

WIPO ASSEMBLIES 2013

Synthesis of Decisions

PREFACE

The Fifty-First and Fifty-Second 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 51st and 52nd Assemblies”, were held in Geneva, respectively, from September 23 to October 2, 2013 and from December 10 to 12, 2013.

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.

ABOUT THE WIPO ASSEMBLIES

WIPO is a UN specialized agency composed of 186 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, which established WIPO in 1967.

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 treaties¹, 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 at the end of September 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 51st and 52nd WIPO Assemblies, 20 bodies met in joint sessions. The list of those bodies can be found respectively in documents A/51/INF/1 Rev. and A/52/INF/1 (General Information).

1. The list of WIPO-administered treaties can be found in: <http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/>.

ITEM 1

OPENING OF THE SESSIONS²

Ambassador Uglješa Ugi Zvekić, outgoing Chair of the General Assembly, opened the 51st Assemblies on September 23, 2013.

Documents: A/51/INF/1 Rev. and A/52/INF/1 (General Information), A/51/INF/2 Prov. and A/52/INF/2 Prov.1 (List of Preparatory Documents), A/51/INF/3 and A/52/INF/3 (List of Participants), A/51/INF/7 and A/52/INF/4 (List of Documents).

ITEM 2

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS

Document: A/51/INF/4 (Bureaux/Officers)

Decision³: Ambassador Päivi Kairamo was elected new Chair of the General Assembly and conducted the proceedings from that instant. The list of other elected officers appears in document A/51/INF/4.

ITEM 3

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Documents: A/51/1 and A/52/1 (Consolidated and Annotated Agendas).

Decision: The 51st and 52nd Assemblies adopted the proposed agendas, respectively.

ITEM 4

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Document: Report of the Director General to the WIPO Assemblies 2013.

The Director General introduced his annual report⁴ to the 51st Assemblies.

ITEM 5

GENERAL STATEMENTS

At the 51st Assemblies, general statements were made by 117 States (nine on behalf of groups of States), one intergovernmental organization, and four non-governmental organizations.

2. The order and title of agenda items corresponds to the 51st Assemblies, unless otherwise specified.

3. Decisions were adopted at the 51st Assemblies, unless otherwise specified.

4. The report is available at: http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/freepublications/en/general/1050/wipo_pub_1050_2013.pdf

ITEM 6

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

Document: A/51/2 Rev. (Admission of Observers).

Decision: The Assemblies decided to grant observer status to the following:

- Intergovernmental organizations: Clarin Eric; West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU); and Regional Center for Book Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC).
- International non governmental organizations: International Society for the Development of Intellectual Property (ADALPI); Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED); Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi); International Ayurveda Foundation (IAF); International Human Rights & Anticorruption Society (IHRAS); and International Institute for Intellectual Property Management (I³PM).
- National non governmental organizations: Asociación Argentina de Intérpretes (AADI); Association marocaine des conseils en propriété industrielle (AMACPI); Asociación Nacional de Denominaciones de Origen (ANDO); Emirates Intellectual Property Association (EIPA); Institut de recherche en propriété intellectuelle (IRPI); and Society of American Archivists (SAA).

ITEM 7

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS

Document: WO/CC/67/1 (Approval of Agreements).

Decision:

“(1) The Coordination Committee approved the Agreement between WIPO and the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Agreement between WIPO and the Government of the Russian Federation, on the understanding of the statements made for the record by all concerned parties.

“In addition,

“(2(a) The Coordination Committee also decided that WIPO will directly procure the required IT equipment for all WIPO external offices through its normal processes, and decided that all WIPO external offices will not conduct any activities relating to the processing of PCT, Madrid and the Hague System Applications, if so decided by the General Assembly.

“(2(b) The Coordination Committee decided that in future the procedure described in Article 12 (4) of the WIPO Convention will be followed strictly, which means before the Secretariat concludes and signs any future external offices agreement, it will seek the approval of the Coordination Committee.”

ITEM 4 of the 52nd Assemblies

DECISION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RELATION TO THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE DECISION ON EXTERNAL OFFICES TAKEN DURING ITS SIXTY-SEVENTH (44TH ORDINARY) SESSION

Document: WO/GA/44/1 (Proposal by Group B Relating to “Decision by the General Assembly in Relation to the Coordination Committee Decision on External Offices Taken During its Sixty Seventh (44th Ordinary) Session”).

Decision: The 52nd Assemblies decided as follows:

“The WIPO General Assembly noted paragraph 2(a)⁵ of the Coordination Committee Decision on external offices taken during the 51st General Assemblies, and, in this regard, decided that WIPO shall directly procure the required IT equipment for all WIPO external offices through its normal processes, and that all WIPO external offices shall not conduct any activities directly relating to the processing of PCT, Madrid and the Hague System Applications.”

ITEM 6 of the 52nd Assemblies

GENERAL POLICIES OF WIPO CONCERNING GOVERNANCE OF EXTERNAL OFFICES

Documents: A/52/3 (Proposal by China Relating to “General Policies of WIPO Concerning Governance of External Offices”) and A/52/5 (Proposal by GRULAC, Group B, CEBS Group and India on “General Principles Regarding WIPO External Offices”).

Decision: The 52nd Assemblies decided as follows:

“The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and the Unions administered by it, each as far as it is concerned, decide to continue open-ended consultations, under the guidance of the President of the General Assembly, on the proposed guiding principles regarding WIPO External Offices, as contained in the Annex of document A/52/5, and on the establishment of WIPO External Offices, taking into account all proposals, related documents including, but not limited to, the documents submitted to the 51st Series of Meetings of the Assemblies under Agenda Item 14 and to the 52nd Series of Meetings of the Assemblies under Agenda Item 5, and the positions and concerns, including on the process, expressed by Member States during the PBC and Assemblies meetings, for consideration and recommendation by the PBC and decision by the General Assembly foreseen in September 2014.”

ITEM 8

APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IN 2014

Document: A/51/3 (Appointment of the Director General in 2014).

