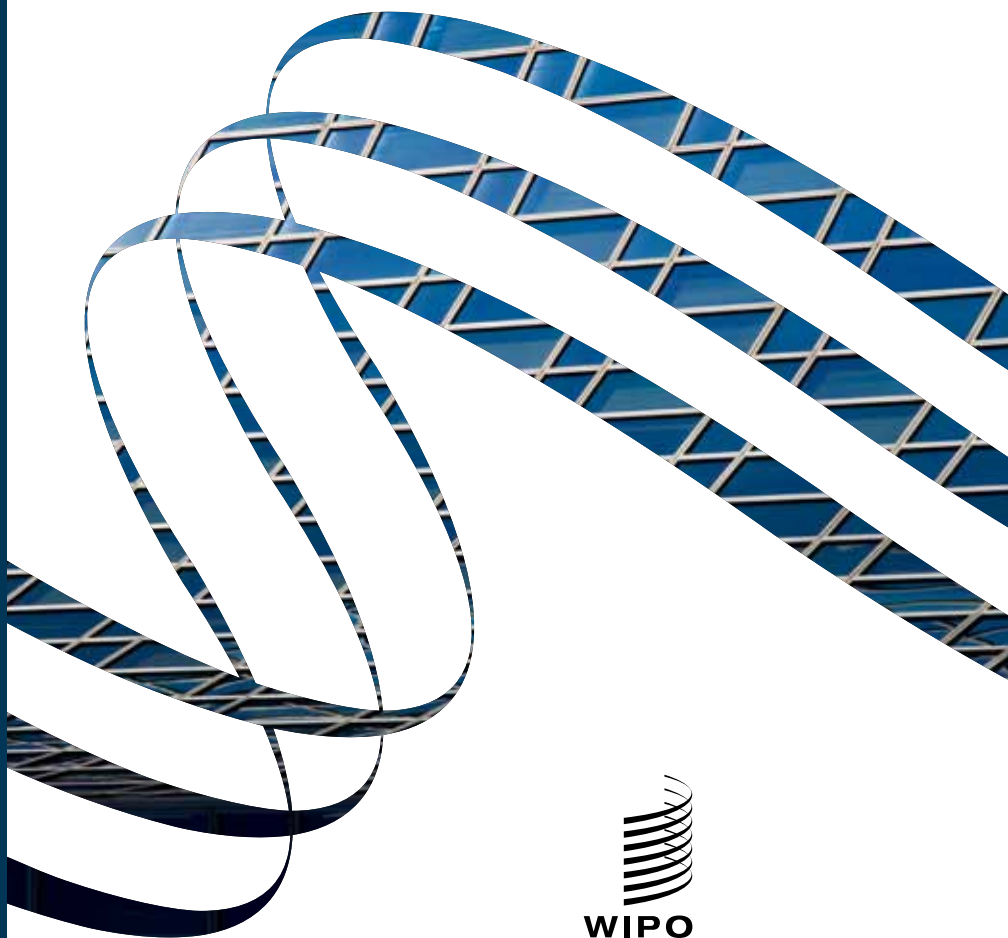


# Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

Synthesis of Decisions

54<sup>th</sup> Series of Meetings



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## Preface

The Fifty-Fourth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies and other Bodies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and of the Unions administered by WIPO, hereinafter “the 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies”, was held in Geneva, from September 22 to 30, 2014.

The present document contains the synthesis of the decisions adopted at those meetings. Questions, comments or suggestions on this document can be addressed to *assemblies@wipo.int*.

Disclaimer: This document contains a synthesis of the decisions adopted by the WIPO Assemblies in September 2014. It is an informal document prepared by the Secretariat to facilitate the consultation of the decisions by delegations and interested parties. This document has no legal status. The formal reports of the Assemblies, as adopted by Member States, are the only authoritative source of the proceedings and of the decisions adopted. The references to these reports are listed in the Annex to this document.

## About the WIPO Assemblies

WIPO is a UN specialized agency composed of 188 Member States, serving as the global forum for intellectual property (IP) services, policy, information and cooperation. WIPO's mandate is set out in the WIPO Convention pursuant to which WIPO was established in 1970.

