

## **Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO**

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

##### *Memorandum of the Secretariat*

1. This document deals with the sessions of the following 20 Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions administered by WIPO that will meet in ordinary sessions from October 5 to 14, 2015:

- (1) WIPO General Assembly, forty-seventh (22<sup>nd</sup> ordinary) session
- (2) WIPO Conference, thirty-sixth (22<sup>nd</sup> ordinary) session
- (3) WIPO Coordination Committee, seventy-first (46<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (4) Paris Union Assembly, fiftieth (22<sup>nd</sup> ordinary) session
- (5) Paris Union Executive Committee, fifty-fifth (51<sup>st</sup> ordinary) session
- (6) Berne Union Assembly, forty-fourth (22<sup>nd</sup> ordinary) session
- (7) Berne Union Executive Committee, sixty-first (46<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (8) Madrid Union Assembly, forty-ninth (21<sup>st</sup> ordinary) session
- (9) Hague Union Assembly, thirty-fifth (20<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (10) Nice Union Assembly, thirty-fifth (22<sup>nd</sup> ordinary) session
- (11) Lisbon Union Assembly, thirty-second (21<sup>st</sup> ordinary) session
- (12) Locarno Union Assembly, thirty-fifth (21<sup>st</sup> ordinary) session
- (13) IPC [International Patent Classification] Union Assembly, thirty-sixth (20<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (14) PCT [Patent Cooperation Treaty] Union Assembly, forty-seventh (20<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (15) Budapest Union Assembly, thirty-second (18<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (16) Vienna Union Assembly, twenty-eighth (18<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (17) WCT [WIPO Copyright Treaty] Assembly, fifteenth (7<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (18) WPPT [WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty] Assembly, fifteenth (7<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session

- (19) PLT [Patent Law Treaty] Assembly, fourteenth (6<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session
- (20) Singapore Treaty [Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks] Assembly, eighth (4<sup>th</sup> ordinary) session.

## Members

2. The members of each of the 20 Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States are the following:

- (1) WIPO General Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, 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, 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, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, 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, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, 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, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe (179).
- (2) WIPO Conference<sup>1</sup>: In addition to the States members of the WIPO General Assembly listed above: Afghanistan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kiribati, Maldives, Myanmar, Niue, Somalia, Tuvalu (179 + 9 = 188).
- (3) WIPO Coordination Committee: Afghanistan (*ad hoc*), Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia (*ad hoc*), Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (83).

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

- (4) Paris Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, 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, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, 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, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, 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 (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe (174).

- (5) Paris Union Executive Committee:

Algeria, Angola, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, El Salvador, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay (42).

- (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 (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Cabo 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, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, 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, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, 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, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe (165).

(7) Berne Union Executive Committee:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Thailand, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (40).

(8) Madrid Union Assembly: African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Gambia (as from December 18, 2015), Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (96).

(9) Hague Union Assembly: African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Oman, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America (64).

- (10) Nice Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, 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, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (82).
- (11) Lisbon Union Assembly: Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Gabon, Georgia, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Mexico, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia (27).
- (12) Locarno Union Assembly: Argentina, Armenia, 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, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (54).
- (13) IPC Union Assembly: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 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, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (62).
- (14) PCT Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, 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, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta,

Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, 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 (148).

- (15) Budapest Union Assembly: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, 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 (79).
- (16) Vienna Union Assembly: Armenia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cuba, France, Guinea, Jamaica, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay (32).
- (17) WCT Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay (93).
- (18) WPPT Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana,

Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay (94).

- (19) PLT Assembly: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan (36).
- (20) Singapore Treaty Assembly: Armenia, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Benelux Organization for Intellectual Property, Benin (pending the deposit of the instrument of accession by OAPI), Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Iceland, Iraq, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali (pending the deposit of the instrument of accession by OAPI), Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America (38).

