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### COMPOSITION OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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1. At its meeting in September 2002, the WIPO General Assembly considered the membership and composition of the Program and Budget Committee. The General Assembly unanimously elected the following States as members of the Program and Budget Committee for the period September 2002 to September 2005: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland (*ex-officio*), Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America and Venezuela (35).

2. The composition of 35 members of the Program and Budget Committee elected in September 2002 represented an increase in number of two members over the previous membership of the Program and Budget Committee. In consequence, two of the regional groups received an extra seat in their representation. This result was accepted by the other groups on the understanding that it was for the period September 2002 to September 2005, but that the membership and composition of the Program and Budget Committee would be reviewed again in September 2003 (see documents WO/GA/28/7, paragraph 14, and WO/GA/28/7 Corr.). It was further understood that, prior to September 2003, consultations would be held among the various groups concerning the composition of the Program and Budget Committee, with a view to presenting a proposal for a different composition to the General Assembly in September 2003, should agreement be reached on such a proposal.

3. Since September 2002, the Chair of the General Assembly, H.E. Ambassador Bernard Kessedjian (France), has undertaken a series of consultations with the Group Coordinator on the question of the composition of the Program and Budget Committee. Those consultations have led to a positive result with consensus prevailing among the Group Coordinators on a proposal for a new composition of the Program and Budget Committee. The consensus proposal contains the following elements:

(i) the number of members of the Program and Budget Committee would be increased from 33 (the number of members prior to the election in September 2002 referred to in paragraph 1, above) to 41;

(ii) the additional seats on the Program and Budget Committee (eight) would be distributed among the groups by attributing one extra seat to each group, except for China, which would continue to occupy one seat only, and the African and Asian Groups, each of which would be attributed two extra seats; and

(iii) the new composition of 41 members would, once elected, constitute the Program and Budget Committee for the remainder of the current term, namely, from September 2003 to September 2005.

*4. The WIPO General Assembly is invited to note the consensus proposal of the Group Coordinators concerning the composition of the Program and Budget Committee, and to elect members of the Program and Budget Committee in accordance with that proposal, for the period from September 2003 to September 2005.*

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