Decision: “The General Assembly, the Coordination Committee, and the Paris and Berne Union Assemblies (i) noted the dispatch of the circular set out in Annex 2 of document A/51/3; (ii) approved the convening of the WIPO General Assembly on May 8 and 9, 2014 in advance of the time foreseen in the procedures; and (iii) approved the timetable of procedural steps set out in paragraph 8 of the same document.”

Additional Information: The timetable approved (paragraph 8 of document A/51/3) was:

- “(September 6, 2013: Mailing of circular to WIPO Member States inviting proposals of candidates.)
- “December 6, 2013: Deadline for submission of candidatures.
- “March 6 and 7, 2014: Session of the Coordination Committee to nominate candidate for appointment to post of Director General.
- “May 8 and 9, 2014: Sessions of the General Assembly and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions to appoint the Director General.”

5. [Note: the text of paragraph 2(a) can be found under Item 7 above.]

ITEM 9

COMPOSITION OF THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE; ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE PARIS AND BERNE UNIONS AND DESIGNATION OF THE AD HOC MEMBERS OF THE WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Document: A/51/4 (Composition of the WIPO Coordination Committee; Election of the Members of the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions and Designation of the *ad hoc* members of the WIPO Coordination Committee).

Decision:

“The Paris Union Assembly unanimously elected the following States as ordinary members of the Paris Union Executive Committee: Algeria, Angola, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, El Salvador, Estonia (2013/2014), France, Gabon, Germany, Georgia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland (2014/2015), Portugal, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay (41);

“The Berne Union Assembly unanimously elected the following States as ordinary members of the Berne Union Executive Committee: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (39);

“The WIPO Conference unanimously designated the following States as *ad hoc* members of the WIPO Coordination Committee: Afghanistan, Ethiopia (2);

“The WIPO Conference and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions noted that Switzerland would continue to be an *ex officio* ordinary member of the Paris Union Executive Committee and of the Berne Union Executive Committee.

“As a consequence, the WIPO Coordination Committee for the period September 2013 to September 2015 was composed of the following States: Afghanistan (*ad hoc*), Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d’Ivoire, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia (2013/2014), Ethiopia (*ad hoc*), Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland (2014/2015), Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (83).”

ITEM 10

COMPOSITION OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Document: WO/GA/43/1 (Composition of the Program and Budget Committee).

Decision: “The following States were unanimously elected by the WIPO General Assembly as members of the Program and Budget Committee for the period from October 2013 to October 2015: Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, Viet Nam (53).”

ITEM 11

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT

Documents: A/51/5 (Program Performance Report for 2012, containing document WO/PBC/20/2 Rev.), A/51/5 Add., A/51/13 (Summary of Decisions and Recommendations made by the Program and Budget Committee at its Twentieth Session (July 8 to 12, 2013⁶)).

Decision: The Assemblies approved the recommendation made by the PBC.

Additional Information: The recommendation was: “The Program and Budget Committee (PBC), having reviewed the Program Performance Report (PPR), and recognizing its nature as a self assessment of the Secretariat, recommended its approval to the General Assembly, subject to the comments, concerns and suggestions for improvement raised by Member States and reflected in the report of the PBC as well as annexed to the PPR (document WO/PBC/20/2).”

ITEM 12

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Documents: WO/GA/43/2 (Annual Financial Report and Financial Statements 2012), WO/GA/43/3 (Status of the Payment of Contributions as of June 30, 2013), A/51/19 (Status of the Payment of Contributions as of September 10, 2013), A/51/6 (Status of the Utilization of Reserves) and A/51/14 (Summary of Decisions and Recommendations made by the Program and Budget Committee at its Twenty-First Session (September 9 to 13, 2013⁷)).

Decision: As recommended by the PBC, the Assemblies: (i) approved the Annual Financial Report and Financial Statements for 2012 (document WO/GA/43/2); (ii) took note of documents WO/GA/43/3, A/51/19 and A/51/6.

6. Hereinafter “July PBC Decisions and Recommendations”.

7. Hereinafter “September PBC Decisions and Recommendations”.

ITEM 13

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COST EFFICIENCY MEASURES

Documents: A/51/17 (Report on the Implementation of Cost Efficiency Measures, containing document WO/PBC/21/19) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The Assemblies took note of document WO/PBC/21/19, taking into consideration that the PBC “recommended that the Secretariat continue its cost efficiency efforts.”

ITEM 14 (and ITEM 5 of the 52nd Assemblies)

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2014/15 BIENNIUM

Documents: A/51/7 Rev. (Proposed Program and Budget for the 2014/2015 Biennium); A/51/INF/6 (Information Paper on External Offices), A/51/INF/6 Add., A/51/INF/6 Add.2 and A/51/INF/6 Add.3; A/51/13 (July PBC Decisions and Recommendations), A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations), WO/GA/44/1 (Decision by the General Assembly in Relation to the Coordination Committee Decision on External Offices Taken During its Sixty-seventh (44th Ordinary) Session), A/51/20 (General Report) A/52/2 (Proposal by the Group of Latin American and the Caribbean Countries (GRULAC) relating to Program 20 of the Proposed Program and Budget for the 2014/15 Biennium) and A/52/3 (General Policies of WIPO Concerning Governance of External Offices).

Decision: Following the decision of the 51st Assemblies to conclude the deliberations on this agenda item at the next session, the 52nd Assemblies decided as follows:

“The WIPO General Assembly noted paragraph 2(a)⁸ of the Coordination Committee Decision on external offices taken during the 51st General Assemblies, and, in this regard, decided that WIPO shall directly procure the required IT equipment for all WIPO external offices through its normal processes, and that all WIPO external offices shall not conduct any activities directly relating to the processing of PCT, Madrid and the Hague System Applications.”

