

Program and Budget Committee

Nineteenth Session **Geneva, September 10 to 14, 2012**

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopted by the Program and Budget Committee

1. The present document records the decisions taken and the recommendations made by the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) at its nineteenth session (September 10 to 14, 2012) following consideration of the agenda items and the corresponding documents listed in document WO/PBC/19/1.
2. The full report of the nineteenth session of the PBC, for approval in accordance with the established practice, will be produced in due course.
3. The Summary of Decisions and Recommendations will be presented to the Assemblies of the WIPO Member States at its October 2012 session (in document A/50/14).

[List of decisions and
recommendations follows]

LIST OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

AGENDA ITEM 1

Opening of the session

AGENDA ITEM 2

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

document WO/PBC/19/1 Prov.3

The agenda was adopted (document WO/PBC/19/1).

AGENDA ITEM 3

REPORT BY THE WIPO INDEPENDENT ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (IAOC)

Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee

documents WO/PBC/19/10 and WO PBC/19/10 Add.

The Program and Budget Committee took note of the Annual Report of the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee.

IAOC Members Rotation

document WO/PBC/19/11

The Program and Budget Committee:

(i) decided to set up an IAOC Selection Panel comprising seven representatives of Member States, in line with paragraphs 18 and 19 of document WO/GA/39/13; and

(ii) took note that the Secretariat would subsequently launch an IAOC selection process, as of 2013, in accordance with the provisions contained in document WO/GA/39/13 and the IAOC terms of reference, with a view to the Selection Panel submitting its recommendations at the PBC September 2013 session.

AGENDA ITEM 4

REVISION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WIPO INDEPENDENT ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, THE INTERNAL OVERSIGHT CHARTER AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE GOVERNING EXTERNAL AUDIT

document WO/PBC/19/20 Rev.

The Program and Budget Committee:

- (i) recommended the approval of the proposed revisions to the WIPO Internal Oversight Charter, the Terms of Reference Governing External Audit and the Terms of Reference of the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee contained in the document WO/PBC/19/20 Rev. to the WIPO General Assembly; and*
- (ii) took note that the relevant sections of the Financial Regulations and Rules would be amended accordingly.*

AGENDA ITEM 5

GOVERNANCE AT WIPO

document WO/PBC/19/26

Program and Budget Committee:

- (i) took note of the report of the Chair of the General Assembly, the IAOC report and Member States' remarks expressed on it (document WO/PBC/19/26); and*
- (ii) decided that the issue of WIPO governance would be an agenda item for the 20th session of the PBC.*

AGENDA ITEM 6

PRESENTATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT DIVISION (IAOD)

The Program and Budget Committee took note of the contents of this presentation. The PBC further requested that the Human Resources annual report to the Coordination Committee be also presented in the future to the autumn session of the PBC for its consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORTS BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Financial Supervision Audit on WIPO Involvement with the UNICC

document WO/PBC/19/17

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the WIPO General Assembly to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/17.

Financial Supervision Audit by the External Auditor on the Construction Projects and the Building Security Project

document WO/PBC/19/18

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the WIPO General Assembly to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/18.

Information Technology (IT) Audit on the Project to Implement the AIMS System

document WO/PBC/19/19

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the WIPO General Assembly to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/19.

AGENDA ITEM 8

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2010-2011

Program Performance Report for 2010-2011

document WO/PBC/19/2

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) having reviewed the Program Performance Report (PPR), and recognizing its nature as a self-assessment of the Secretariat, recommended its approval to the General Assembly, subject to the comments, concerns and suggestions for improvement raised by Member States and reflected in the report of the PBC as well as annexed to the PPR (document WO/PBC/19/2).

IAOD Validation Report on the Program Performance Report for 2010-2011

document WO/PBC/19/3

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/3.

Report on Activities of Program 18

oral presentation

The Program and Budget Committee took note of the contents of the oral presentation and requested that in the future such information be provided in advance in a written form.

