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Geneva, April 28 and 29, 2016

AGENDA, DATES AND VENUE FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

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INTRODUCTION

1. At its forty-seventh (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from October 5 to 14, 2015, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) General Assembly agreed the following (see document WO/GA/47/19, paragraph 123):

“That the text of the basic proposal for the Design Law Treaty should be finalized by the SCT at its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions;

(i) to convene a diplomatic conference for the adoption of a Design Law Treaty at the end of the first half of 2017, only if the discussions on technical assistance and disclosure have been completed during the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of the SCT;

(ii) that the text of the basic proposal for the Design Law Treaty should be finalized by the SCT at its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions;

(iii) that, if a diplomatic conference is convened at the end of the first half of 2017, the date and venue of the diplomatic conference would be decided in a preparatory committee, to be held back-to-back with the thirty-fifth session of the SCT.”

2. In line with the decision of the WIPO General Assembly, this document presents a draft agenda, dates and venue for the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty (DLT).

AGENDA OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

3. The proposed draft agenda of the Diplomatic Conference is set out in the Annex and it is modeled on the agendas of previous diplomatic conferences held under the auspices of WIPO.

DATES AND VENUE OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

4. The International Bureau proposes that the venue of the Diplomatic Conference be [Geneva]. It is proposed that the Diplomatic Conference take place from June 12 to 22, 2017.

5. The Preparatory Committee is invited to approve the draft agenda of the Diplomatic Conference and the proposed venue and dates of the Diplomatic Conference.

[Annex follows]

DRAFT AGENDA OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

1. Opening of the Conference by the Director General of WIPO
2. Consideration and adoption of the Rules of Procedure
3. Election of the President of the Conference
4. Consideration and adoption of the agenda
5. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference
6. Election of the Members of the Credentials Committee
7. Election of the Members of the Drafting Committee
8. Election of the Officers of the Credentials Committee, the Main Committees and Drafting Committee
9. Opening declarations by Delegations and by Representatives of Observers
10. Consideration of the first report of the Credentials Committee
11. Consideration of the texts proposed by the Main Committees
12. Consideration of the second report of the Credentials Committee
13. Adoption of the Treaty and the Regulations
14. Adoption of any recommendation, resolution, agreed statement or final act
15. Closing declarations by Delegations and by Representatives of Observers
16. Closing of the Conference by the President*

[End of Annex and of document]

* Immediately after the closing of the Conference, the Final Act, if any, and the Instrument will be open for signature.