“The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions administered by it, each as far as it is concerned,

- “(a) approved the Proposed Program and Budget for the 2014/15 Biennium as contained in document A/51/7 Rev. subject to the following agreed changes, in respect of:
- (i) the formulation of targets in the Results Framework of Program 2, as reflected in Annex I;
 - (ii) the formulation of targets in the Results Framework of Program 4, as reflected in Annex II;
 - (iii) the deletion of paragraph 20.21 in Program 20;
 - (iv) the allocation of 0.6 million Swiss francs in non-personnel resources in Program 20 for the implementation of the decision adopted by the Sixty-Seventh (44th Ordinary) session of the WIPO Coordination Committee under Agenda Item 7 of the Agenda of the Fifty-First Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO;
 - (v) the move of a total of 0.9 million Swiss francs in non-personnel resources from Program 20 to unallocated, pending any decision thereon.
- “(b) noted the comments made by Member States on the request for additional information concerning the IP and Global Challenges program (Program 18) and requested the Program to inform Member States at the 20th session of the SCP on the patent-related aspects of its activities and to inform Member States at the 13th session of the CDIP on the development-related aspects of its activities.

8. [Note: the text of paragraph 2(a) can be found under Item 7 of the present document.]

“ANNEX I

PROGRAM 2 TRADEMARKS, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Expected Results	Performance Indicators	Baselines	Targets
I.1 Enhanced cooperation among Member States on development of balanced international normative frameworks for IP and agreement on specific topics on which international instruments are agreed	Agreement on a normative framework for industrial design registration and maintenance procedures	No normative framework for industrial design registration and maintenance procedures	Adoption of a Design Law Treaty by a possible Diplomatic Conference
	Progress towards agreement on current issues on the SCT Agenda	Draft Reference Document on the Protection of Country Names Against Registration and Use of Trademarks	SCT agreed Outcomes
	No. of ratifications/ accessions to the Singapore Treaty	29 Contracting Parties (end 2012)	Eight new ratifications/ accessions
I.2 Tailored and balanced IP legislative, regulatory and policy frameworks	No. and % of Member States/regional organizations providing positive feedback on the legislative advice offered in the area of trademarks, industrial designs and geographical indications	11 Member States/regional organizations received legislative advice out of which three provided positive feedback on legislative advice received in 2012	Legislative advice provided to 10 Member States/regional organizations. 90% of respondents satisfied with the advice offered.
I.3 Increased protection of State emblems and names and emblems of International Intergovernmental Organizations	No. of requests for communication under Article 6ter dealt with	70 requests for communication under Article 6ter dealt with in 2012	140 requests for communication under Article 6ter dealt with
	No. of signs published in Article 6ter database	75 signs published in Article 6ter database in 2012	150 signs published in Article 6ter database

“ANNEX II

PROGRAM 4

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS AND GENETIC RESOURCES

RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Expected Results	Performance Indicators	Baselines	Targets
I.1 Enhanced cooperation among Member States on development of balanced international normative frameworks for IP and agreement on specific topics on which international instruments are agreed	Agreement in the IGC's negotiations on an international legal instrument(s) on TK, TCEs and GRs.	Negotiations underway under IGC mandate for 2012-2013 and work program for 2013	Adoption of an international legal instrument(s) by a possible Diplomatic Conference
III.2 Enhanced human resource capacities able to deal with the broad range of requirements for the effective use of IP for development in developing countries, LDCs and countries with economies in transition	% of participants in WIPO activities which report enhanced capacity to understand and use IP principles, systems and tools for the protection of TK and TCEs, and for management of the interface between IP and GRs	Not yet available	80%”

ITEM 15

CAPITAL MASTER PLAN

Documents: A/51/16 (Capital Master Plan, containing document WO/PBC/21/18) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The Assemblies approved the recommendation made by the PBC.

Additional Information: The recommendation was: “The Program and Budget Committee:

- “(i) endorsed the principles under which projects have been and will be included in the Organization’s Capital Master Plan, as set out in document WO/PBC/21/18; and
- “(ii) recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to approve the funding of the projects presented in the Annex to document WO/PBC/21/18, for a total estimated amount of 11.2 million Swiss francs from available reserves.
- “(iii a) requested the Secretariat to provide additional information in the course of the sessions of the Assemblies on savings generated from these projects together with details of the depreciation and capitalization of relevant expenditure;
- “(iii b) requested the Secretariat to target further savings under the regular budget, through *inter alia* the full implementation of IAOD’s recommendations on travel policy, and improved treasury management,

with the aim of reducing the use of the reserves for purposes of funding the projects noted under (ii) above;

“(iic) requested the Secretariat to report on progress in respect of (iia) and (iib) above at the next September session of the PBC.”

ITEM 16

BUDGETARY PROCESS APPLIED TO PROJECTS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (CDIP) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT AGENDA RECOMMENDATIONS

Documents: A/51/15 (Review of Budgetary Process Applied to Projects Proposed by the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) for the Implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations, containing document WO/PBC/20/4) and A/51/13 (July PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The Assemblies approved the recommendation made by the PBC.

Additional Information: The recommendation was: “The Program and Budget Committee: (i) recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, to take note of the contents of document WO/PBC/20/4; and (ii) requested the Secretariat to ensure that Development Agenda projects, including subsequent phases of ongoing projects, approved by the CDIP, will continue to be fully funded in accordance with the mechanism contained in document A/48/5 Rev. approved by Member States in 2010.”

ITEM 17

FINANCING OF LONG-TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AT WIPO

Documents: A/51/18 (Financing of Long term Employee Benefits at WIPO, containing document WO/PBC/20/6,) and A/51/13 (July PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The Assemblies approved the recommendation made by the PBC.

Additional Information: The recommendation was: “The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the General Assembly of WIPO to: (i) take positive note of the contents of this document, which relate to the establishment of a separate bank account to hold funds allocated for the future financing of the long term employee liabilities of the Organization; and “(ii) explore the opportunities to contain the growth of long-term liabilities for future employees, taking into consideration the developments on this issue within the UN system.”

