¹² Forty represents one-fourth of the number of States members of the Assembly of the Berne Union, discounting any remainders after division by four (see Article 23(3) of the Berne Convention). There are 161 members of the Assembly, whose names are set out in List No. 2 in the Annex.

III. WIPO Coordination Committee

12. Rules of Composition. The WIPO Coordination Committee is composed of the following categories of members:

- (i) the elected ordinary members of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union and of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union;¹³
- (ii) Switzerland, as the State on whose territory the Organization has its headquarters;¹⁴
- (iii) one-fourth of the States party to the WIPO Convention that are not members of any of the Unions, which are designated by the WIPO Conference¹⁵ and which serve as *ad hoc* members of the WIPO Coordination Committee.¹⁶

13. The names of the present *ad hoc* members are underlined in List No. 3 in the Annex to this document.

14. New Composition. It follows that the WIPO Coordination Committee to serve from the close of the present sessions of the Assemblies to the close of the next ordinary sessions of the Assemblies should have 83 members, consisting of:

- (i) the 41 ordinary members of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union to be elected by the Assembly of the Paris Union in the present sessions (see paragraph 6(i), above);
- (ii) the 39 ordinary members of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union to be elected by the Assembly of the Berne Union in the present sessions (see paragraph 10(i), above);
- (iii) Switzerland; and
- (iv) two *ad hoc* members to be designated by the WIPO Conference in the present sessions.¹⁷

¹³ See Article 8(1)(a) of the WIPO Convention.

¹⁴ See Article 11(9)(a) of the WIPO Convention.

¹⁵ See Article 8(1)(c) of the WIPO Convention.

¹⁶ In addition, the Coordination Committee comprises, in theory, any associate members of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union or the Executive Committee of the Berne Union, which serve as associate members of the WIPO Coordination Committee. The class of associate members is, however, now redundant (see notes 7 and 13, above, and Rule 2(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the WIPO Coordination Committee (document AB/XXV/INF/2)).

¹⁷ There are 8 States members of the WIPO Conference that are not members of any of the Unions. Their names are set out in List No. 3 in the Annex. The number of *ad hoc* members of the WIPO Coordination Committee to be designated by the WIPO Conference is thus two.

15. Accordingly, the WIPO Conference is invited to designate, from among its members that are not members of any of the Unions, two States to be ad hoc members of the WIPO Coordination Committee.

[Annex follows]

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STATES ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION

List No. 1

States Eligible for Election as Members of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union
(that is, States members of the Assembly of the Paris Union) (171)¹

Albania																
Algeria	73	-	79	81	83	85	87	89	91	-	-	97	99	-	03	-
Andorra																
<u>Angola</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	07
Antigua and Barbuda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	-	-	-
<u>Argentina*</u>	-	-	-	81	83	85	87	89	-	-	95	97	-	01	03	07
Armenia																
Australia*	73	-	79	-	-	85	87	89	91	93	95	97	99	01	-	05
Austria	-	-	-	81	83	85	-	89	-	93	95	97	-	01	-	05
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-
Bahamas																
Bahrain																
<u>Bangladesh</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	01	03	07
<u>Barbados</u>															03	07
Belarus																
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	97	99	01	-	05
Belize																
<u>Benin</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	07
Bhutan																
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)																
Bosnia and Herzegovina																
Botswana																
Brazil*	73	76	79	81	83	85	87	89	91	93	-	-	99	01	03	05
Bulgaria	-	-	79	-	-	85	-	-	91	-	-	-	-	01	-	-
Burkina Faso	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	-	-	-
Burundi													99	-	-	-
Cambodia																
<u>Cameroon*</u>	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	97	-	-	03	07
<u>Canada</u>																07
Central African Republic	-	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chad																
<u>Chile</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91	93	95	-	-	-	-	07
China	-	-	-	-	-	85	87	89	91	93	95	97	99	01	03	05
<u>Colombia</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	99	01	03	07
Comoros	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congo	-	-	-	-	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica													99	-	-	05
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	79	-	83	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	01	-	05
Croatia																
<u>Cuba</u>	-	76	79	81	-	85	87	89	91	93	95	-	99	-	03	07
Cyprus																
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	97	-	-	-	-
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	91	93	-	-	-	01	03	05
<u>Democratic Republic of the Congo</u>	-	-	-	-	-	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03	07

¹ The year date shows the year in which the State was elected, as well as, where applicable, the year or years in which it was re-elected, a member of the Executive Committee for a three-year period or, since 1979, for a two-year period. The names of the present ordinary members (41) are underlined.