### Observers

3. Any State, which, without being a member of any of the ASSEMBLIES OR BODIES REFERRED TO in items 1 and 3 to 20 of paragraph 1, ABOVE, is a member of the WIPO Conference, may be represented by observers in the said Assemblies and Bodies. Any State which, without being a member of any of the ASSEMBLIES OR BODIES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1, ABOVE, is a member of the United Nations or of any of its specialized agencies (other than WIPO), may be represented by observers in the said Assemblies and Bodies<sup>2</sup>.

4. The following other *observers* have been invited to be represented:

in all THE 20<sup>2</sup> ASSEMBLIES OR BODIES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1, ABOVE:

- (i) Palestine;
- (ii) 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),

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<sup>2</sup> With the exception of the Coordination Committee, where the only observers are those States which, without being a member of that Committee, are members of the WIPO Conference.



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);

- (iii) African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU), Benelux Organization for Intellectual Property (BOIP), Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), European Patent Organisation (EPO), International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), Interstate Council on the Protection of Industrial Property (ICPIP), Nordic Patent Institute (NPI), Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office) (10);
- (iv) African Regional Centre for Technology (ARCT), African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group), African Union (AU), 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), Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure as a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (CLARIN ERIC), 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 Commission (EC), European Free Trade Association (EFTA), Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC), General Secretariat of the Andean Community, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), 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), ITER International Fusion Energy Organization for the Joint Implementation of the ITER Project (ITER Organization), Latin American Economic System (SELA), Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), League of Arab States (LAS), *Rede de Informação Tecnológica Latino-Americana* (RITLA), Regional Center for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC), *Secretaría General Iberoamericana* (SEGIB), *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie* (OIF), Organization of American States (OAS), Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), South Centre, Southern African Development Community (SADC), West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), World Trade Organization (WTO) (46);
- (v) 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 20 bodies are divided into 21 sets: 20 of those correspond to the 20 bodies and the 21<sup>st</sup> contains the documents of interest to more than one of the 20 bodies. This last set bears the symbol "A/55." The symbols used for the other 20 sets indicate the name of the body, and Arabic numerals indicate the number of the session. They are the following:

"WO/GA/47"	for <u>W</u> I <u>P</u> O <u>G</u> eneral <u>A</u> ssembly
"WO/CF/36"	for <u>W</u> I <u>P</u> O <u>C</u> onference
"WO/CC/71"	for <u>W</u> I <u>P</u> O <u>C</u> oordination <u>C</u> ommittee
"P/A/50"	for <u>P</u> aris Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"P/EC/55"	for <u>P</u> aris Union <u>E</u> xecutive <u>C</u> ommittee
"B/A/44"	for <u>B</u> erne Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"B/EC/61"	for <u>B</u> erne Union <u>E</u> xecutive <u>C</u> ommittee
"MM/A/49"	for <u>M</u> adrid ( <u>M</u> arks) Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"H/A/35"	for <u>H</u> ague Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"N/A/35"	for <u>N</u> ice Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"LI/A/32"	for <u>L</u> isbon Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"LO/A/35"	for <u>L</u> ocarno Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"IPC/A/36"	for <u>I</u> nternational <u>P</u> atent <u>C</u> lassification Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"PCT/A/47"	for <u>P</u> atent <u>C</u> ooperation <u>T</u> reaty (Union) <u>A</u> ssembly
"BP/A/32"	for <u>B</u> udapest Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"VA/A/28"	for <u>V</u> ienna Union <u>A</u> ssembly
"WCT/A/15"	for <u>W</u> I <u>P</u> O <u>C</u> opyright <u>T</u> reaty <u>A</u> ssembly
"WPPT/A/15"	for <u>W</u> I <u>P</u> O <u>P</u> erformances and <u>P</u> honograms <u>T</u> reaty <u>A</u> ssembly
"PLT/A/14"	for <u>P</u> atent <u>L</u> aw <u>T</u> reaty <u>A</u> ssembly
"STLT/A/8"	for <u>S</u> ingapore <u>T</u> reaty on the <u>L</u> aw of <u>T</u> rademarks <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]