ITEM 18

PROPOSED DEFINITION OF “DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE” IN THE CONTEXT OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET

Documents: WO/GA/43/21 (Proposed Definition of “Development Expenditure in the Context of the Program and Budget) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly requested Member States to engage in informal consultations with a view to finalizing the definition of development expenditure in the 22nd session of the PBC in time for the preparation of the Program and Budget 2016/17.”

Additional Information: The PBC 22nd session is scheduled from September 1 to 5, 2014.

ITEM 19

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM

Documents: A/51/8 (Progress Report on the Implementation of a Comprehensive Integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System) and A/51/14 (Sept. PBC Decisions and Rec.).

Decision: As recommended by the PBC, the Assemblies took note of document A/51/8.

Additional Information: The document details the progress made to: “(i) modernize WIPO’s core administrative, management and customer-service functions; (ii) improve efficiency and productivity of WIPO’s administrative and management processes; and (iii) enhance the capability to provide better information to Member States, stakeholders and management.”.

ITEM 20

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEW CONFERENCE HALL PROJECT AND NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Documents: A/51/9 (Progress Report on the New Conference Hall Project and New Construction Project, containing doc. WO/PBC/21/11) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommend.).

Decision: The Assemblies took note of document A/51/9.

Additional Information: The PBC “requested the Secretariat to take all necessary measures with the aim of ensuring completion of the New Conference Hall Project within the approved budget.”

ITEM 21

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY STANDARDS FOR THE EXISTING WIPO BUILDINGS

Documents: A/51/10 (Progress Report on the Project to Upgrade the Safety and Security Standards for the Existing WIPO Buildings, containing document WO/PBC/21/9) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The Assemblies took note of document WO/PBC/21/9.

ITEM 22

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROJECT

Documents: A/51/11 (Progress Report on the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Capital Investment Project, containing document WO/PBC/21/14) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The Assemblies took note of document WO/PBC/21/14.

ITEM 23

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WIPO LANGUAGE POLICY

Documents: A/51/12 (Progress Report on the Implementation of WIPO Language Policy, containing document WO/PBC/21/15) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The Assemblies approved the recommendation made by the PBC.

Additional Information: The recommendation was: “The Program and Budget Committee (PBC): (i) took note of the information contained in document WO/PBC/21/15; (ii) recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO the adoption of the proposals contained in paragraph 13 of document WO/PBC/21/15, amended as follows: “Based on the information contained in this document and the importance attached to ensuring the availability of documentation for the Working Groups in six languages, the following proposals are submitted for the consideration of Member States: (a) The Secretariat will continue to apply the rationalization and control measures to further reduce the number and average length of working documents; (b) At the same time, the six-language coverage, for the documentation for the Working Groups, will commence, in a phased and cost effective manner, during the biennium 2014/15, and the additional cost of such coverage reflected in the Program and Budget; (c) The Secretariat will report to the next session of the PBC on the progress made in respect of (ii) above.” ”

ITEM 24

FINAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WIPO STRATEGIC REALIGNMENT PROGRAM (SRP)

Documents: WO/GA/43/20, (Final Report on the Implementation of the Strategic Realignment Program (SRP)) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/43/20.

Additional Information: The document contains the final report of the SRP which “aimed to enhance WIPO’s responsiveness, efficiency, capacity and focus to achieve the nine Strategic Goals⁹. The SRP comprised 19 initiatives, each contributing to strengthening WIPO’s four Core Values: Service orientation; Working as one; Accountability for results; and Environmental, social and governance responsibility.”

9. [Note: WIPO’s nine Strategic Goals are: Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP; Provision of Premier Global IP Services; Facilitating the Use of IP for Development; Coordination and Development of Global IP Infrastructure; World Reference Source for IP Information and Analysis; International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP; Addressing IP in Relation to Global Policy Issues; A Responsive Communications Interface between WIPO, its Member States and All Stakeholders; An Efficient Administrative and Financial Support Structure to Enable WIPO to Deliver its Programs]

ITEM 25

REPORT BY THE WIPO INDEPENDENT ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (IAOC)

Documents: WO/GA/43/5 (Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee, containing document WO/PBC/21/2) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/43/5, taking into consideration the PBC recommendation “to request the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate action in response to the views expressed by the IAOC”.

Additional Information: The PBC decided as follows: “The PBC also requested the IAOC to continue to review and oversee the actions taken by the Secretariat in accordance with its mandate and report on the matter to the PBC.”

ITEM 26

REPORT OF THE SELECTION PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE WIPO INDEPENDENT ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (IAOC)

Documents: WO/GA/43/6 (Report of the Selection Panel for the Appointment of the New Members of the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Selection Panel for the Appointment of New Members of the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC).”

Additional Information: The recommendation of the Selection Panel was: “The Panel unanimously agreed to recommend to the PBC the following three candidates for membership of the IAOC: Mr. ZHANG Guangliang (China), Mr. Gabor ÁMON (Group of Central Eastern European and Baltic States), Mr. Egbert KALTENBACH (Group B)”

ITEM 27

SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT DIVISION (IAOD)

Documents: WO/GA/43/7 (Summary Annual Report of the Director of the IAOD, containing document WO/PBC/21/17) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The General Assembly took note of document WO/PBC/21/17 and requested the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate action to address the IAOD recommendations.

Additional Information: The PBC decided: “The PBC also requested the Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC) to continue to review and oversee the implementation of the recommendations in accordance with its mandate and report on the matter to the PBC.”

ITEM 28**REPORT BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

Document: WO/GA/43/8 (Report by the External Auditor) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/43/8, taking into consideration the PBC recommendation “to request the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate action to address the recommendations addressed to the International Bureau.”

Additional Information: The PBC decided as follows: “The PBC also requested the Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC) to continue to review and oversee the implementation of the recommendations in accordance with its mandate and report on the matter to the PBC.”

