

## **Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks**

**Twenty-First Session**  
**Geneva, November 13 to 17, 2023**

**DEPENDENCY: INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON OTHER POSSIBLE OPTIONS REGARDING DEPENDENCY**

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1. At its twentieth session, held in Geneva from November 7 to 11, 2022, the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks (hereinafter referred to as “the Working Group”) discussed document MM/LD/WG/20/4 “Dependency”.\*
2. Document MM/LD/WG/20/4 explored various possible options to amend the dependency period set out in Article 6 of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (hereinafter referred to as “the Protocol”).
3. Following the discussions based on the above-mentioned document, the Working Group agreed to maintain the topic of dependency on the agenda, and requested the Secretariat to invite Contracting Parties, other WIPO Members States, and observer organizations to submit proposals on other possible options regarding dependency for consideration at a later session of the Working Group.
4. The International Bureau intends to send a Circular in early 2024 to Contracting Parties, other WIPO Members States, and observer organizations, inviting them to submit such proposals.

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\* See document [MM/LD/WG/20/4](#) “Dependency”.

5. Any proposals received will be presented for the consideration of the Working Group at its twenty-second session, which is expected to take place in the final quarter of 2024.

6. *The Working Group is invited to take note of the present document.*

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