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## **WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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### APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL

*Memorandum by the Chairman of the WIPO Coordination Committee*

1. According to Article 6(2) of the WIPO Convention, the General Assembly appoints the Director General “upon nomination by the Coordination Committee.”
2. According to Article 9(3) of the same Convention, “the Director General shall be appointed for a fixed term, which shall not be less than six years. He shall be eligible for reappointment for fixed terms. The periods of the initial appointment and possible subsequent appointments, as well as all other conditions of the appointment, shall be fixed by the General Assembly.”
3. In its session held on March 18 and 19, 1997, the Coordination Committee nominated Mr. Kamil Idris as the candidate for appointment to the post of Director General of WIPO (document WO/CC/XXXVII/4, paragraph 29). A curriculum vitae of the nominee, Mr. Kamil Idris, is annexed to the present document.

4. In accordance with Article 9(3) of the WIPO Convention it is proposed that Mr. Idris be appointed for a period of not less than six years and that, following discussions between the Chairman of the General Assembly and the appointee, all conditions of the appointment shall be fixed by the General Assembly.

*5. The General Assembly of WIPO is invited to act upon the nomination of the WIPO Coordination Committee referred to in paragraph 3 and to fix the conditions of the appointment as indicated in paragraph 4.*

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

DR. KAMIL E. IDRIS

*Deputy Director General,  
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)*

*Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sudan  
(status at national level)*

## **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS**

Sudan School Certificate (Distinction)

BA Philosophy, Political Science and Economic Theories, University of Cairo  
(Division I with Honours)

LLB (Law), University of Khartoum (Honours)

Diploma, Public Administration (Management Department), Institute of Public  
Administration, Khartoum (Top Division)

Master in International Law and International Affairs, University of Ohio, USA  
(First Class Average)

Doctorate (PhD) in International Law, Graduate Institute of International Studies,  
University of Geneva (Distinction)

Doctorate Thesis: "Case study on the Treaty Establishing a Preferential Trade  
Area for Eastern and Southern African States"

## **ACADEMIC INTERESTS**

### **Certificates**

International Economics, Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva)

International History and Political Science, Graduate Institute of International Studies  
(Geneva)

International Law of Development, Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva)

The Law of International Waterways, Graduate Institute of International Studies  
(Geneva)

International Law of Financing and Banking Systems, Graduate Institute of International  
Studies (Geneva)

### **Languages**

Arabic, English, French, Spanish (good knowledge)

### **Teaching**

Lecturer in Philosophy and Jurisprudence, University of Cairo (1976-1977)

Lecturer in Jurisprudence, Ohio University, USA (1978)

External Examiner in International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Khartoum (1984)

Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law, Faculty of Law, University of Khartoum (1986)

Lecturer in several international, regional and national seminars, workshops and symposia

### **MEDALS**

Awarded the Scholars and Researchers State Gold Medal presented by the President of the Republic of the Sudan (1983)

Awarded the Scholars and Researchers Gold Medal presented by the President of the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt (1985)

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Professional**

Part-time Journalist, El-Ayam and El-Sahafa (Sudanese) newspapers (1971-1979)

Lecturer, University of Cairo (1976)

Assistant Director, Arab Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Khartoum (1977)

Assistant Director, Research Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Khartoum (January-June 1978)

Deputy Director, Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Khartoum (July-December 1978)

Member of Sudan Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office, Geneva (1979-1982)

Vice-Consul of Sudan in Switzerland (1979-1982)

Legal Adviser of Sudan Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office, Geneva (1979-1982)

Senior Program Officer, Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Africa, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (1982-1985)

Director, Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Arab and Central and Eastern European Countries, WIPO (1985-1994)

Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sudan (current status at national level)

Deputy Director General, WIPO, since 1994

### **Special**

Member, United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) (1991-1996)

Vice-Chairman of the International Law Commission (ILC) at its forty-fifth session (1993)

Representative of the ILC in the thirty-fifth session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC) (Manila, March 1996)

Member, Working Group of the ILC on the drafting of the Statute of the International Criminal Court

Member, Drafting Committee of the ILC

Legal expert in a number of Ministerial Committees between Sudan and other countries

Member of the Legal Experts Committee of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), which formulated several regional conventions

Legal adviser in the Ministerial Councils and the Summit Conferences of the OAU (Khartoum, July 1978) (Monrovia, July 1979)

Participant in several meetings and international conferences of WHO, ILO, ITU, WIPO, Red Cross and the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner for Refugees

Member of Special Committees established for fund raising for refugees in Africa

Rapporteur of the Third Committee (Marine Scientific Research) of the resumed ninth session of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (Geneva, 1980)