ITEM 29**REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (JIU) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REVIEW OF WIPO LEGISLATIVE BODIES**

Documents: WO/GA/43/19 (Report on the Implementation of the JIU Recommendations for the Review of WIPO Legislative Bodies) and A/51/14 (September PBC Decision and Recommendations).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the report on the Implementation of the JIU Recommendations for the Review of WIPO Legislative Bodies contained in document WO/GA/43/19 and requested the Secretariat to continue to take appropriate action to address the recommendations addressed to it by the JIU. The WIPO General Assembly also requested the Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC) to review and oversee the implementation of the recommendations in accordance with its mandate and report on the matter to the PBC.”

ITEM 30 (and ITEM 7 of the 52nd Assemblies)**GOVERNANCE AT WIPO**

Documents: WO/GA/43/18 and WO/GA/44/3 (Governance at WIPO), A/51/14 (September PBC Decisions and Recommendations) and WO/GA/43/22 (Report).

Decision: Following the decision of the 51st Assemblies to conclude the deliberations on this agenda item at the next session, the 52nd Assemblies decided as follows:

“The WIPO General Assembly: (i) took note of the documents presented on “Governance at WIPO” under Agenda Item 30 (document A/51/1 – 51st Assemblies), including the proposal presented by the African Group; (ii) requested the Secretariat to organize an information meeting with the JIU regarding their Report on the Review of Management and Administration of WIPO prior to the 22nd session of the PBC; and (iii) invited the Member States to submit proposals on Governance at WIPO to be discussed at the 22nd session of the PBC.”

Additional Information: The PBC 22nd session is scheduled from September 1 to 5, 2014.

ITEM 31**REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MARRAKESH DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO CONCLUDE A TREATY TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO PUBLISHED WORKS BY VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES**

Documents: WO/GA/43/9 Rev. (Report on the Outcome of the Marrakesh Diplomatic Conference to Conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/43/9 Rev.

Additional Information: The document contains a report of the Diplomatic Conference and the number of signatories (54 Member States had signed the Treaty by September 2013).

ITEM 32**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (CDIP) AND REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA RECOMMENDATIONS**

Documents: WO/GA/43/10 (Report of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)) and WO/GA/43/11 (Description of the Contribution of the Relevant WIPO Bodies to the Implementation of the Respective Development Agenda Recommendations).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly:

(i) recalled its 2007 decision on Establishing the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property, contained in document A/43/13, and its decision on the Coordination Mechanisms and Monitoring, Assessing and Reporting Modalities, contained in document WO/GA/39/7, and reaffirms its commitment to their full implementation; (ii) reaffirmed that all WIPO Committees stand on equal footing and report to the General Assemblies; (iii) took note of concerns expressed by some Member States on the implementation of the CDIP mandate and the implementation of the Coordination Mechanisms; and (iv) requested the CDIP to discuss these two matters during its Twelfth and Thirteenth Sessions, report back and make recommendations on the two matters to the General Assembly in 2014.”

Additional Information: The 12th CDIP session took place from November 18 to 21, 2013. The 13th CDIP session is scheduled to take place from May 19 to 23, 2014.

ITEM 33 (and ITEM 8 of the 52nd Assemblies)**CONSIDERATION OF THE CONVENING OF A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A DESIGN LAW TREATY**

Documents: WO/GA/43/12 and WO/GA/44/2 (Matters Concerning the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty) and WO/GA/43/22 (Report).

Decision: Following the decision of the 51st Assemblies to conclude the deliberations on this agenda item at

the next session, the 52nd Assemblies decided as follows: “The WIPO General Assembly: (a) requested the SCT to finalize its work on the text of the basic proposal for a Design Law Treaty building upon the outcome of the thirtieth session of the SCT; (b) will at the Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly in May 2014 take stock of, and consider, the text, progress made, and decide on whether to convene a diplomatic conference in 2014 in Moscow. If the Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly in May so decides, a preparatory committee will be held immediately after that session of the General Assembly.”

Additional Information: The Extraordinary General Assembly is scheduled on May 8 and 9, 2014.

ITEM 34 (and ITEM 9 of the 52nd Assemblies)

MATTERS RELATING TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS (SCCR)

Documents: WO/GA/43/13 and WO/GA/44/4 (Report on the Work of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights) and WO/GA/43/22 (Report).

Decision: Following the decision of the 51st Assemblies to conclude the deliberations on this agenda item at the next session, the 52nd Assemblies decided as follows: “The WIPO General Assembly: (i) took note of the information contained in document WO/GA/43/13; (ii) took note of the statements made by delegations at the 43rd and 44th sessions of the WIPO General Assembly in 2013; and (iii) requested the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights to continue its work regarding the issues reported on in that document.”

Additional Information: Document WO/GA/43/13 contains the SCCR activity report. The SCCR addressed the issues of the protection of broadcasting organizations, and limitations and exceptions, namely for visually impaired persons/persons with print disabilities, for libraries and archives, and for educational and research institutions and persons with other disabilities.

ITEM 35

MATTERS CONCERNING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE (IGC)

Document: WO/GA/43/14 (Matters Concerning the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)).

Decision: “Bearing in mind the Development Agenda recommendations and acknowledging the progress made, the WIPO General Assembly agreed that the mandate of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore be renewed as follows:

- “(a) The Committee will, during the next budgetary biennium 2014/2015, and without prejudice to the work pursued in other fora, continue to expedite its work with open and full engagement, on text-based negotiations with the objective of reaching an agreement on a text(s) of an international legal instrument(s) which will ensure the effective protection of GRs, TK and TCEs.
- “(b) The Committee will follow, as set out in the table below, a clearly defined work program, based on sound working methods, for the 2014/2015 biennium. This work program will make provision for three sessions of the IGC in 2014, including thematic and cross cutting/stocktaking sessions. At the

beginning of IGC 26 an Ambassadorial/Senior Capital-Based Officials meeting will be held to share views on key policy issues relating to the negotiations, to further inform/guide the process. The IGC may decide to hold further Ambassadorial/Senior Capital-Based Officials meetings during future IGC meetings.

