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(IPC UNION)**

**ASSEMBLY**

**Twenty-Ninth (17<sup>th</sup> Ordinary) Session  
Geneva, September 22 to October 1, 2009**

REPORT

*adopted by the Assembly*

1. The Assembly was concerned with the following items of the Consolidated Agenda (document A/47/1): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 34, 39 and 40.
2. The report on the said items with the exception of item 34 are contained in the General Report (document A/47/16).
3. The report on item 34 is contained in the present document.
4. Ms. Alexandra Grazioli (Switzerland) was elected Chair of the Assembly; Mr. Lu Guoliang (China) and Mr. Toomas Lumi (Estonia) were elected Vice-Chairs.

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ITEM 34 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA:  
REPORT OF THE IPC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

5. Discussions were based on document IPC/A/29/1.
6. The Secretariat introduced document IPC/A/29/1 and stated that the Committee of Experts realized a need for simplifying the IPC structure introduced in 2006 on the basis of the experience of IP Offices and users. The Committee of Experts decided to simplify the structure and integrate two levels of the IPC into one. The simplified IPC system would become more flexible and cost-effective. It should enter into force with the relevant publication of the IPC on January 1, 2011.
7. In the absence of any objections or comments, the Assembly of the IPC Union noted the contents of document IPC/A/29/1 and its Annex.

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