As established by the Convention, the main policy and decision making bodies of WIPO are the General Assembly and the Coordination Committee.

In addition to the WIPO Convention, WIPO administers another 25 IP treaties<sup>1</sup>, most with their own decision making bodies, such as the Paris Union Assembly, the Berne Union Assembly and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Union Assembly.

The decision making bodies of the WIPO Convention and of the treaties administered by WIPO traditionally meet in joint sessions in autumn on the basis of a consolidated agenda. These meetings bring together WIPO's Member States, allowing them to take stock of the progress in the Organization's work and to discuss future policy directions.

Those are the "Meetings of the Assemblies and other Bodies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and of the Unions administered by WIPO", also known as the "WIPO Assemblies".

At the 54<sup>th</sup> WIPO Assemblies, 20 bodies met in joint sessions. The list of those bodies appears in document A/54/INF/1 Rev. (General Information).

<sup>1</sup> The list of WIPO-administered treaties appears in: [www.wipo.int/treaties/en/](http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/).

## ITEM 1:

### Opening of the Sessions

Ambassador Päivi Kairamo, Chair of the General Assembly, opened the 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies on September 22, 2014. The meeting took place for the first time in WIPO's New Conference Hall, officially inaugurated on the same evening before local, national and international dignitaries including globally renowned artists.

**Documents:** A/54/INF/1 Rev. (General Information), A/54/INF/2 Prov. (List of Preparatory Documents), A/54/INF/3 (List of Participants), A/54/INF/6 (List of Documents).

## ITEM 2:

### Election of the Officers

**Document:** A/54/INF/4 (Bureaux/Officers)

**Decision:** The 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies elected the officers of the Coordination Committee (Chair: Ambassador Nguyen Trung Thanh) as well as the officers of the Paris Union and Berne Union Executive Committees. The consolidated list of all officers of the WIPO Assemblies appears in document A/54/INF/4.

**Additional Information:** According to WIPO provisions, the officers of the WIPO Assemblies (i.e. the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each WIPO body that meets at the WIPO Assemblies<sup>2</sup>) are elected once every two years, for a two-year mandate. Officers were elected at the September 2013 Assemblies and renewal will

take place at the October 2015 Assemblies. This is with the exception of the officers of the Coordination Committee, as well as the officers of the Paris Union and Berne Union Executive Committees, whose mandates are limited to one year. Elections for these three bodies therefore have to take place every year.

## ITEM 3:

### Adoption of the Agenda

**Document:** A/54/1 (Consolidated and Annotated Agenda).

**Decision:** The 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies adopted the proposed agenda.

## ITEM 4:

### Director General's Report

**Document:** Report of the Director General to the WIPO Assemblies 2014.<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General, introduced his annual report to the 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies.

<sup>2</sup> More information about these bodies appears under "About the WIPO Assemblies"

<sup>3</sup> The report is available at: [www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo\\_pub\\_1050\\_14.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo_pub_1050_14.pdf)

## ITEM 5:

### General Statements

At the 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies, general statements were made by 105 States (nine on behalf of groups of States), four intergovernmental organizations, and seven non-governmental organizations.

## ITEM 6:

### Admission of Observers

**Document:** A/54/2 (Admission of Observers).

**Decision:** The 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies decided to grant observer status to the following:

- **Intergovernmental organization:** Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC).
- **International non-governmental organizations:** *Agence pour la protection des programmes* (APP); Center for Responsible Enterprise and Trade (CREATE.org); Innovation Insights; Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO); International Authors Forum; IP Federation; Patent Information Users Group (PIUG); The Egyptian Inventor Syndicate; and *Traditions pour demain*.
- **National non-governmental organizations:** Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP); Club for People with Special Needs Region of Preveza (CPSNRP); and Non-Commercial Foundation for Development of the Center for Elaboration and Commercialization of New Technologies (Skolkovo Foundation).

