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DESIGNATION OF THE CHAIR OF THE WIPO APPEAL BOARD

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1. H.E. Ambassador Franciscos Verros, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations Office in Geneva, was designated as Chair of the WIPO Appeal Board (“the Board”) at the fifty-sixth session of the Coordination Committee held in Geneva from September 24 to October 3, 2007. Ambassador Verros recently informed the Director General that he could not continue to serve as Chair of the Board.
2. Pursuant to Staff Rule 11.1.1(d)(3), upon the post of Chair falling vacant between sessions of the Coordination Committee, and following consultations with the Staff Council, the Director General designated Mr. Dominick Devlin to serve as Chair of the Board in the interim. The term of office of the interim Chair expires at the time of the session of the Coordination Committee following his nomination.
3. Pursuant to Staff Rule 11.1.1(d)(1)(i), and after consultations with the Staff Council, the Director General proposes the designation, by the WIPO Coordination Committee, of Mr. Dominick Devlin, a national of the United Kingdom, and former Legal Adviser to the International Labour Office, Geneva (1997-2001).

4. Mr. Devlin received his LL.B. from University College, London, United Kingdom and is a Barrister at Law, Gray's Inn, London. From 1966-1970, he was Legal Officer, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva; from 1970-1977, he was Legal Officer, World Intellectual Property Organization, Industrial Property Division, Geneva; from 1977-1983, he was Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Counsel, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, and from 1983-1991 he was Senior Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Counsel, World Health Organization, Geneva.

5. He joined the International Labour Office of the International Labour Organization in 1991 and remained there until his retirement in 2001. He was Principal Legal Officer (1991), then Deputy Legal Adviser (1992) and then Legal Adviser (1997-2001), International Labour Office, Geneva.

6. Since retirement from the International Labour Office, he has acted for the ILO on an intermittent, part-time basis, also performing functions for other organizations or entities (such as universities), many of which concerned international administrative law, including special investigations with respect to staff disputes.

7. The WIPO Coordination Committee is invited to designate Mr. Dominick Devlin as the Chair of the WIPO Appeal Board.

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