- “(c) The focus of the Committee’s work in the 2014/2015 biennium will build on the existing work carried out by the Committee and use all WIPO working documents, including WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/5, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/6 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/7 which are to constitute the basis of the Committee’s work on text-based negotiations, as well as any other textual contributions by members.
- “(d) The Committee is requested to submit to the 2014 General Assembly the text(s) of an international legal instrument(s) which will ensure the effective protection of GRs, TK and TCEs. With a view to finalising the text(s) within the biennium, the General Assembly in 2014 will take stock of and consider the text(s), progress made and decide on convening a Diplomatic Conference, and will consider the need for additional meetings, taking account of the budgetary process.
- “(e) The General Assembly requested the International Bureau to continue to assist the Committee by providing Member States with necessary expertise and funding, in the most efficient manner, of the participation of experts from developing countries and LDCs, taking into account the usual formula.

“The General Assembly took note of the possibility for members of the IGC to request studies or to provide examples to inform the discussion of objectives and principles, and each proposed article, including examples of protectable subject matter and subject matter that is not intended to be protected, and examples of domestic legislation. However, examples and studies are not to delay progress or establish any preconditions to the text-based negotiations.

<i>“Indicative Dates</i>	<i>Activity</i>
<i>February 2014</i>	<i>IGC 26 GR.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ambassadors/Senior Capital-Based Officials meeting to share views on key policy issues relating to the negotiations on GRTKTCE, to further inform/guide the process. Duration – Half Day</i> • <i>Undertake text-based negotiations on GR with a focus on considering options for a draft legal text - Duration four and a half days.</i> <i>Duration 5 Days</i>
<i>April 2014</i>	<i>IGC 27 TK followed by TCE.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consideration of Cross Cutting TK/TCE Issues – 1 Day</i> • <i>TK - Focus on objectives, principles, 4 key Articles viz Subject Matter of Protection, Beneficiaries, Scope of Protection and Limitations and Exceptions - Duration 4 Days</i> • <i>Consideration of Cross Cutting TK/TCE Issues – 1 Day</i> • <i>TCE - Focus on objectives, principles, 4 key Articles viz Subject Matter of Protection, Beneficiaries, Scope of Protection and Limitations and Exceptions Duration 4 Days</i> <i>Duration 10 Days</i>
<i>July 2014</i>	<i>IGC 28 Cross-cutting session/Stocktaking.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cross Cutting GR/TK/TCE session.</i> • <i>Take stock of progress and make a recommendation to the General Assembly</i> <i>Duration 3 Days</i>
<i>September 2014</i>	<i>WIPO General Assembly</i> <i>With a view to finalising the text(s) within the biennium, the General Assembly in 2014 will take stock of and consider the text(s), progress made and decide on convening a Diplomatic Conference, and will consider the need for additional meetings, taking account of the budgetary process.”</i>

Additional Information: IGC 26 took place from February 3 to 7, 2014. The remaining 2014 IGC sessions in the Decision are scheduled March 24 to April 4 (IGC 27) and July 7 to 9 (IGC 28).

ITEM 36**REPORTS ON OTHER WIPO COMMITTEES****ITEM 36(i)****STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE LAW OF PATENTS (SCP)**

Document: WO/GA/43/16 – Annex I, pages 1 to 3 (Reports on Other WIPO Committees: SCP).

Decision: The WIPO General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/43/16.

Additional Information: The document contains a report of the activities of the SCP indicating that “The SCP continued to address (...): (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.”

ITEM 36(ii)**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE LAW OF TRADEMARKS, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (SCT)**

Document: WO/GA/43/16 – Annex I, pages 4 to 6 (Reports on Other WIPO Committees: SCT).

Decision: The General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/43/16.

Additional Information: The document contains the SCT activity report. The SCT addressed the issues of the protection of country names, the trademark related aspects of the expansion of the Internet Domain Names (DNS) and design law treaty (for the latter, see under Item 33).

ITEM 36(iii) (and ITEM 10 of the 52nd Assemblies)**COMMITTEE ON WIPO STANDARDS (CWS)**

Documents: WO/GA/43/16 – Annex I, pages 7 and 8 and WO/GA/44/5 (Reports on Other WIPO Committees: CWS) and WO/GA/43/22 (Report).

Decision: Following the decision of the 51st Assemblies to conclude the deliberations on this agenda item at the next session, the 52nd Assemblies decided as follows: “The WIPO General Assembly: (i) took note of the information contained in document WO/GA/43/16 in relation to the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS); (ii) took note of the statements made by delegations in this respect at the 43rd and 44th sessions of the WIPO General Assembly in 2013; and (iii) requested the CWS to continue its work regarding the issues reported on in that document.”

Additional Information: Document WO/GA/43/16 contains the CWS activity report. The CWS discussed pending issues related to its organizational matters and special rules of procedure. The CWS also discussed, amongst other, about the electronic management of sound and multimedia marks, about category codes in patent search reports, and about application numbering systems. The Secretariat reported on CWS-related capacity building activities.

ITEM 36(iv)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENFORCEMENT (ACE)

Document: WO/GA/43/16 – Annex I, pages 9 to 11 (Reports on Other WIPO Committees: ACE).

Decision: The General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/43/16.

Additional Information: The document contains the ACE activity report. The ACE discussed the different types of infractions and motivations for IPR infringements, analytical methodologies that measure the social, economic and commercial impact of counterfeiting and piracy on societies, and various efforts, alternate models and other possible options from a socio-economic welfare perspective to address the counterfeiting and piracy challenges.

ITEM 37

PCT SYSTEM

PCT Working Group: Report of the Sixth Session

Document: PCT/A/44/1 (PCT Working Group: Report of the Sixth Session).

Decision: “The [*PCT Union*] Assembly: (i) noted the Summary by the Chair of the sixth session of the PCT Working Group contained in document PCT/WG/6/23 and reproduced in the Annex of document PCT/A/44/1; (ii) approved the recommendation by the Working Group concerning the review of the criteria and procedures for appointment of an Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT set out in paragraph 3 of document PCT/A/44/1; and (iii) approved the recommendation concerning the further work of the PCT Working Group set out in paragraph 4 of document PCT/A/44/1.”