## ITEM 7:

### Appointment of Deputy Directors General and Assistant Directors General

**Document:** WO/CC/70/2 (Appointment of Deputy Directors General and Assistant Directors General).

#### **Decision:**

“The WIPO Coordination Committee (i) approved the appointments as Deputy Directors General of Mr. Mario Matus, Mr. John Sandage, Ms. Wang Binying and Ms. Anne Leer for the period indicated in paragraph 20 of document WO/CC/70/2; and (ii) gave its favorable advice on the appointments as Assistant Directors General of Mr. Minelik Getahun, Mr. Yoshiyuki Takagi, Mr. Ramanathan Ambi Sundaram and Mr. Naresh Prasad for the period indicated in paragraph 20 of document WO/CC/70/2.”

**Additional Information:** Paragraph 20 of document WO/CC/70/2 reads: “The Director General further proposes a term of office for these appointments which coincides with his mandate. The Director General was reappointed by the WIPO General Assembly in May 2014 for a second six-year term from October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2020. The term of office of the outgoing Deputy Directors General and Assistant Directors General will expire on November 30, 2014. It is proposed that the term of office of the incoming Deputy Directors General and Assistant Directors General will start on December 1, 2014, and will expire on September 30, 2020. However, should the term of office of the Director General come to an end more than six months before its stated term

on September 30, 2020, the terms of office of the Deputy Directors General and Assistant Directors General will end six months after the end of the Director General's appointment."

#### **ITEM 8:**

### **Draft Agendas for the 2015 Ordinary Sessions of the WIPO General Assembly, the WIPO Conference, the Paris Union Assembly and the Berne Union Assembly**

**Document:** A/54/3 Rev. (Draft Agendas for the 2015 Ordinary Sessions of the WIPO General Assembly, the WIPO Conference, the Paris Union Assembly and the Berne Union Assembly).

**Decision:** "The WIPO Coordination Committee adopted Annexes I and II, the Paris Union Executive Committee adopted Annex III, and the Berne Union Executive Committee adopted Annex IV of document A/54/3 Rev."

**Additional information:** According to WIPO provisions, the Coordination Committee prepares the draft agenda of the ordinary sessions of the WIPO General Assembly and of the WIPO Conference. Similarly, the Paris Union and the Berne Union Executive Committees prepare the draft agendas for their respective Assemblies. Ordinary sessions of these bodies take place every two years (the next in 2015) and a standard item has to be taken up the previous year to complete the prescribed formalities. The annexes referred in the decision of the 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies include draft agendas for the 2015 sessions of the above-mentioned bodies.

#### **ITEM 9:**

### **Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)**

**Documents:** WO/GA/46/1 (Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC) and A/54/5 (List of Decisions Taken by the Program and Budget Committee at its Twenty-Second Session (September 1 to 5, 2014)).

**Decision:** The WIPO General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/46/1 and "requested the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate action in response to the IAOC recommendations."

**Additional Information:** The September 2014 PBC<sup>4</sup> had also requested the IAOC to continue to review and oversee closely the actions taken by the Secretariat in response to the IAOC recommendations and report on the matter to the PBC.

4 The "September 2014 PBC" refers to the Program and Budget Committee Twenty-Second Session, which took place from September 1 to 5, 2014.

## **ITEM 10:**

### **Report by the External Auditor**

**Documents:** A/54/4 (Report by the External Auditor) and A/54/5 (List of Decisions Taken by the Program and Budget Committee at its Twenty-Second Session (September 1 to 5, 2014)).

**Decision:** The 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies took note of document A/54/4.

**Additional Information:** WIPO received an unqualified audit opinion on its financial statements from the External Auditor. Furthermore, the External Auditor provided a long-form Report on the audit of WIPO, in accordance with Regulation 8.10 of WIPO Financial Regulations and Rules.

## **ITEM 11:**

### **Summary Annual Report of the Director of the Internal Audit and Oversight Division**

**Documents:** WO/GA/46/2 (Summary Annual Report of the Director of the Internal Audit and Oversight Division) and A/54/5 (List of Decisions Taken by the Program and Budget Committee at its Twenty-Second Session (September 1 to 5, 2014)).

