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FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WIPO INTERNET DOMAIN NAME PROCESS

Memorandum of the Director General

1. As foreshadowed in the Memorandum of the Director General on the “WIPO Internet Domain Name Process” (document WO/GA/24/1), the present document provides information on developments that have occurred since the publication of that Memorandum.
2. On August 26, 1999, a meeting of the Interim Board of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) was held in Santiago, Chile. At that meeting, the Interim Board considered the report that it had requested from the ICANN Domain Name Supporting Organization (DNSO) on the recommendations concerning a uniform dispute-resolution policy contained in the Report of the WIPO Internet Domain Name Process.¹ It also considered the work that had been undertaken by accredited registrars in respect of the voluntary adoption by those registrars of a dispute-resolution policy, in which work, it is recalled, WIPO participated.
3. The Interim Board of ICANN adopted a resolution on “Uniform Dispute-Resolution Policy for gTLD Registrars.” The resolution is set out in the Annex to this document.

¹ The report of the ICANN DNSO is available at <http://www.icann.org/santiago/udrp.htm>.

4. Since the adoption of the resolution by the Interim Board of ICANN, the Secretariat of WIPO has provided advice and assistance to ICANN staff and counsel and the small drafting committee convened by the President of ICANN on the preparation of the implementation documents cited in the resolution for the introduction of the uniform dispute-resolution policy. It is expected that the uniform dispute-resolution policy will be implemented in the month of October 1999 and the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center will provide dispute-resolution services under that policy.

5. In relation to the last paragraph of the resolution of the Interim Board of ICANN (“that the Board requests WIPO to provide recommendations on the topics set forth in a list to be transmitted to WIPO by the President”), WIPO has not yet received any list of topics from the President of ICANN.

6. The WIPO General Assembly is invited to note the contents of this document.

[Annex follows]