Additional Information: Paragraph 4 of document PCT/A/44/1: “The Working Group further agreed to recommend to the Assembly that, subject to the availability of sufficient funds: (i) one session of the Working Group should be convened between the September/October 2013 and September/October 2014 sessions of the Assembly; and (ii) the same financial assistance that had been made available to enable attendance of certain delegations at the sixth session of the Working Group should be made available to enable attendance of certain delegations at that next session.” The next session of the PCT WG is scheduled from June 10 to 13, 2014.

Quality-Related Work by International Authorities

Document: PCT/A/44/2 (Quality-Related Work by International Authorities).

Decision: “The [*PCT Union*] Assembly noted the contents of document PCT/A/44/2.”

Additional Information: The document contains a report on the ongoing quality related work by the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (“International Authorities”)

Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations

Document: PCT/A/44/3 (Proposed Amendments to the PCT Regulations).

Decision: “The [*PCT Union*] Assembly: (i) adopted the proposed amendments to the Regulations under the PCT set out in the Annex to this report [*note: the report is document PCT/A/44/5*]; (ii) decided that the amendments of Rules 66 and 70 set out in the Annex to this document shall enter into force on July 1, 2014, and shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after July 1, 2014. (iii) decided that the deletion of Rule 44*ter* and the amendment of Rule 94 set out in Annex I to this document shall enter into force on July 1, 2014, and shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2014.”

Additional Information: The amendments adopted will allow for more complete information on prior art to be found during international preliminary examination of international applications and greater transparency in written opinions established as part of international searches.

Appointment of the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

Document: PCT/A/44/4 Rev. (Appointment of the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT).

Decision: “The [*PCT Union*] Assembly, having heard the Representative of the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and taking into account the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, unanimously: (i) approved the text of the draft Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and the International Bureau as set out in Appendix IV to doc. PCT/A/44/4 Rev; and (ii) appointed the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the Agreement until December 31, 2017.”

ITEM 38

MADRID SYSTEM

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

Document: MM/A/46/1 (Information Technology Modernization Program (Madrid International Registration System): Progress Report).

Decision: “The [*Madrid Union*] Assembly: (i) took note of the completion of Phase I of the Program; (ii) took note of the progress of Phase II of the Program; and (iii) took note that a detailed description of Phase III activities will be presented with the next Progress Report.”

Additional Information: At the meeting, the Secretariat stated that deliverables included a variety of web tools for both offices and users. Phase III of the project would address any ergonomic or process reengineering issues that may arise post deployment next year.

Madrid System Goods and Services Database: Progress Report

Document: MM/A/46/2 (Madrid System Goods and Services Database: Progress Report).

Decision: “The [*Madrid Union*] Assembly: (i) took note of the progress made in the implementation of the

[*Madrid System Goods and Services Database*] MGS, as described in document MM/A/46/2, up to May 30, 2013; (ii) took note of the continued use of the remaining project funds (see paragraph 26 of doc. MM/A/46/2 Rev.) to provide financial assistance to certain interested and relevant offices to enable them to translate the MGS and make it available in their national languages; and (iii) requested the International Bureau of WIPO to report to the Assembly in 2014 on the operational status of the implementation of the MGS and the use of remaining project funds.”

Additional Information: At the meeting, “The Secretariat indicated that the MGS was now available in 15 languages, and (...) that the remaining project funds would continue to be dedicated to increasing linguistic diversity of MGS.” (quoted from the report).

ITEM 39

HAGUE SYSTEM

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

Document: H/A/32/1 (Information Technology Modernization Program (Hague International Registration System): Progress Report).

Decision: “The [*Hague Union*] Assembly: (i) took note of the status of implementation of Phase I activities of the Program that were specific to the Hague Union, as described in document H/A/32/1; (ii) took note of the progress of Phase II of the Program; (iii) took note that a detailed description of Phase III activities would be presented with the next Progress Report.”

Additional Information: Document H/A/32/1 outlined that a revised e-filing tool had been deployed and proposes that Phase III of the Project be undertaken to address any ergonomic or process reengineering issues that might arise post deployment next year.

Matters Concerning the Legal Development of the Hague System

Document: H/A/32/2 (Matters Concerning the Legal Development of the Hague System).

Decision: “Subject to the typographical corrections mentioned by the Secretariat, the [*Hague Union*] Assembly: (i) adopted the proposed amendments to the Common Regulations with respect to Rule 1(1)(vi), as set out in Annex II to document H/A/32/2, with a date of entry into force of January 1, 2014; (ii) took note of the proposal to amend Section 202 of the Administrative Instructions and to add Section 205 in the Administrative Instructions, as set out in Annex IV to document H/A/32/2, with a date of entry into force of January 1, 2014; (iii) adopted the proposed amendments to the Common Regulations with respect to Rule 16(3) to (5), as set out in Annex II to document H/A/32/2, with a date of entry into force of January 1, 2014; (iv) adopted the proposed amendments to the Common Regulations with respect to Rule 26(1), as set out in Annex II to document H/A/32/2, with a date of entry into force of January 1, 2014; (v) adopted the proposed amendments to Rule 8 and the consequential amendments to Rule 7(4)(c), as set out in Annex II to document H/A/32/2, with a date of entry into force of January 1, 2014.”

Additional Information: The amendments adopted will ensure that the IT and legal frameworks facilitate geographic expansion and cope with the expected growth in filings.

ITEM 40

LISBON SYSTEM

Document: LI/A/29/1 (Review of the Lisbon System).

Decision: “The [Lisbon Union] Assembly: (i) took note of document LI/A/29/1 and of the statements made, and the planned work ahead in the review and promotion of the Lisbon system; (ii) approved the convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Revised Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications in 2015, as referred to in paragraph 3 of document LI/A/29/1; (iii) took note of the roadmap designed by the Working Group, as referred to in paragraph 4, of document LI/A/29/1.”

