

WIPO



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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION GENEVA

QUESTIONNAIRE

ON THE

DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2010/11 BIENNIUM

I. BACKGROUND

The present questionnaire is being issued pursuant to the mechanism for the preparation and the follow-up of the Program and Budget (see Annex I) and the decision taken by the forty-sixth session of the WIPO Assemblies held in December 2008 (document A/46/12, paragraph 54).

Member States' replies to the questionnaire will be published on the WIPO website in their original language. These replies will assist the Secretariat in the preparation of the draft Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium, which will be reviewed by the Program and Budget Committee at its June 2009 session.

Strategic Goals

The Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium is prepared on the basis of the same nine strategic goals approved by the Member States under the revised Program and Budget for the 2008/09 Biennium (document WO/PBC/13/4 and A/46/12), and in parallel with the Medium-Term Strategic Plan 2010-15 (MTSP). The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals are attached as Annex II. For reference, the nine Strategic Goals are:

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| Strategic Goal I: | Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP |
| Strategic Goal II: | Provision of Premier Global IP Services |
| Strategic Goal III: | Facilitating the Use of IP for Development |
| Strategic Goal IV: | Coordination and Development of Global IP Infrastructure |
| Strategic Goal V: | World Reference Source for IP Information and Analysis |
| Strategic Goal VI: | International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP |
| Strategic Goal VII: | Addressing IP in Relation to Global Policy Issues |
| Strategic Goal VIII: | A Responsive Communications Interface between WIPO, its Member States and All Stakeholders |
| Strategic Goal IX: | An Efficient Administrative and Financial Support Structure to Enable WIPO to Deliver its Programs |

III. GENERAL COMMENTS

Any comments of general nature may be provided in the box below.

General Comments
<p>Sweden supports the suggested nine strategic goals, the strategic framework and program structure as presented in ANNEX 2 of the questionnaire.</p> <p>Sweden would like to underscore our commitment to multilateralism in general and to WIPO in particular. Therefore, we welcome measures made to strengthen WIPO in its role as the lead intergovernmental body for intellectual property. In this vein, the strategic realignment process started by the secretariat is an important step to make WIPO more effective in performing its core tasks, as well as in meeting challenges of the intellectual property system.</p> <p>Sweden would also like to emphasize its support for the development of an international intellectual property system, which promotes the economic, social and cultural development of all. To achieve this Sweden attaches great importance to many of WIPOs activities such as: WIPO as a service provider in intellectual property; the work for harmonization of national legislations e.g. in patent law; WIPOs involvement in capacity building in developing and least developed countries and the implementation of the Development Agenda.</p> <p>In order to perform its core tasks as well as reach the suggested strategic goals, WIPO needs a budget in balance. The current global financial situations could have an impact on WIPO:s level of income and, as a consequence, on its activities. In prioritizing measures to meet a lower level of income, it is important to find ways to reduce costs in all areas possible, still keeping WIPOs fee-based services effective and attractive for users.</p>

IV. PROCEDURES FOR REPLY

It would be appreciated if the completed questionnaire could be returned to the International Bureau, preferably by email to <controller.mail@wipo.int>, before Thursday, March 19, 2009. A confirmation copy may be sent by post. The questionnaire is also available in the electronic form on the Organization's Website at <<http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/pb/>>.

List of Annexes:

- Annex I Implementation of the New Mechanism
- Annex II The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals

[Annexes follow]