QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2008/09 BIENNIUM

Replies of the Hungarian Patent Office

QUESTION 1: STRATEGIC GOALS

The Program and Budget for the 2006/07 Biennium is elaborated on the basis of five strategic goals. These are:

Strategic Goal One:	To Promote an IP Culture
Strategic Goal Two:	To Integrate IP in National Development Policies and Programs
Strategic Goal Three:	Progressive Development of International IP Law
Strategic Goal Four:	Delivery of Quality Services in Global IP Protection Systems
Strategic Goal Five:	Greater Efficiency of Management and Administrative Support Processes within WIPO

Does your Government consider that the program and budget for the 2008/09 biennium should continue to be based on the same strategic goals? If not, please elaborate.

The Program and Budget for the 2008/09 Biennium should continue to be based on the same strategic goals as the Program and Budget for the 2006/07 Biennium.

QUESTION 2: PROGRAMS

The 2006/07 Program and Budget consists of 31 programs organized under the five strategic goals referred to above. This is illustrated in Annex II (Strategic Framework). Does your Government consider that the 2008/09 Program and Budget should continue to be based on the same programs? Should any program(s) be added? If so, please explain which ones and why. In your opinion, what would be the objective of any suggested new program and what would be the expected results (measurable outcomes)? Should certain programs or groups of programs be consolidated? If so, how?

The 2008/09 Program and Budget should continue to be based on the same programs as the 2006/07 Program and Budget.

Does your Government have any views on the respective level(s) of resources of the program(s) of the Organization? In your Government's view, should any upward or downward adjustment(s) be made?

Upward adjustments should be made to program 10. (More emphasis should be given to the issue of enforcement.)

QUESTION 3: PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES

Kindly indicate which are the programmatic areas of the Organization's work to which your Government attaches the greatest importance (priorities).

Priority Area III.A: Further Development of International IP Law (SPLT, Madrid System, Protection of Broadcasting Organizations)
Priority Area II.B.10.: IPR Enforcement
Priority Area II.C.11.: The WIPO Worldwide Academy
Priority Area I.A.1.: Public Outreach and Communication
Priority Area I.B.4.: Use of Copyright in the Digital Environment
Priority Area IV. D.21.: Arbitration and Mediation Services and Domain Names Policies and Procedures

QUESTION 4: EFFICIENCY-GAIN TARGETS

The 2006/07 Program and Budget contains a number of efficiency-gain targets and related benchmarks. These are reproduced in Annex III. Does your Government have suggestions for ways in which these targets and benchmarks can be further improved or extended to apply to other areas of the Organization's work?

Cost of WIPO publications: improved cost-effectiveness of printing.

QUESTION 5: RESULTS-BASED BUDGET

The 2006/07 Program and Budget contains a number of objectives, expected results (measurable outcomes) and performance indicators, on a program by program basis. These results frameworks were elaborated to facilitate the assessment of the performance and impact of a given program. Please indicate for which programs you consider a further refinement of the results framework to be necessary. Could you provide examples of objectives, expected results (measurable outcomes) and performance indicators for such programs? Do you consider the quantification of the performance indicators (i.e. targets) to be useful?

Program 1: Positive Public Understanding of IP
Expected results: Awareness raising against the negative economic effects of piracy and counterfeiting
Performance indicators: Awareness raising campaigns on the negative social and economic effects of piracy and counterfeiting

Program 3: Strategic Use of IP for Development
Expected results: Enhanced awareness and capacity of SMEs to use and manage the IP system tools and IP assets
Performance indicators: Development of methodologies for the evaluation of IP assets

Program 13: Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications
Expected results: Revised Trade Mark Law Treaty
Performance indicators: Entry into force of the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks

Program 25: Human Resources Management
Expected results: Staffing needs are met more efficiently and cost-effectively and reflect gender equity and geographical distribution.
Performance indicators: Geographical distribution and gender balance of staff is improved

QUESTION 6: LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE

The 2006/07 Program and Budget represents a 1.5 per cent increase over the revised budget for the 2004/05 biennium. What are the views of your Government on what the evolution of the level of expenditure of the Organization in the 2008/09 biennium should be?

In our view, the level of expenditure of the Organization in the 2008/09 biennium should represent a 2 per cent increase over the budget of the 2006/07 biennium.

QUESTION 7: BUDGETARY POLICY

In the 2006/07 Program and Budget the level of expenditure matches the expected level of income, with no deficit and no surplus. This budgetary balance was welcomed by Member States. Numerous delegations also expressed the wish that budgetary balance should become a policy in the medium term. In the view of your Government, should the 2008/09 Program and Budget continue to be based on full budgetary balance?

Hungary welcomes the new policy of budgetary balance and is of the view that the 2008/09 Program and Budget should continue to be based on full budgetary balance.

QUESTION 8: LEVEL OF RESERVE AND WORKING CAPITALFUNDS

In the year 2000, Assemblies of the Member States determined that the target level of reserve and working capital funds of the Organization should correspond, on average, to 18 per cent of biennial expenditure (document A/35/15, paragraph 151). In its 2006 report, the External Auditor recommended that this target be reviewed and increased to 25 per cent of biennial expenditure (Report of the Auditor to the Assembly of the Member States of WIPO on the 2004-2005 Biennium, paragraph 57, Recommendation 5). Does your Government consider that the target level of reserve funds should be reassessed by Member States? Should the 2008/09 Program and Budget be based on the target level established by Member States in the year 2000 or should the Secretariat base its proposals for the 2008/09 biennium on the approach recommended by the External Auditor? And, should the Organization generate any surplus in the 2008/09 biennium, would your Government consider that this surplus should remain in the reserves? Or should it be utilized for a specific purpose? If so, which?

The target level of reserve funds should be reassessed by Member States, taking into account the recommendations of the External Auditor.

QUESTION 9: FUTURE ACTUARIAL LIABILITY FOR SEPARATION FROM SERVICE (RETIREMENTS) AND POSTSERVICE MEDICAL BENEFITS

The Organization has contractual obligations to provide staff members with certain benefits at the time of their retirement. The Organization also has a contractual obligation to provide retired staff members with post-service medical benefits. These contractual obligations have long-term financial implications and therefore represent a financial liability for the Organization. With the adoption, by the United Nations system of organizations, by 2010 at the latest, of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), UN organizations, including WIPO, shall be required to record them in the accounts. As shown in the Financial Management Report for 2004/05, a provision corresponding to six per cent of biennial staff (post) expenditure was made to start covering such liability. Would your Government consider it appropriate that a similar amount be earmarked under the 2008/09 Program and Budget to cover such liability?

A provision corresponding to six per cent of biennial staff expenditure could also be earmarked under the 2008/09 Program and Budget to cover the financial liability resulting from the obligation to provide retired staff members with post-service medical benefits.

QUESTION 10: INFORMATION

Is there any other information that your Government would like to see in the draft Program and Budget for 2008/09 document?

There is no other particular information we would like to see being included in the draft Program and Budget for 2008/09.

QUESTION 11: OTHER ISSUES

Is there any other issue your Government would like to address in the context of the preparation of the next draft Program and Budget of the Organization?

There is no other particular issue we would like to address in the context of the preparation of the draft Program and Budget for 2008/09.