**Decision:** The WIPO General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/46/2 and “requested the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate action in response to the IAOD recommendations.”

**Additional Information:** The September 2014 PBC had also “requested the Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC), in accordance with its mandate, to continue to review and oversee closely the implementation of the recommendations and continue reporting on the matter to the PBC”.

## **ITEM 12:**

### **Report on the Program and Budget Committee**

**Documents:** A/54/5 (List of Decisions Taken by the Program and Budget Committee at its Twenty-Second Session (September 1 to 5, 2014), as contained in document WO/PBC/22/29), A/54/6 Rev.2 (Program Performance Report for 2012/13), A/54/7 (WIPO Accountability Framework), A/54/8 (Financial Management Report for the 2012/13 Biennium), A/54/9 (Status of the Payment of Contributions as at September 1, 2014), A/54/10 (Annual Financial Report and Financial Statements 2013), A/54/11 (Progress Report on the New Construction Project and the New Conference Hall Project), A/54/12 (External Offices), and WO/GA/46/11 (Proposed Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Rules (FRR)).

**Decision:** The 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies:

- “(i) took note of the “List of Decisions” (document WO/PBC/22/29);
- (ii) approved the recommendations made by the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) as contained in document WO/PBC/22/29;
- (iii) requested the PBC to continue the discussions on Governance at WIPO and the Definition of Development Expenditure at its 23<sup>rd</sup> session; and
- (iv) did not take a decision on external offices.”

**Additional Information:** This agenda item covered all matters discussed at the September 2014 PBC, except for Audit and Oversight matters (specifically covered by the 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies under items 9, 10 and 11) and Staff matters (under items 24 and 25). Concerning the matters included under this agenda item, the Assemblies confirmed the PBC decisions in block, except for “Governance at WIPO”, “Definition of Development Expenditure” and “External Offices”, which are separately referred to in the Assemblies decision above. The PBC is tentatively scheduled to meet from July 13 to 17, 2015 and September 14 to 18, 2015.

### **ITEM 13:**

#### **Report of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations**

**Documents:** WO/GA/46/3 (Report of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations), WO/GA/46/4 (Description of the Contribution of the Relevant WIPO Bodies to the Implementation of the Respective Development Agenda Recommendations), and WO/GA/46/10 (Decision on the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) Related Matters).

**Decision:** The WIPO General Assembly took note of documents WO/GA/46/3 and WO/GA/46/4, and forwarded the reports mentioned in document WO/GA/46/4 to the CDIP.

With respect to document WO/GA/46/10, the WIPO General Assembly “allowed the CDIP to continue, during its fourteenth and fifteenth sessions, the discussion on the decision on CDIP related matters adopted at the Forty-Third Session of the WIPO General Assembly (document CDIP/12/5) and to report back and make recommendations on the two matters to the WIPO General Assembly in 2015.”

**Additional Information:** Document WO/GA/46/3 contains the Summary by the Chair of the last two CDIP sessions and the Director General’s Report on implementation of the Development Agenda (DA), presented at the May 2014 CDIP session. In accordance with the DA Coordination Mechanism, document WO/GA/46/4 lists the paragraph numbers of relevant WIPO bodies’ reports describing contributions to DA implementation, which were subsequently forwarded by the General Assembly to the CDIP. Finally, document WO/GA/46/10 refers to the discussions concerning the implementation of the CDIP mandate and of the Coordination Mechanisms, which will continue after the 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies. The CDIP is tentatively scheduled to meet from November 10 to 14, 2014 from April 20 to 24, 2015 and from November 9 to 13, 2015.



**ITEM 14:**

**Consideration of the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty (DLT)**

**Document:** WO/GA/46/9 (Matters Concerning the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty).

**Decision:** “The WIPO General Assembly did not take a decision on this item.”

**ITEM 15:**

**Matters Relating to the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)**

**Document:** WO/GA/46/5 (Report on the Work of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights).

**Decision:** “The WIPO General Assembly did not take a decision on this item.”

**Additional Information:** The SCCR is tentatively scheduled to meet from December 8 to 12, 2014, from June 29 to July 3, 2015 and from December 7 to 11, 2015.

