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## **WIPO PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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### DESIGNATION OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

*Memorandum by the Director General*

1. Article 11(10) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) states that the auditing of the accounts shall be effected by one or more Member States, or by external auditors, as provided in the financial regulations, who shall be designated, with their agreement, by the General Assembly. Similar powers are granted to the Assemblies of the Paris, Berne, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, International Patent Classification (IPC), Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Vienna Unions.
2. At their 2003 sessions, the WIPO General Assembly and the Assemblies of the Paris, Berne, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC, PCT and Vienna Unions thanked, on behalf of all the interested parties, the Swiss authorities for having continued to undertake the task of auditing the accounts of WIPO, the unions administered by WIPO and the technical assistance projects carried out by the Organization and financed, *inter alia*, by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) up to 2007 inclusive, and renewed the mandate of the Swiss Government as auditor of the accounts for said period (see paragraph 196 of document A/39/15).
3. At its next session, the General Assembly must take a decision on the mandate for auditing the accounts for the period from 2008 to 2011. The Swiss Government has informed the Director General that Switzerland is a candidate for the renewal of its mandate as auditor of the accounts of WIPO, the unions administered by WIPO and the technical assistance projects carried out by the Organization and financed, *inter alia*, by UNDP, up to 2011

inclusive. The Federal Audit Office has stated that it is ready to continue the auditing of the accounts and, in particular, the work to audit and monitor the construction project for the new building, in which the auditors designated by the Swiss Government have invested a lot of effort and of which they have acquired in-depth knowledge.

*4. The WIPO Program and Budget Committee is invited to take note of this document.*

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