

## WIPO Coordination Committee

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### INFORMATION CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP AND RIGHT TO VOTE

#### *Memorandum of the Secretariat*

1. The present document provides information on membership of the WIPO Coordination Committee, and the right to vote in the context of the nomination by the Coordination Committee of a candidate for the post of Director General.

#### Members

2. The members of the WIPO Coordination Committee are: the members of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union and of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union (Article 8(1)(a) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO Convention)); the *ad hoc* members elected from among States party to the WIPO Convention that are not members of any of the Unions administered by WIPO (Article 8(1)(c) of the WIPO Convention); and Switzerland in its capacity as an *ex officio* member (Article 11(9)(a) of the WIPO Convention). The list of the States members of the WIPO Coordination Committee at the time of its extraordinary session is as follows:

Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Somalia (*ad hoc*), South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*),

Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia (83).

### Observers

3. Article 8(7) of the WIPO Convention provides that “[a]ny State Member of the Organization which is not a member of the Coordination Committee may be represented at the meetings of the Committee by observers having the right to take part in the debates but without the right to vote”.

4. The Member States of WIPO that are not, as of this date, members of the Coordination Committee are:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Cook Islands, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iraq, Israel, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Niue, North Macedonia, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Vie Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe (111).

### Right to Vote

5. At its meeting in September 1998, the WIPO General Assembly adopted procedures for the nomination and appointment of Directors General of WIPO, which were amended in 2019 by the WIPO General Assembly (2019 Procedures) (see documents A/59/4, Annex III, and A/59/14, paragraph 42(ii)). The 2019 Procedures are set out in Annex I to document A/66/4.

6. The 2019 Procedures, in Rule II “Right to vote”, provide that:

“It is established that, for the purposes of the nomination of a candidate for Director General by the Coordination Committee, all the members of the Coordination Committee, with the exception of associate members<sup>1</sup>, may exercise their vote.”

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<sup>1</sup> In light of the abolition of the Conferences of Representatives of the Paris and Berne Unions, there are no longer associate members in the Coordination Committee.