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COMPOSITION OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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1. At its meeting in September 1998, the WIPO General Assembly decided to integrate the Budget and Premises Committees into the WIPO Program and Budget Committee and “to review the membership of the WIPO Program and Budget Committee, composed of the members of both Committees, upon expiration of their current term in September 2001, with a view to ensuring adequate geographical representation of the Member States of WIPO” (see document WO/GA/23/4 and document WO/GA/23/7, paragraph 26).
2. At its meeting in September 2001, the matter concerning the membership and composition of the Program and Budget Committee was not included in the draft Consolidated and Annotated Agenda. Following informal consultations among the regional Group Coordinators, it was agreed that the draft agenda for the 2002 meeting of the General Assembly should include an item on the election and composition of the Program and Budget Committee (see document A/36/15, paragraph 19). In the interim, it was agreed, as an exceptional measure, that the Program and Budget Committee would retain a membership of 33 States until September 2002, when the membership and composition of the Committee would be reviewed, as agreed upon in 1998 in paragraph 12 of document WO/GA/23/4 (see document A/36/15, paragraphs 19 to 21).
3. As a result of the said informal consultations, the General Assembly unanimously elected the following States as members of the Program and Budget Committee for the period September 2001 to September 2002: Algeria, Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Honduras, Hungary, India, Japan,

Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland (*ex officio*), United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (33).

4. The election of the members of the Program and Budget Committee in September 2001 was based on the understanding that it was for the period of September 2001 to September 2002, and that the membership and composition of the Program and Budget Committee would be reviewed by the General Assembly at its September 2002 meeting (see document A/36/15, paragraph 21).

5. The WIPO General Assembly is invited to review and to decide on the membership and composition of the Program and Budget Committee from September 2002 to September 2005.

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