

Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

Fifty-Fifth Series of Meetings
Geneva, October 5 to 14, 2015

PROPOSAL BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF WIPO

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1. In a communication dated September 3, 2015, a copy of which is set out in the Annex, the Delegation of the United States of America requested, amongst other, that “the draft agenda (document WO/55/1 Prov.2) be re-ordered so that the “Global Intellectual Property Services” (agenda items 19-23), upon which WIPO’s budget is predominantly dependent, appear before the “Program, Budget and Oversight Matters” (agenda items 10-11)”.

2. The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions administered by WIPO, each in so far as it is concerned, are invited to consider the communication in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

Dr. Francis Gurry
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September 3, 2015

Dear Dr. Gurry:

In accordance with Rule 5(4) of the General Rules of Procedure of WIPO contained in WIPO Publication 399 (FE) Rev.3, the United States requests that the following proposals (enclosed) be added to the agendas of the Fifty-Fifth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (Geneva, October 5 to 14, 2015), as proposals to be considered under the relevant agenda items, or as new agenda items, as appropriate:

- PCT Union Assembly: Matters Concerning the Lisbon Union;
- Madrid Union Assembly: Matters Concerning the Madrid and Lisbon Unions;
- WIPO General Assembly: Matters Concerning the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT);
- WIPO General Assembly: Matters Concerning the Administration of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement; and
- WIPO General Assembly: Matters Concerning the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC).

The United States also requests that the draft agenda (document WO/55/1 Prov. 2) be re-ordered so that the "Global Intellectual Property Services" (agenda items 19-23), upon which WIPO's budget is predominantly dependent, appear before the "Program, Budget and Oversight Matters" (agenda items 10-11).

I would be grateful if you could please provide me with a copy of the revised version of the draft agenda including these items and re-ordered pursuant to this request.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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