

Program and Budget Committee

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PROPOSAL OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION CONCERNING THE AGENDA ITEM MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGIC PLAN (MTSP)

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BACKGROUND

1. The Medium-Term Strategic Plan (MTSP) provides overarching guidance for the activities of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). It integrates the Organization's vision, mission, and expected results, and is a core component of its accountability framework.
2. The current five-year MTSP (2022–2026) will expire at the end of 2026. Departing from the usual practice, a new MTSP is not expected to be presented for Member States' consideration during the 2026 policy and decision-making bodies' cycle (40th Session of the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) and 68th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO) as additional time is being taken by the Director General to establish a new management team prior to finalizing the next MTSP.
3. Given the calendar of WIPO governing bodies meetings, the delay in preparing a new MTSP implies that, when the current Plan expires, its successor will not yet have been considered by Member States. As a result, the Organization would lack a guiding strategic framework for the following period, which could affect the coherence of its management processes and accountability mechanisms.

PROPOSAL

4. To ensure continuity in strategic planning and performance management, while accommodating the above-mentioned Director General's objectives, it is proposed that the

current MTSP be extended for a period of one additional year, until the end of 2027, or for a shorter period should a new Plan be considered by the PBC and the WIPO Assemblies and become available for implementation earlier.

5. This approach would preserve the integrity of WIPO's accountability framework and provide the Secretariat with sufficient time to prepare the next MTSP, taking into consideration, inter alia, inputs and guidance from Member States.

6. The Program and Budget Committee is invited to consider the proposal and recommend that the WIPO Assemblies, each as far as they are concerned, request the Director General to extend the Medium-Term Strategic Plan 2022-2026 for a period of one year, or for a shorter period if a new Plan becomes available for implementation earlier.

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