

PROPOSAL BY THE DELEGATIONS OF FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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AGENDA ITEM 9: PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2018/19 BIENNIUM

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The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned,

- (i) to approve, from the reserves of the PCT, Madrid and contribution financed unions, the funding of the projects presented in the CMP 2018-27 for the 2018/19 biennium, amounting to a total of 25.5 million Swiss francs, and*
- (ii) to modify, on an ad hoc one-time basis and in order to have a more balanced approach, the allocation of proposed CMP 2018-27 projects to the Unions, by increasing the costs allocated to the Madrid Union by 2 million CHF and the costs allocated to the contributions financed unions by 0.5 million CHF while decreasing the costs allocated to the PCT Union by 2.5 million CHF.*

[Capital Master Plan for 2018-27 follows]

Document WO/PBC/27/8

The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions, each as far as it is concerned,

- (i) to approve the proposed Program and Budget for the 2018/19 biennium (document WO/PBC/27/8) [without the ten percent reduction of the contribution unit];*
- (ii) to ask the relevant working group to examine the level of the fees of the Madrid Union;*
- (iii) to decide that, starting from the 2018/19 biennium, as long as any union in any given biennium which does not have sufficient income to cover its expenses is in the process of examining any measures with a view to raising its incomes, then in order to fund the operations of such union, the required amount shall be provided from the reserves of the contribution financed unions if these reserves are sufficient, or otherwise from the biennial surplus of the PCT Union with its consent, or otherwise from the reserves of the other unions whose reserves are sufficient, noting that the funds provided are reflected in the financial reports of such union in accordance with usual practice; and*
- (iv) to decide that any diplomatic conference contemplated in the 2018/19 biennium, that may be held under the auspices of WIPO during the 2018/19 biennium and funded by the resources of the organization will be convened by the Director General only upon a decision of the relevant committees and unions of WIPO in accordance with the usual long standing practice of consensus.*

[Proposed Program and Budget for the 2018/19 biennium follows]

[Annex III follows]