Head of Sudan Delegation to the OAU Preparatory Meeting on the Draft Code of Conduct on Transfer of Technology (Addis Ababa, March 1981)

Spokesman of the African Group and the Group of 77 on all issues pertaining to Transfer of Technology, Energy, Restrictive Business Practices and Technical Co-operation

among Developing Countries at the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the Trade and Development Board (Geneva, February and September 1981)

Head of Sudan Delegation and Spokesman of the African Group and Coordinator of the Group of 77 at the fourth session of the UN Conference on the Code of Conduct on Transfer of Technology (Geneva, March-April 1981)

Spokesman of the Group of 77 on chapter 9 (Applicable Law and Settlement of Disputes) at the UN Conference on the International Code of Conduct on Transfer of Technology (Geneva, March-April 1981)

Head of Sudan Delegation and Chairman of the Workshop on Legal Policies on Technology Transfer (Kuwait, September 1981)

Chairman of the African Group and the Group of 77 at the first session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices (Geneva, November 1981)

Chairman of the Permanent Group of 15 on Transfer and Development of Technology, within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (Geneva, 1980-1983)

Spokesman of the African Group and the Group of 77 at the meeting on the Economic, Commercial and Developmental Aspects of the Industrial Property System (Geneva, February 1982)

Coordinator of the African Group and the Group of 77 at the first, second and third sessions of the Interim Committee on the International Code of Conduct on Transfer of Technology (Geneva, March, May, September-October 1982)

Coordinator of the African Group and the Group of 77 at the Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Transfer, Application and Development of Technology in the Capital Goods and Industrial Machinery Sectors (Geneva, July 1982)

Coordinator and spokesman of the African Group and the Group of 77 at the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Feasibility of Measuring Human Resource Flows on Reverse Transfer of Technology (Brain-Drain) (Geneva, August-September 1982)

Coordinator of developing countries on the drafting of the resolution concerning the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, during the thirty-third session of the Executive Committee of the UNHCR (Geneva, October 1982)

Coordinator and spokesman of the African Group and the Group of 77 at the Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Transfer, Application and Development of Technology in the Energy Sector (Geneva, October-November 1982)

Coordinator and spokesman of the African Group and the Group of 77 at the fourth session of the Committee on Transfer of Technology (Geneva, November-December 1982)

### **Judicial Experience and Professional Membership of Associations**

Member of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) (1991-1996)

Member and Chairman of several legal experts committees established within the OAU

Professor of Public International Law, University of Khartoum , Sudan

Member of the Sudan Bar Association (Khartoum)

Member of the African Jurists Association (Dakar and Paris)

Registered Advocate and Commissioner for Oaths in the Republic of Sudan

### **Projects and Documents**

Formulated and negotiated, on behalf of WIPO, numerous projects relating to development cooperation in the field of intellectual property

Organized, on behalf of WIPO, various seminars and workshops and presented several lectures

Drafted various documents on developmental aspects of intellectual property

Supervised and managed (on administrative and substantive aspects) projects executed in Africa, Arab countries, Asia, Latin America, and Central and Eastern European countries



**Conferences, Seminars, Courses and Symposia**

Represented Sudan in numerous international and regional conferences; participated in many seminars, symposia, discussion groups, and addressed graduate students on various international academic disciplines

Represented WIPO, in various meetings, seminars and symposia

Represented WIPO on several UNDP Policy and Operations Programmes

Undertook a study tour at the Max Planck Institute (Munich) in the field of teaching of intellectual property law (1986)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Euro-Arab Dialogue, June 1977

State Responsibility in International Law, September 1977

The Theory of Human Action, September 1977

The Philosophy of "*Haddith*" and "*Sunna*" in Islamic Law, January 1978

The Doctrine of Jurisdiction in International Law, December 1978

American Embassy in Tehran Case, March 1979

The Legal Regime of the Nile, December 1980

Issues pertaining to Transfer and Development of Technology in Sudan, May 1981

China and the Powers in the 19th Century, May 1981

Legal Dimensions of the Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries,  
June 1981

The Common Fund for Commodities, June 1981

General Aspects of Transfer of Technology at the National and International Levels,  
November 1981

Preferential Trading Arrangements among Developing Countries, February 1982

North-South Insurance Relations: The Unequal Exchange, December 1984

The Law of Non-navigational Uses of International Water Courses; the International  
Law Commission's draft articles: An overview, November 1995

The Theory of Source and Target in Child Psychology, January 1996

## **ARTICLES**

A number of articles on law, economics, jurisprudence and aesthetics published in various newspapers and periodicals

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