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The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to communicate to the Government of each State member of WIPO the following.

The term of office of the Director General of WIPO, Mr. Francis Gurry, expires on September 30, 2020.

In accordance with the provisions of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization and pursuant to the Procedures for the Nomination and Appointment of Directors General of WIPO adopted by the WIPO General Assembly in September 1998, it will be the task of the WIPO Coordination Committee, meeting in extraordinary session, on a date to be determined per a decision by the Coordination Committee at its Seventy-Sixth (50th Ordinary) Session, to nominate a person for appointment by the WIPO General Assembly as Director General. The decision on that nomination will be made by the WIPO General Assembly in its next session in 2020 after the nomination of the WIPO Coordination Committee has been made.

The Government of every State member of WIPO may, if it so desires, propose the name of one of its nationals as candidate for nomination by the WIPO Coordination Committee. Any proposal shall be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the person proposed and should be addressed to the Chair of the WIPO Coordination Committee, at the address of WIPO in Geneva, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member State making the proposal. Proposals must reach WIPO before 5 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2019. PR

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