* An asterisk (*) next to the name of the State indicates that it was also elected member of the Executive Committee in 1970.

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Namibia																		
Nepal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03	-		
<u>Netherlands</u>	73	-	-	-	83	-	-	-	91	-	95	-	-	-	03	-	07	
<u>New Zealand</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	-	-	-	07	
Nicaragua																		
Niger																		
Norway	-	-	-	-	83	-	-	-	91	-	-	-	-	-	03	-		
Oman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	-	07	
<u>Pakistan</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	07	
Panama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	01	-	-		
Papua New Guinea																		
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	05	
Peru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	07	
Philippines	-	76	79	81	-	85	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03	05		
Poland	-	-	79	81	83	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03	-		
Portugal	-	-	-	81	83	-	-	-	-	93	95	-	99	01	-	05		
Qatar																		
<u>Republic of Korea</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	87	89	91	93	95	-	-	01	03	05	07	
Republic of Moldova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	-	03	-		
Romania	73	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	-		
Russian Federation*	73	76	79	81	83	85	87	89	91	93	95	97	99	01	03	-		
Rwanda																		
Saint Kitts and Nevis																		
Saint Lucia																		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines																		
San Marino																		
Sao Tome and Principe																		
Saudi Arabia																		
<u>Senegal*</u>	-	-	79	-	-	89	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03	-	07	
Serbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Seychelles																		
Sierra Leone																		
Singapore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	97	99	-	-	05		
Slovakia													99	-	-	-		
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	-	-	-	-	05		
<u>South Africa</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	97	-	01	-	-	07	
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	87	-	91	-	-	97	99	01	-	05			
Sri Lanka*	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91	93	95	97	99	-	03	-		
Sudan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	97	-	-	-	-		
Suriname																		
Swaziland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	97	99	-	-	-		
Sweden*	73	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	-	-	01	-	05		
[Switzerland ²]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	05	07	
Syrian Arab Republic																		
Tajikistan																		
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	99	-	-	-		
Thailand																		
Togo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Tonga																		
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	-	-	83	-	-	-	-	-	95	97	-	-	-	05		
<u>Tunisia</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	-	03	-	07	
<u>Turkey</u>	-	-	-	-	-	87	-	-	-	-	-	97	99	01	03	-	07	
Turkmenistan																		
<u>Uganda</u>	-	-	-	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	99	01	03	05	07	
<u>Ukraine</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	-	99	-	-	-	07	
United Arab Emirates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	05		
<u>United Kingdom*</u>	73	76	-	81	-	-	-	89	91	93	-	-	-	-	03	-	07	

² Switzerland is an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee.

