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ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Memorandum of the Director General

1. The WIPO Budget Committee was established in 1976 with ten elected States and Switzerland as an *ex officio* member. In 1977, the number of elected States was raised to 13; 14 States were elected in 1989, and 20 States were elected in 1993. The present membership of the WIPO Budget Committee continues until December 31, 1997. The results of each election and the present situation are reflected in the following table:

<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1989</u>	1993 (Present Situation)
Brazil	Brazil	Brazil	Brazil	Brazil	Brazil	Algeria Brazil Bulgaria
Cameroon	Cameroon Canada	Cameroon Canada	Cameroon Canada	Cameroon Canada	Canada Chile China	Canada Chile China
Cuba	Cuba Czechoslovakia	Cuba Czechoslovakia	Cuba Czechoslovakia	Cuba Czechoslovakia	Czechoslovakia	
Egypt	Egypt	Egypt	Egypt	Egypt	Egypt	
France	France	France	France	France	France	France
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	Germany
India	India Iraq	India Iraq	India Iraq	India	India	Guinea India
Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan Netherlands Pakistan Philippines Poland
Soviet Union	Soviet Union	Soviet Union	Soviet Union	Soviet Union Sri Lanka	Soviet Union	Russian Federation
Switzerland (ex officio)	Switzerland (ex officio)	Switzerland (ex officio)	Switzerland (ex officio)	Switzerland (ex officio)	Switzerland (ex officio)	Switzerland (ex officio) United Kingdom
United States of America	United States of America	United States of America	United States of America	United States of America	United States of America United Republic of Tanzania	United Republic of Tanzania United States of America
					Yugoslavia	Uruguay
11	14	14	14	14	15	21

2. It is proposed that 20 States (or another number of States, if so desired by the WIPO General Assembly) be elected as members of the WIPO Budget Committee in the September-October 1997 session of the WIPO General Assembly, and that their mandate last from October 1, 1997, to September 30, 2001 (i.e., for four years). Switzerland's (*ex officio*) membership will continue.

3. It is recalled that the WIPO General Assembly decided in 1995 that States members of WIPO but not members of the WIPO Budget Committee may participate, in an observer capacity, in the sessions of that Committee and, to that end, may receive the relevant documentation.

4. *The WIPO General Assembly is invited to elect the members of the WIPO Budget Committee as proposed in paragraph 2, above, and to note the continued ex officio membership of Switzerland.*

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