**ITEM 16:**

**Matters Concerning the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)**

**Document:** WO/GA/46/6 (Matters Concerning the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)).

**Decision:** “The WIPO General Assembly did not take a decision on this item.”

**ITEM 17:**

**Reports on Other WIPO Committees**

**ITEM 17(i):**

**Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)**

**Document:** WO/GA/46/7 Rev. – Annex I, pages 1 to 4 (Reports on Other WIPO Committees: SCP).

**Decision:** The WIPO General Assembly took note of the SCP report in document WO/GA/46/7 Rev.

**Additional Information:** The report indicates that the SCP addressed the following matters over the past year: (i) exceptions and limitations to patent rights, (ii) quality of patents, including opposition systems, (iii) patents and health, (iv) the confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors, and (v) transfer of technology. The SCP is tenta-

tively scheduled to meet from November 3 to 7, 2014, from July 27 to 31, 2015 and from November 30 to December 4, 2015.

**ITEM 17(ii):**

**Report on the Work of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)**

**Document:** WO/GA/46/7 Rev. – Annex I, pages 5 to 7 (Reports on Other WIPO Committees: SCT).

**Decision:** The WIPO General Assembly took note of the SCT report in document WO/GA/46/7 Rev.

**Additional Information:** The report indicates that the SCT addressed the following matters over the past year: (i) protection of geographical indications and country names, (ii) trademark-related aspects of the expansion of the Internet Domain Name System (DNS), and (iii) design law treaty (for the latter, see under Item 14.) The SCT is tentatively scheduled to meet from November 24 to 28, 2014, from March 16 to 20, 2015 and from November 16 to 20, 2015.

**ITEM 17(iii):**

**Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)**

**Document:** WO/GA/46/7 Rev. – Annex I, pages 7 to 9 (Reports on Other WIPO Committees: CWS).

**Decision:** The WIPO General Assembly took note of the CWS report in document WO/GA/46/7 Rev.

**Additional Information:** The report indicates that, since the CWS could not agree on the agenda of its fourth session, the said session was adjourned. During the days scheduled for the said session, the CWS addressed in informal mode the following matters, amongst other, (i) a proposal to create a new Task to develop a data dictionary and XML schemas for inclusion of copyright orphan works in WIPO Standard ST.96, (ii) approval of WIPO Standard ST.26 “Recommended standard for the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)”, and (iii) review the work of the various Task Forces (ST.14, XML4IP, Legal Status, Trademark Standardization). The Secretariat reported on CWS-related capacity building activities. The Chair requested the Secretariat to organize informal consultations after the adjournment in order to achieve agreement on the agenda that would allow the reconvening of the session. Subject to such an agreement, the CWS could tentatively be scheduled to meet from June 8 to 12, 2015.

#### **ITEM 17(iv):**

### **Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE)**

**Document:** WO/GA/46/7 Rev. – Annex I, pages 9 to 13 (Reports on Other WIPO Committees: ACE).

**Decision:** The WIPO General Assembly took note of the ACE report in document WO/GA/46/7 Rev.

**Additional Information:** The report indicates that the ACE addressed the following matters over the past year: (i) practices and operation of alternative dispute resolution systems in IP areas; and (ii) preventive actions, measures or successful experiences to complement ongoing enforcement measures with a view to reducing the size of the market for pirated or counterfeited goods.

#### **ITEM 18:**

### **PCT System**

#### **PCT Working Group: Report of Seventh Session**

**Document:** PCT/A/46/1 (PCT Working Group: Report of Seventh Session).

**Decision:** “The Assembly<sup>5</sup> (i) noted the Summary by the Chair of the seventh session contained in document PCT/WG/7/29 and reproduced in the Annex of document PCT/A/46/1; and (ii) approved the recommendation concerning the further work of the PCT Working Group set out in paragraph 3 of document PCT/A/46/1.”

