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REPORT ON THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LISBON SYSTEM

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1. The Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System (hereinafter referred to as “the Working Group”) held its seventh session, in hybrid format, from February 17 to 19, 2026. The session was chaired by Mr. Erik Thévenod-Mottet (Switzerland). The Summary by the Chair is contained in document [LI/WG/DEV-SYS/7/5](#).
2. The Working Group elected Mr. Csaba Baticz (Hungary) as Chair, and Ms. Lamia Kateb (Tunisia) and Mr. Erik Thévenod-Mottet (Switzerland) as Vice-Chairs of its eighth session.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMON REGULATIONS

3. At its seventh session, the Working Group discussed the proposed amendments to Rule 9 (Refusal), Rule 11 (Withdrawal of Refusal) and Rule 12 (Grant of Protection) of the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (hereinafter referred to as “the Common Regulations”) contained in documents [LI/WG/DEV-SYS/7/2](#) and [LI/WG/DEV-SYS/7/4](#).

4. At the end of the session, the Working Group agreed to continue its discussions at the next session, on the documents referred to in paragraph 3, above, on the proposals related to such documents presented by the Chair and the European Union at the seventh session*, and on any other proposal that might be submitted for the next session of the Working Group (see paragraph 9 of document [LI/WG/DEV-SYS/7/5](#)).

PROCEDURES RELATING TO ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

5. At its sixth session, the Working Group invited the Secretariat to prepare a document on the procedures relating to additional requirements under Article 7(4) of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications and Rule 5(3) of the Common Regulations, including background information and possible options (see paragraph 19 of document [LI/WG/DEV-SYS/6/4](#)).

6. Hence, at its seventh session, the Working Group discussed the document prepared by the Secretariat contained in document [LI/WG/DEV-SYS/7/3 REV. 2](#), together with the proposal of the European Union contained in document [LI/WG/DEV-SYS/7/4](#).

7. At the end of the session, the Working Group agreed to continue its discussions, at the next session, on the documents referred to in paragraph 6, above, on the proposals related to such documents presented by the European Union at the seventh session*, and on any other proposal that might be submitted for the next session of the Working Group (see paragraph 11 of document [LI/WG/DEV-SYS/7/5](#)).

8. *The Assembly of the Lisbon Union is invited to take note of the “Report on the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System” (document LI/A/43/1).*

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* The drafting proposals are available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=90548, under “Other Related Documents”.