

## MAIN PROGRAM 01

# Constituent Organs of the Member States

### Summary

48. The number of Member States of WIPO has grown from 125 in 1990 to 176 in 2001, representing an average annual growth of 3.4 per cent over the last 12 years. Membership in all the WIPO-administered Unions has also increased, particularly in the industrial property registration treaties, namely the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Madrid System, and the Hague System. Filing of applications for industrial property titles around the world has also risen, as mentioned in the Introductory section.

49. The increasing demand for WIPO's services and activities in the Member States continues unabated, reflecting the growing importance of intellectual property issues and challenges especially in connection with the use of the Internet, the expansion of electronic commerce, and the growth of knowledge-driven businesses. Intellectual property in today's world is so deeply involved in rapidly changing business strategies and daily life styles across the continents that, consequently, the speed at which changes are taking place in the field of intellectual property is accelerating at a high rate, and new global intellectual property issues continue to emerge.

50. As in the past two biennia, and taking account of the increasing complexities and the continuing dynamic evolution and adaptation of knowledge-based activities in the intellectual property domain, it is important to ensure that WIPO continues to improve and rationalize its structure in pursuit of the most adequate, efficient and flexible arrangement to allow the Member States to respond in a timely manner to the speed of changes, needs, and priorities of the intellectual property community and civil society. In this regard, especially through the ongoing organizational reform in WIPO, every opportunity will be taken to rationalize and strengthen the Assemblies of the Member States to provide the Director General on a timely basis with the required policy inputs and political support for the formulation of strategic and effective action plans and to facilitate the decision-making process. As in the preceding biennium, the policies of the Organization and their implementation will be fully in accordance with the principles of transparency, accountability and efficiency, and those principles will permeate the entire spectrum of activity of WIPO.

51. Promoting and facilitating the accession to WIPO and to the treaties administered by it remain the strategic purpose of the Organization, in order to establish effective protection of intellectual property in all its forms and under varying legislative regimes around the world. Wider global accession is also seen as a necessary and sufficient condition to open the way to the beneficial exploitation of all the potentials of the intellectual property system in support of economic and social development. WIPO's policy and program thrusts will thus take into

account the need for the Member States to support the progressive development of relevant international intellectual property law and more effective intellectual property protection services, as well as promote cooperation for development, in the framework of the WIPO Program and Budget.

52. With the above strategic purpose in view, Main Program 01 aims at ensuring the timely consideration by the concerned organs of the Member States of the relevant enabling policies that would facilitate effective program execution and management by the Director General and the International Bureau, and, if necessary, mobilization of political support through consensus-building to enhance the implementation of the WIPO programs. As in the past, Main Program 01 also aims to ensure that the accomplishments of each program are not only positively contributing to Member State needs and requirements, but also responding to the changing needs and priorities at the national and international levels.

53. Main Program 01 is thus designed to specially ensure the timely and systematic holding of all the required meetings of the organs of the Member States in accordance with the WIPO Convention and the WIPO treaties that are currently in force or will enter into force in the course of the 2002-2003 biennium.

## **Background**

54. The WIPO Convention establishes three governing bodies, or organs, namely the General Assembly (all States members of WIPO which are also members of the Paris or Berne Unions), the Conference (all States members of WIPO) and the Coordination Committee (the members of which are elected from among the members of WIPO and the Paris and Berne Unions Executive Committees).

55. Other WIPO-administered treaties currently in force provide for the following additional organs:

- (1) Paris Union Assembly
- (2) Paris Union Executive Committee
- (3) Berne Union Assembly
- (4) Berne Union Executive Committee
- (5) Madrid Union Assembly
- (6) Hague Union Assembly
- (7) Nice Union Assembly
- (8) Lisbon Union Assembly
- (9) Locarno Union Assembly
- (10) PCT Union Assembly
- (11) IPC (International Patent Classification) Union Assembly
- (12) Vienna Union Assembly
- (13) Budapest Union Assembly

56. It is noted that, as indicated in paragraphs 132 and 133 of document A/35/15 (General Report), the Paris Union Conference of Representatives and the Lisbon Union Council each decided not to meet in future, and the Berne Union Conference of Representatives, the Hague Union Conference of Representatives, and the Nice Union Conference of Representatives each resolved to dissolve itself.

57. Moreover, upon entry into force, the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT), the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT), and the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) may establish Assemblies of their respective Contracting Parties. The meetings of the said assemblies are thus anticipated during the biennium.

58. The Assemblies and Conferences of the Member States meet in ordinary session once every two years, and once every other year in extraordinary session. The Assemblies of the PCT and Madrid Unions agreed to finance the travel and daily subsistence allowances of one government official from each Member State to their meetings in ordinary or extraordinary session. The Coordination Committee and the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions meet in ordinary session once a year.

59. The Program and Budget Committee is expected to meet four times during the biennium to consider proposals on WIPO program and budget matters.

#### SUMMARY OF MEETINGS EXPECTED TO BE ORGANIZED IN 2002-2003

Meetings of the Organs of the Member States	Number of meetings	Days per meeting	Languages
* Sessions of the Assemblies of the Member States September 2002	1	10	6
* Sessions of the Assemblies of the Member States September 2003	1	10	6
* Extraordinary Sessions of the Assemblies of the Member States	2	5	6
Ordinary Meetings of the Coordination Committee	2	3	6
Meetings of the Program and Budget Committee	4	3	6
WCT Assembly (may be established upon entry into force of the WCT)	1	3	6
WPPT Assembly (may be established upon entry into force of the WPPT)	1	3	6
PLT Assembly (may be established upon entry into force of the PLT)	1	3	3

\* Including meetings of the PCT, Madrid and Hague Assemblies

60. The servicing of the above organs of the Member States in terms of documentation and organizational arrangements is the responsibility of the various programs and support services at WIPO.

**Table 11.1 Detailed Budget 2002-2003  
Main Program 01  
Organs of the Member States**

**A. Budget Variation by Object of Expenditure**  
(in thousands of Swiss francs)

<i>Object of Expenditure</i>	<i>2000-2001</i>	<i>Variation</i>						<i>2002-2003</i>
	<i>Revised Budget A</i>	<i>Program</i>		<i>Cost</i>		<i>Total</i>		<i>Proposed Budget E=A+D</i>
		<i>Amount</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>%</i>	
		<i>B</i>	<i>B/A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>C/A</i>	<i>D=B+C</i>	<i>D/A</i>	
Travel and Fellowships	3,500	(122)	(3.5)	122	3.5	-	-	3,500
Contractual Services	1,000	(35)	(3.5)	35	3.5	-	-	1,000
	<b>4,500</b>	<b>(157)</b>	<b>(3.5)</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,500</b>

**C. Budget Allocation by Sub-program  
and Detailed Object of Expenditure**  
(in thousands of Swiss francs)

<i>Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Sub-program</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>1</i>	
<b>Travel and Fellowships</b>		
Government Officials	3,500	3,500
<b>Contractual Services</b>		
Conferences	1,000	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,500</b>