**Additional Information:** Paragraph 3 of document PCT/A/46/1 records the intention of the Working Group to hold one session over the next year and to provide financial assistance to enable the attendance of certain delegations, as in the past. The PCT WG is tentatively scheduled to meet from May 26 to 29, 2015.

#### **Quality-Related Work by International Authorities**

**Document:** PCT/A/46/2 (Quality – Related Work by International Authorities).

**Decision:** The Assembly took note of document PCT/A/46/2.

**Additional Information:** The document contains a report on the ongoing quality-

<sup>5</sup> Note: For PCT matters, the competent WIPO governing body is the “PCT Union Assembly”

related work by the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (“International Authorities”).

## Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations

**Document:** PCT/A/46/3 (Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations).

**Decision:** As proposed by the PCT Working Group, the PCT Union Assembly adopted the amendments to the PCT Regulations and the Directives for updating the list of States eligible for PCT fee reductions, which will enter into force on July 1, 2015.

**Additional Information:** Amongst other, the amendments adopted will update the income-based criterion used since the mid-1990s and introduce an innovation-based criterion to determine the States whose nationals and residents are eligible for reductions of the fees listed in the Schedule of Fees in respect of international applications filed by applicants who are natural persons. In addition, all applicants, whether natural persons or not, from States classified as being least developed countries, will continue to benefit from the fee reductions as is presently the case.

## Procedures for Appointment of International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT

**Document:** PCT/A/46/4 (Procedures for Appointment of International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT).

**Decision:** As proposed by the PCT Working Group, the PCT Union Assembly adopted the “Procedures for Appointment of International Authorities”, which will apply to all new applications for appointment as an International Authority.

**Additional Information:** The “Procedures” set out the process for intellectual property offices to be appointed as International Authorities. Amongst other, they encourage candidate offices to seek the assistance from other International Authorities, to lodge applications preferably by March 1 of the year in which the application is to be considered by the PCT Union Assembly, and to make sure that they meet all criteria at the time of the appointment by the Assembly, with a view to starting operations as soon as possible. The “Procedures” will facilitate the participation of experts and strengthen the technical support for candidate offices, leading to improvements in international search and preliminary examination.

## Appointment of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority (ISA/IPEA) under the PCT

**Document:** PCT/A/46/5 (Appointment of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT).

**Decision:** The Assembly approved the text of the draft Agreement between IPOS and the International Bureau as set out in Annex II to document PCT/A/46/5, and, following the advice of the PCT Committee of Technical

Cooperation, appointed IPOS as an ISA/IPEA with effect from the entry into force of the Agreement until December 31, 2017.

## ITEM 19:

### Madrid System

#### Information Technology Modernization Program (Madrid International Registration System): Progress Report

**Document:** MM/A/48/1 (Information Technology Modernization Program (Madrid International Registration System): Progress Report).

**Decision:** The Assembly<sup>6</sup> took note of document MM/A/48/1.

**Additional Information:** At the meeting, the Secretariat stated that

- (i) the delivery of Phase II of the IT Modernization Program had been received from the external implementation partner and that it was being subject to system testing by internal technical staff;
- (ii) an implementation review had been initiated to take into account the new challenges currently faced by the Madrid Registry and to ensure the undertaking of all the necessary preparations for system deployment; and
- (iii) independent validation and verification exercise had commenced in August, it would be completed in October 2014 and, upon its completion, the Secretariat would be able to determine the deployment date of Phase II.

<sup>6</sup> Note: For Madrid matters, the competent WIPO governing body is the "Madrid Union Assembly"

### Madrid System Goods and Services Database: Progress Report

**Document:** MM/A/48/2 (Madrid System Goods and Services Database: Progress Report).

**Decision:** The Assembly took note of document MM/A/48/2 and "requested that the International Bureau submit to the Madrid Union Assembly in 2015 a new progress report of the Madrid System Goods and Services Database, including the use of remaining project funds."

**Additional Information:** At the meeting, the Secretariat stated that the focus had been on the operational support of MGS (*note: "Madrid System Goods and Services Database"*), that the database was available in 16 languages, and that the remaining funds from the development project continued to be used for facilitating MGS translation activities.