AGENDA ITEM 9

DEFINITION OF “DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE” IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET

document WO/PBC/19/25

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC):

- (i) welcomed and took note of the Chair’s proposal for a more precise definition of development expenditure, and took note of Member States’ comments;*
- (ii) invited Member States to continue their consideration of the Chair’s proposal;*
- (iii) requested also the Secretariat, in addition to applying the current interim definition, to test the proposed definition, as evolved before the next session of the PBC, against the draft 2014/15 Program and Budget and to clarify the significant differences between the current and proposed definitions. This is without prejudice to Member States’ positions on the adoption of the current Chair’s proposal contained in document WO/PBC/19/25;*
- (iv) decided that the issue of definition of development expenditure would be an agenda item for the 20th session of the PBC. A revised definition, if agreed upon, would be applied to the Program and Budget 2016/17.*

AGENDA ITEM 10

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2011; STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 2012

Annual Financial Statements 2011

document WO/PBC/19/4

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the WIPO General Assembly the approval of the 2011 Financial Statements contained document WO/PBC/19/4.

External Auditor’s Report on the Annual Financial Statements 2011

document WO/PBC/19/6

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/6.

Status of the Payment of Contributions as at June 30, 2012

document WO/PBC/19/7

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the General Assembly of WIPO to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/7.

AGENDA ITEM 11

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT (FMR) FOR 2010-2011

documents WO/PBC/19/5, WO/PBC/19/5 Corr., WO/PBC/5/Corr.2 and WO/PBC/5/Corr.3

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO the approval of the 2010-2011 Financial Management Report.

AGENDA ITEM 12

STATUS OF THE UTILIZATION OF RESERVES

document WO/PBC/19/8

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to:

- (i) take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/8; and*
- (ii) endorse the proposal in paragraph 9 of document WO/PBC/19/8 .*

AGENDA ITEM 13

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR 2012: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COST EFFICIENCY MEASURES

document WO/PBC/19/9

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/9.

AGENDA ITEM 14

LONG-TERM FINANCING OF AFTER-SERVICE HEALTH INSURANCE (ASHI) IN WIPO

document WO/PBC/19/23

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) examined the contents of document WO/PBC/19/23 and requested the Secretariat to present a redrafted proposal at the next session of the PBC, taking into account the observations and comments made by the Member States.

AGENDA ITEM 15

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES

document WO/PBC/19/21

The Program and Budget Committee:

(i) recommended the approval of the amended Regulations 3.13, 5.10, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 8.10 and 8.11 to the WIPO General Assembly listed in document WO/PBC/19/21; and

(ii) recommended to the WIPO General Assembly to take note of the amendments to Financial Rules and terminology used in the Annexes to the Financial Regulations and Rules.

AGENDA ITEM 16

STRATEGIC REALIGNMENT PROGRAM (SRP) UPDATE

document WO/PBC/19/22

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/22.

AGENDA ITEM 17

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

documents WO/PBC/19/12 and WO/PBC/19/24

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the contents of documents WO/PBC/19/12 and WO/PBC/19/24.

AGENDA ITEM 18

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEW CONFERENCE HALL PROJECT

documents WO/PBC/19/13 and WO/PBC/19/24

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the contents of documents WO/PBC/19/13 and WO/PBC/19/24 with the following assurances concerning the new conference hall project: (i) WIPO will provide monthly written reports, and monthly briefings with Member States to update the status of the project; and (ii) the Secretariat will provide a more detailed explanation of the events that led to the termination of the contract for historical reference.

AGENDA ITEM 19

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM IN WIPO

document WO/PBC/19/14

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/14.

AGENDA ITEM 20

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SECURITY UPGRADE PROJECT FOR THE EXISTING PREMISES

document WO/PBC/19/15

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/15.

AGENDA ITEM 21

FINAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IT MODULES TO ESTABLISH COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (IPSAS)

document WO/PBC/19/16

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/19/16.

AGENDA ITEM 22

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT (SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT THE PRESENT SESSION)

The Program and Budget Committee adopted the Summary of Decisions and Recommendations (present document).

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