

# WIPO



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## WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION GENEVA

### QUESTIONNAIRE

#### ON THE

#### DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2008/09 BIENNIUM

#### I. BACKGROUND

This questionnaire is the first step of the new mechanism for the preparation and follow up of the Program and Budget of the Organization following the adoption of that mechanism by the 2006 session of the Assemblies of the Member States, as illustrated in Annex I.

Member States' replies to the questionnaire shall be published on the website (see below) in the original language, and analyzed by the Secretariat. These replies will guide the Secretariat in the preparation of the Director General's outline document on the next program and budget proposal which will be reviewed at the informal session of the Program and Budget Committee scheduled to take place in December 2006.

#### 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).

#### ANSWER:

*Norway would like to highlight the following Priority Areas III. A and B and IV. A and B.*

*With regard to the latter (IV. B) we would like to mention serious concerns with the fee system of the Geneva Act of the Hague Treaty which is poorly adapted to the operations of designs office like we have in Norway and the Nordic countries.*

PROCEDURES FOR REPLY

It would be appreciated if the completed questionnaire could be returned to the International Bureau before Friday, November 3, 2006. It will not be possible to reflect replies received after that date in the Director General's outline. The questionnaire is also available in electronic form on the Organization's Website <<http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/pb/>> and may be transmitted by e-mail to <[controller.mail@wipo.int](mailto:controller.mail@wipo.int)>. A confirmation copy may be sent by post.

[Annexes follow]