Additional Information: Paragraph 4 of document LI/A/29/1: “The roadmap designed by the Working Group in that respect includes two further Working Group sessions, one in December 2013 and one in the first half of 2014, and, possibly, an additional session in the second half of 2014 if considered necessary by the Working Group. The Assembly of the Lisbon Union will be in a position, at its session in 2014, to note the progress made by that time.” The first of those meetings took place from December 2 to 16, 2013. The other meetings indicated in the Decision are scheduled to take place from June 23 to 27, 2014 and, as appropriate, from October 27 to 31, 2014.

ITEM 41

WIPO ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER, INCLUDING DOMAIN NAMES

Document: WO/GA/43/17 (WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names).

Decision: The General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/43/17.

Additional Information: The document contains an activity report of the Center as an international resource for efficient alternatives to court litigation of IP disputes (2,884 cases filed in 2012), as well as an update on WIPO’s domain name related activities including selected policy developments such as the introduction of new generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) by the ICANN, the authority which is charged with overseeing the Domain Name System.

ITEM 42

COOPERATION UNDER THE AGREED STATEMENTS BY THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE REGARDING THE PATENT LAW TREATY (PLT)

Document: WO/GA/43/15 (Cooperation under the Agreed Statements by the Diplomatic Conference Regarding the Patent Law Treaty (PLT)).

Decision: The General Assembly took note of document WO/GA/43/15.

Additional Information: At the meeting, “The Secretariat introduced the document which described the activities of WIPO that facilitated the filing of communications in electronic form in developing and LDCs and countries in transition.” (quoted from the report)

ITEM 43

PATENT LAW TREATY (PLT) ASSEMBLY

Document: PLT/A/11/1 (Applicability of Certain Amendments and Modifications of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) to the Patent Law Treaty (PLT))

Decision: “The [PLT] Assembly: (i) adopted the modified Model International Request Form as set out in the Annex of document PLT/A/11/1, and decided that it should enter into force with immediate effect; and (ii) decided that the modifications of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT indicated in document PLT/A/11/1 as applicable, applied for the purposes of the PLT and its Regulations, with immediate effect.”

ITEM 44

SINGAPORE TREATY (STLT) ASSEMBLY

Document: STLT/A/5/1 (Assistance for the Implementation of the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (STLT)).

Decision: “The [STLT] Assembly took note of the contents of document STLT/A/5/1.”

Additional Information: Document STLT/A/5/1 refers to the Secretariat’s “assistance in establishing the legal framework for the implementation of the Treaty, and activities relating to information, education, awareness raising and assistance in revising administrative practices and procedures.”. At the meeting, “The Chair also welcomed four new Contracting Parties to the STLT, namely, Armenia, Germany, Lithuania and Luxembourg, (...) bringing the total number of Contracting Parties to 33. (...) The Republic of Korea was considering the appropriate time for depositing its instrument of accession.” (quoted from the report)

ITEM 45

ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Documents: WO/CC/67/2 and WO/CC/67/2 Corr. (*Annual Report on Human Resources*), and A/51/14 (*September PBC Decisions and Recommendations*).

Decision: In relation to document WO/CC/67/2, the WIPO Coordination Committee decided:

- to note paragraph 49, on the termination of employment contracts;
- to note paragraphs 51 to 55, of the WIPO Staff Pension Committee, and to elect Mr. Vladimir Yossifov as member of the WIPO Staff Pension Committee for the period until the ordinary session in 2017 of the WIPO Coordination Committee;
- to note the decoration mentioned in paragraph 58, conferred on the Director General by the Minister for Communications of Morocco, and to approve its acceptance;
- to note the amendments to Annex II of the Staff Regulations and Rules (SRR), Article I(f), with the amount applicable for the education grant, effective as of the school year in progress on January 1, 2013;
- to note the information contained in paragraphs 62 to 65;
- to approve the amendments to Staff Regulation 9.10 “Retirement Age” effective January 1, 2014;
- to adopt the new “Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service” effective January 1, 2014, and approve the corresponding amendment to Staff Regulation 1.5 “Conduct”; and
- to request the Director General “to convey to the ICSC and the CEB the Member States’ concerns regarding the impact of rising staff costs on the financial sustainability of the Organization and the need to exercise greater vigilance and consider taking timely and effective measures, particularly in the context of the ICSC’s ongoing comprehensive review of these matters.”

ITEM 46

REVISION OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS AND RULES

Documents: WO/CC/67/3 and WO/CC/67/3 Corr. (*Revision of the Staff Regulations and Rules*).

Decision: In relation to document WO/CC/67/3, the WIPO Coordination Committee decided:

- to note paragraph 10, concerning the amendments to Staff Rule 3.6.2 “Advancement within Grade for Temporary Staff Members” and Staff Rule 2.2.1 “Implementation of a Reclassification Decision”, as provided in Annex III, Part 3;
- to note paragraph 12, concerning the amendments to Rule 7.2.9 “Daily Subsistence Allowance”, Rule 9.8.1 “Termination Indemnity for Temporary Staff Members”, Annex II “Salaries and Allowances”, Article 1(b) and Annex IV “Rules of Procedure of Appointment Boards”, and Article 1(a);
- to approve paragraph 5 concerning the amendments to the SRR on the internal justice system, as provided in Annex II; and
- to approve paragraph 8, concerning the amendments to Regulation 1.6 “Activities and Interests outside the International Bureau”, Regulation 4.4 “Promotion”, Regulation 3.1 “Salaries”, Regulation 4.10 “Appointment Boards”, and Regulation 4.19 “Permanent Appointments”, effective January 1, 2014, as provided in Annex III, Part 2.

ITEM 47

ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL REPORT AND OF THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF EACH GOVERNING BODY

The Reports of the 51st and 52nd Assemblies were adopted, on December 10 and 12, 2013, respectively.

ITEM 48

CLOSING OF THE SESSIONS

The 51st and 52nd Assemblies were closed by the Chair of the WIPO General Assembly, Ambassador Päivi Kairamo, on October 2 and December 12, 2013, respectively.

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