### Proposed Amendments to the Common Regulations Under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement

**Document:** MM/A/48/3 (Proposed Amendments to the Common Regulations Under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement).

**Decision:** "The Assembly adopted new Rule 5*bis* and the amendments to Rules 20*bis*, 27, 30 and 31 of the Common Regulations, as well as the amendments of the Schedule of Fees, with a date of entry into force of

January 1, 2015, as set out in the Annexes to document MM/A/48/3 and according to the clarification made by the Secretariat.”

**Additional Information:** The decision introduces procedural changes intended to make the Madrid System more user-friendly. The Madrid Working Group is tentatively scheduled to meet from November 2 to 6, 2015.

## ITEM 20: Hague System

### Information Technology Modernization Program (Hague International Registration System)

**Document:** H/A/34/1 (Information Technology Modernization Program (Hague International Registration System): Progress Report).

**Decision:** The Assembly<sup>7</sup> took note of document H/A/34/1.

**Additional Information:** At the meeting, the Secretariat stated that the imminent accessions of new Hague Member States, would require substantive modification to the Hague IT System procedures, and that it was felt that these be undertaken in the legacy IT system. As a result, Phase II activities have been suspended, and they will recommence when the changes in legacy IT system have stabilized. Furthermore, the Independent Validation and Verification exercise currently being undertaken by the

Madrid Registry will also be of benefit to the Hague Registry in its future Phase II deployment.

## Matters Concerning the Legal Development of the Hague System

**Document:** H/A/34/2 (Matters Concerning the Legal Development of the Hague System).

**Decision:** The Assembly

“(a) adopted the recommendation for making the Certificate of Transfer an acceptable document in the Contracting Parties having made a declaration under Article 16(2) of the 1999 Act, as set out in Annex I of document H/A/34/2; (b) adopted the amendments to the Common Regulations with respect to Rule 18(4), and Rule 18bis(1) and (2), as set out in Annex V of document H/A/34/2, with a date of entry into force of January 1, 2015; (c) adopted the amendments to the Common Regulations with respect to the Schedule of Fees, as set out in Annex V of document H/A/34/2, with a date of entry into force of January 1, 2015.”

**Additional Information:** The decision adopts a recommendation and amendments to the Common Regulations ensuring that, in line with its continued expansion to examining jurisdictions, the Hague System remains efficient and effective. The Hague Working Group is tentatively scheduled to meet from December 14 to 18, 2015.

<sup>7</sup> Note: For Hague matters, the competent WIPO governing body is the “Hague Union Assembly”

## **ITEM 21:**

### **The WIPO Coordination Committee to Provide Advice to the Lisbon Union Assembly Regarding the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Revised Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications in 2015**

**Document:** WO/CC/70/4 (Proposal by the United States of America for a Supplementary Agenda Item Entitled “The WIPO Coordination Committee to Provide Advice to the Lisbon Union Assembly Regarding the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Revised Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications in 2015”).

**Decision:** “The WIPO Coordination Committee took note of the statements made and asked its Chair to make available the outcome of the discussions to the Chair of the Lisbon Union Assembly.”

## **ITEM 22:**

### **Lisbon System**

#### **Review of the Lisbon System**

**Document:** LI/A/31/1 (Review of the Lisbon System).

**Decision:** “The Assembly<sup>8</sup> took note of document LI/A/31/1, of the progress made in the preparation of the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Revised Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indication in 2015 and of the statements made in this regard.”

**Additional Information:** The subsequent October 2014 preparatory committee agreed that the diplomatic conference would take place at WIPO headquarters from May 11 to 21, 2015. The title of the diplomatic conference will be: “Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a New Act of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and Their International Registration”.

#### **Proposal to Update the Fee Schedule Under Rule 23 of the Regulations Under the Lisbon Agreement**

**Document:** LI/A/31/2 (Proposal to Update the Fee Schedule Under Rule 23 of the Regulations Under the Lisbon Agreement).

