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NOMINATION TO THE POST OF
DIRECTOR GENERAL

Memorandum by the International Bureau

1. The WIPO Convention contains the following rules on the subject of the nomination and appointment of the Director General:

"The General Assembly shall: (i) appoint the Director General upon nomination by the Coordination Committee;" (Article 6(2)). "For the appointment of the Director General ... the required majority [that is, according to Article 6(3)(d), two-thirds of the votes cast] must be attained not only in the General Assembly but also in the Assembly of the Paris Union and the Assembly of the Berne Union." (Article 6(3)(d) and (g))

"The Coordination Committee shall ... (v) when the term of office of the Director General is about to expire, or when there is a vacancy in the post of the Director General, nominate a candidate for appointment to such position [namely, the post of Director General] by the General Assembly; if the General Assembly does not appoint its nominee, the Coordination Committee shall nominate another candidate; this procedure shall be repeated until the latest nominee is appointed by the General Assembly." (Article 8(3))

"The Director General shall be appointed for a fixed term, which shall be not less than six years. He shall be eligible for reappointment for fixed terms. The periods of the initial appointment and possible subsequent appointments, as well as all other conditions of the appointment, shall be fixed by the General Assembly." (Article 9(3)).

2. As stated by the Chairman of the WIPO General Assembly in his Circular Note (C. N 1508, dated May 13, 1994, see Annex I to the present document), communicated to the Government of each State member of WIPO, the current term of office of the present incumbent of the post of Director General of WIPO, Dr. Arpad Bogisch, expires on November 30, 1995, and it will be the task of the WIPO Coordination Committee at its September 1994 session to nominate a person for appointment by the WIPO General Assembly as Director General, whereas the appointment will be made by the General Assembly of WIPO, in its ordinary session of September 25 to October 4, 1995.

3. The present incumbent (since December 1, 1973) of the post of Director General, Dr. Arpad Bogisch, was unanimously nominated by the WIPO Coordination Committee in 1973, in 1978, in 1984 and in 1990, and he was unanimously appointed in 1973 and re-appointed in 1979, in 1985 and in 1991, by the WIPO General Assembly (the votes being unanimous also in the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions), each time for a term of six years, except in September 1991, when, on his request, the period of appointment was fixed for four years, rather than the customary six years.*

4. In response to the said Circular Note of the Chairman of the WIPO General Assembly, by which the Chairman of the WIPO General Assembly stated that the Government of any State member of WIPO may propose a name of a national of its State as a candidate for nomination by the WIPO Coordination Committee, the Government of the United States of America, by a Note of its Permanent Mission in Geneva, addressed to the Chairman of the WIPO General Assembly, dated May 19, 1994 (see Annex II to the present document), proposed the candidacy of the current Director General, Dr. Arpad Bogisch, for the post of Director General of WIPO, for an additional two-year term expiring on November 30, 1997. The curriculum vitae of Dr. Arpad Bogisch is attached to that Note of the Permanent Mission. In accordance with the said Circular Note of the Chairman of the WIPO General Assembly, the said proposal was communicated to the Member States of WIPO by a Circular Note (C. N 1515, dated May 20, 1994).

5. Any candidacy received after the date of the present document will be the subject of both a circular to the Member States of WIPO and addendums to the present document.

6. The WIPO Coordination Committee is invited to make the nomination referred to in Article 8(3) of the WIPO Convention (see paragraph 1, above).

[Annexes follow]

* Although the United States of America (of which Dr. Bogisch is a citizen) supported Dr. Bogisch's reappointment for six years (that is, from December 1, 1991, to December 1, 1997; see document WO/CC/XXVII/1, paragraph 4), Dr. Bogisch asked, "for personal reasons," for a term of four years only (that is, from December 1, 1991, to December 1, 1995); see paragraph 6 of the above-cited document).

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C. N 1508

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The Chairman of the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to communicate to the Government of each State member of WIPO the following.

The current term of office of the present incumbent of the post of Director General of WIPO, Dr. Arpad Bogsch, expires on November 30, 1995. It will be the task of the WIPO Coordination Committee at its ordinary session of September 26 to October 4, 1994, to nominate a person for appointment as Director General by the General Assembly. The appointment will be made a year later by the General Assembly of WIPO, in its ordinary session of September 25 to October 4, 1995.

The Government of any State member of WIPO may propose the name of a national of its State as a candidate for nomination by the Coordination Committee. Any proposal should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae of the person proposed and should be addressed to the Chairman of the WIPO General Assembly in Geneva by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Representative in Geneva of the State making the proposal.

Any proposal received will be communicated to the member States of WIPO shortly after its receipt. *JH*

May 13, 1994

[Annex II follows]

ANNEX II

No. 50

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Chairman of the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and has the honor to respond to the Chairman's note of May 13, 1994, in which he invited proposals for nomination for the post of Director General of WIPO.

The Government of the United States of America has the pleasure to propose the candidacy of the current Director General, Dr. Arpad Bogsch, for an additional two-year term. While the term for a director general is normally six years, Dr. Bogsch had expressed his wish at the time of the 1991 election to serve, for personal reasons, a four-year term. He has now indicated that he is prepared to serve for two more years, thus completing the usual six-year term from 1991.

Dr. Bogsch has exercised strong and widely-respected leadership of WIPO. He is uniquely qualified to guide the organization during this challenging period, when a number of difficult intellectual property issues will be addressed by the members of WIPO. The United States Government believes

that the reappointment of Dr. Bogsch will insure that WIPO continues to play a highly effective role in maintaining and extending protection for intellectual property rights.

It will be appreciated if the proposal of the United States would be communicated to the other member states of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairman of the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.



Permanent Mission of the
United States of America,
Geneva, May 19, 1994.

ARPAD BOGSCH

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Principal Positions:

Since 1973, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (Geneva)

1970-73, Deputy Director General, WIPO (Geneva)

1963-70, Deputy Director, United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property (Geneva)

1954-63, Legal Advisor, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress (Washington, D.C.)

1948-54, Legal Officer, Copyright Division, UNESCO (Paris)

1942-48, Attorney at Law (Budapest)

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