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Ecuador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	01	-	05
<u>Egypt</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	-	99	-	03	- 07
<u>El Salvador</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	- 07
Equatorial Guinea																
Estonia																
Fiji																
Finland	-	-	-	81	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	-	99	01	-	05
<u>France*</u>	73	-	-	81	83	85	-	-	91	93	95	97	-	01	03	- 07
Gabon																
Gambia																
Georgia																
<u>Germany*</u>	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	-	93	-	-	99	-	03	- 07
Ghana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	01	-	-
Greece	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	97	99	-	03	-
Grenada																
Guatemala	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	-	03	-
Guinea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	-
Guinea-Bissau																
Guyana																
Haiti																
Holy See																
Honduras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03	-
Hungary	73	76	79	-	83	85	-	-	-	93	95	-	-	01	03	-
<u>Iceland</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	- 07
<u>India*</u>	73	76	79	81	83	85	87	89	91	93	95	97	-	-	-	- 07
<u>Indonesia</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	- 07
Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	91	93	95	-	-	01	-	05
Israel	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Italy*</u>	73	76	-	-	83	-	87	89	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 05
Jamaica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	01	03	05
<u>Japan</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 07
Jordan																
Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03	-
Kenya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	97	-	01	-	05
<u>Kyrgyzstan</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	- 07
Latvia																
Lesotho																
Liberia																
<u>Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91	-	-	-	-	01	03	- 07
Liechtenstein																
Lithuania																
Luxembourg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	-	-	05
Malawi																
<u>Malaysia</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03	- 07
Mali																
Malta																
Mauritania																
Mauritius																
<u>Mexico*</u>	-	76	79	81	83	85	-	89	91	93	-	97	99	01	-	- 07
Micronesia (Federated States of)																
Monaco																
Mongolia																
Montenegro																
<u>Morocco</u>	73	76	-	-	83	85	87	-	-	-	95	-	-	-	03	- 07
Namibia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepal																
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	85	87	89	-	93	-	97	99	01	-	05
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	-
Niger																
<u>Nigeria</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	05 07
<u>Norway</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	99	01	-	05 07
Oman																
<u>Pakistan*</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	87	89	91	93	95	97	99	-	03	05

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Panama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	-
<u>Paraguay</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	97	99	-	-	-	07
Peru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	97	-	-	03	05	
<u>Philippines*</u>	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	97	99	-	-	-	07
<u>Poland*</u>	73	76	-	-	-	-	87	89	91	-	95	-	-	01	-	07
<u>Portugal</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	91	-	-	97	-	-	03	07
Qatar																
Republic of Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	99	-	-	-	
Republic of Moldova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	-	-	-	
<u>Romania*</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	97	-	01	-	05 07
<u>Russian Federation</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	05 07
Rwanda																
Saint Kitts and Nevis																
Saint Lucia																
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines																
Samoa																
Saudi Arabia																
Senegal	-	-	81	83	85	87	-	-	-	-	97	99	-	-	-	05
Serbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	05
<u>Singapore</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	07
Slovakia																
<u>Slovenia</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	-	-	-	07
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	-	03	05	
<u>Spain*</u>	-	76	79	-	-	-	-	-	93	95	-	-	-	-	03	07
Sri Lanka	-	76	79	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	05
Sudan																
Suriname																
Swaziland																
<u>Sweden</u>	-	-	-	-	-	85	87	89	-	-	95	97	99	-	03	- 07
Syrian Arab Republic																
[<u>Switzerland</u> ⁴]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	05 07
Tajikistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	-
<u>Thailand</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	01	03	05 07
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03		
Togo																
Tonga																
Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	01	-	-	
Tunisia*	-	76	79	81	83	85	-	-	-	95	-	-	01	-	-	05
Turkey																05
Ukraine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	01	-	-
United Arab Emirates																
United Kingdom*	-	79	-	-	83	85	87	-	-	95	97	99	01	-	-	05
United Republic of Tanzania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	-	
<u>United States of America</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	97	-	-	-	03	- 07
<u>Uruguay</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	87	-	91	-	95	97	-	01	03	- 07
Uzbekistan																
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	-	-	-	-	-	85	87	89	91	93	95	-	-	01	03	-
Viet Nam																
Yemen																
Zambia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	01	03	05
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

⁴ Switzerland is an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee.

List No. 3

States Eligible for Election as *Ad Hoc* Members of the WIPO Coordination Committee
(that is, States members of WIPO which are not members of any of the Unions) (8)⁵

Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	07
Brunei Darussalam	-	-	-	-	-	85	-	89	-	93	95	97	-	99	01	03	05	-	-
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	05	07	-
Kuwait	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	05	-	-
Maldives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myanmar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	03	-	-	-
Somalia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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⁵ The year date shows the year in which the State was first designated, as well as, where applicable, the year or years in which it was re-designated, an *ad hoc* member of the WIPO Coordination Committee.