**Decision:** “The Assembly took note of the statements made and agreed to invite the

<sup>8</sup> Note: For Lisbon matters, the competent WIPO governing body is the “Lisbon Union Assembly”

Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System to further discuss the fee issue in the light of suggestions made by delegations in that regard.”

**Additional Information:** The subsequent October 2014 session of the Lisbon Working Group further discussed the fee issue. As a result, the issue remained pending and will be submitted to the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a New Act of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and Their International Registration.

#### **ITEM 23:**

### **WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names**

**Document:** WO/GA/46/8 (WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names).

**Decision:** The WIPO General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/46/8.

**Additional Information:** The document contains an activity report of the Center as an international resource for efficient alternatives to court litigation of IP disputes, including an update of the WIPO Rules, and assistance requested by certain Intellectual Property Offices in offering alternative dispute resolution (ADR) options. The document also includes an update on WIPO’s domain name-related activities, including selected policy developments in particular on the introduction of new generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) by ICANN, the body charged with overseeing the Domain Name System. The number of cases administered by the Center on the basis of the Uniform Domain

Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) has passed 29,000, covering more than 54,000 domain names.

#### **ITEM 24:**

### **Annual Report on Human Resources**

**Documents:** WO/CC/70/1 (Annual Report on Human Resources) and A/54/5 (List of Decisions Taken by the Program and Budget Committee at its Twenty-Second Session (September 1 to 5, 2014)).

**Decision:** The WIPO Coordination Committee noted paragraphs 95, 97, 98, 100 and 101 of document WO/CC/70/1.

**Additional Information:** Paragraph 95 of document WO/CC/70/1 refers to cases of termination of appointments of staff. Paragraphs 97 and 98 refer to the composition of the WIPO Staff Pension Committee. Paragraphs 100 and 101 refer to the reports of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (UNJSPB).



**ITEM 25:****Staff Regulations and Rules: Amendments to Staff Regulations for Approval; Notification of Amendments to Staff Rules**

**Document:** WO/CC/70/3 (Staff Regulations and Rules: Amendments to Staff Regulations for Approval; Notification of Amendments to Staff Rules).

**Decision:** The WIPO Coordination Committee approved the amendments to the Staff Regulations and noted the amendments to the Staff Rules and related annexes, as provided in document WO/CC/70/3.

**Additional Information:** A large part of the amendments concern National Professional Officers (NPOs) and are necessary to define the legal framework governing their terms and conditions of employment. Other amendments are required to adapt to the evolving business and staff needs of the Organization and/or to enhance provisions identified as being unclear or difficult to apply in practice.

**ITEM 26:****Adoption of the General Report and of the Individual Reports of Each Governing Body**

**Documents:** See Annex to the present document.

**Decision:** The Secretariat will finalize the draft reports by October 15, 2014, send them to Member States and post them on the WIPO web site. Comments should be submitted to the Secretariat by December 15, 2014, after which the final reports will be deemed adopted by January 15, 2015.

**ITEM 27:****Closing of the Sessions**

The 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies were closed by the Chair of the WIPO General Assembly, Ambassador Päivi Kairamo, on September 30, 2014. The 55<sup>th</sup> session will take place at WIPO headquarters from October 5 to 14, 2015.

## List of Reports Adopted at the 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies

A/54/13

General Report of the 54<sup>th</sup> Assemblies (138 pg.)

WO/GA/46/12

Report of the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (66 pg.)

WO/CC/70/5

Report of the 70<sup>th</sup> WIPO Coordination Committee (20 pg.)

P/EC/54/1

Report of the 54<sup>th</sup> Paris Union Executive Committee (1 pg.)

B/EC/60/1

Report of the 60<sup>th</sup> Berne Union Executive Committee (1 pg.)

MM/A/48/4

Report of the 48<sup>th</sup> Madrid Union Assembly (4 pg.)

H/A/34/3

Report of the 34<sup>th</sup> Hague Union Assembly (4 pg.)

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Report of the 31<sup>st</sup> Lisbon Union Assembly (10 pg.)

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Report of the 46<sup>th</sup> Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Union Assembly (15 pg.)

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