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## **PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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### **PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING OF DEVELOPMENT AGENDA ACTIVITIES**

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1. In accordance with the decision of the WIPO General Assembly, in its session held in September-October 2006, the third and fourth sessions of the Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda (PCDA), were held from February 19 to 23, 2007, and June 11 to 15, 2007 respectively. The third session of the PCDA agreed to a list of 24 proposals, contained in Annex 1 of document PCDA/3/3. The fourth session of the PCDA agreed to a list of 21 proposals. The Draft Report of the fourth session is contained in document PCDA/4/3 Prov. The fourth session of the PCDA decided to recommend to the 2007 General Assembly the adoption of the recommendations for action in the agreed 45 proposals. It was also recommended to immediately implement the recommendations contained in the list submitted by the Chair of the PCDA, in accordance with paragraph 61 of the report of the fourth session of the PCDA (PCDA/4/3 Prov.). The Committee on Development and IP, which was recommended by the PCDA for establishment by the 2007 General Assembly, would, *inter alia*, develop a work-program for implementation of all the adopted recommendations during the Development Agenda process.

2. The Secretariat submitted a proposal to the eleventh session of the Program and Budget Committee (PBC), June 25 to 28, 2007, on the possible options for the utilization, in the medium term, of available reserves in excess of the target level established by the Member States. In line with the Outline of the Director General, one option presented was to increase the resources for certain programmatic areas of work of the Organization. In summarizing the discussions related to the possible options for the utilization of available reserves at the eleventh session of the PBC (WO/PBC/11/17 Prov, paragraphs 57 to 63), where reference was made to the list of recommendations adopted by the fourth session of the PCDA, the

Chairman of the PBC noted that there was considerable support for the financing of the Development Agenda proposals, once approved by the General Assembly.

3. While the cost of the implementation of these proposals will need to be assessed in more detail upon their approval by the General Assembly, the Secretariat proposes to earmark an initial amount of 5.0 million Swiss francs for this purpose, to be available for funding the activities directed at the implementation of such proposals.

4. The Secretariat further proposes to establish an internal dedicated Board on the WIPO Development Agenda (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”), reporting to the Director General, for the purpose of assessing and approving specific activities to be funded from these resources. Each activity would therefore be reviewed and assessed against the list of proposals following their approval by the General Assembly. Detailed procedures will also be established by the Board for this purpose. Approval of their funding would be conditional on the following preliminary criteria being met:

(i) The proposed activity shall be demonstrated to support the achievement of one or more proposal;

(ii) The proposed activity may extend across financial periods, but must have a defined start and end date, with clear objectives, outputs and results set out against the resources required; and

(iii) Resources requested for the proposed activities may comprise both personnel and non-personnel resources, with the condition that personnel resources can only be approved for the duration of the activity and to the extent of the financial resources approved for these. No posts can be created under any activity.

5. The Director General will report on the utilization of funds for such activities, as well as on the progress in the implementation of the proposals to the General Assembly, through the Committee on Development and IP, following its establishment by the 2007 General Assembly.

*6. The Program and Budget Committee is invited to recommend to the Assemblies of the Member States to:*

*(i) approve the amount of 5.0 million Swiss francs to be earmarked for the implementation of proposals related to the WIPO Development Agenda; and*

*(ii) endorse the proposed mechanism under paragraph 4 for the review, assessment, approval and reporting on activities for the implementation of the above as proposed in this document.*

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