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### COMPOSITION OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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1. At its meeting in September 2003, the WIPO General Assembly considered the membership and composition of the WIPO Program and Budget Committee. The General Assembly unanimously elected the following States as members of the Program and Budget Committee for the period September 2003 to September 2005: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, 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*), Thailand, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela and Zambia (41).
2. The composition of 41 members of the Program and Budget Committee elected in September 2003 represented an increase of eight members over the previous membership of the Program and Budget Committee. The eight additional seats on the Program and Budget Committee were distributed among the groups by attributing one extra seat to each group, except for China, which continued to occupy one seat, and the African and Asian Groups, each of which were attributed two extra seats.

3. This new composition of the Program and Budget Committee was the result of informal consultations among the Group Coordinators, held between September 2002 and July 2003, and took into consideration the need expressed by a number of delegations to improve the geographical representation in the Program and Budget Committee.

4. *The WIPO General Assembly is invited to review and to decide on the membership and composition of the Program and Budget Committee for the period from September 2005 to September 2007.*

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