

Program and Budget Committee

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LIST OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

prepared by the Secretariat

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

document WO/PBC/29/1.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) adopted the agenda (document WO/PBC/29/1).

AGENDA ITEM 3. WIPO INDEPENDENT ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (IAOC)
MEMBERSHIP ROTATION – PROGRESS REPORT BY THE SELECTION PANEL

document WO/PBC/29/2.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the progress report of the IAOC Selection Panel.

AGENDA ITEM 4. PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW OF WIPO'S FINANCIAL AND
PROGRAMMATIC PERFORMANCE IN 2018

document WO/PBC/29/INF/1.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the contents of document WO/PBC/29/INF/1.

AGENDA ITEM 5. UPDATE ON THE NETTING PILOT

document WO/PBC/29/INF/2.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the contents of document WO/PBC/29/INF/2.

AGENDA ITEM 6. DRAFT PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2020/21 BIENNIUM

document WO/PBC/29/3.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC), having completed a comprehensive first review by Strategic Goal, as well as Annexes and Appendices, of the draft proposed Program and Budget for the 2020/21 biennium (document WO/PBC/29/3):

- (i) Agreed to the modifications proposed by Member States to Program Implementation Strategies, Risks and Mitigation Actions, Results Frameworks, Resource Explanations and Tables, Cross-Program Collaboration charts, and SDG references in Programs 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 28 and 30;*
- (ii) Requested the Secretariat to issue a revised version of the draft proposed Program and Budget for the 2020/21 biennium based on (i);*
- (iii) Took note that the personnel costs for 2020/21 will be updated in the revised version of the draft proposed Program and Budget for the 2020/21 biennium to reflect the impact of the changes to the salary scale for Professional and higher categories with effect from January 1, 2019 and the new scale of pensionable remuneration for staff in the Professional and higher categories which came into effect on February 1, 2019 (impact amounts to approximately 3 million Swiss francs);*
- (iv) Took note, inter alia, of outstanding issues in the following Programs for further consideration in the 30th session of the Program and Budget Committee:*
 - (a) Performance indicator related to the translation of WIPO publications in all official languages (Program 19);*
 - (b) WIPO Rewards and Recognition Program (Program 23). In this regard, the Secretariat will work with interested Member States, including organizing an information session as soon as possible, to make progress on the issue before the next session of the PBC;*
 - (c) Digital time-stamping initiative (Program 28). In this regard, an expanded Q&A will be published as soon as possible before the next session of the PBC, addressing in detail the technical, legal and IP-related questions raised in the 29th session of the PBC; and*
 - (d) Union allocation methodology used for the preparation of Annex III: 2020/21 Allocation of Income and Expenditure by Unions. In this regard, the Secretariat will include in the Q&A a version of Annex III without the nominal contribution of one per cent of the estimated income of the Contribution Financed (CF), the Hague and Lisbon Unions towards common expenses.*

AGENDA ITEM 7. UPDATED WIPO ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

document WO/PBC/29/4.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of WIPO's Accountability Framework presented in accordance with the seven components of: (i) Results based Planning; (ii) Performance and Risk Management; (iii) Monitoring, Oversight, Complaints and Response Mechanisms; (iv) Control Activities; (v) Information and Communication; (vi) Ethical Standards and Integrity; and (vii) Control Environment.

AGENDA ITEM 8. UPDATED WIPO RISK APPETITE STATEMENT

document WO/PBC/29/5.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the Organization's Risk Appetite Statement, as set out in document WO/PBC/29/5.

**AGENDA ITEM 9. FINANCING PLAN TO RESTORE THE COVERAGE OF LONG-TERM
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AT WIPO**

document WO/PBC/29/6.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned,

- (i) to approve financing to restore the coverage level of 50% of the long-term employee benefit liabilities at WIPO, amounting to a total of 38.3 million Swiss franc; and*
- (ii) to request the Secretariat to continue to participate in the continued work of the Finance and Budget Network in matters related to the management of the ASHI liability.*

AGENDA ITEM 10. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

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