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PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET 2002-2003

Memorandum of the Director General

1. The Program and Budget Committee, at its fourth session held from September 17 to 20, 2001, discussed a revised draft Program and Budget for 2002-2003 (documents WO/PBC/4/2 and WO/PBC/4/2 Add. 1). The views and comments of the Member States represented at the Committee are contained in the Report of that Committee, which is annexed to document A/36/3.

2. *The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO are invited, each as far as it is concerned, to consider and decide:*

(i) *to approve the Revised Draft Program and Budget 2002-2003 proposed in document WO/PBC/4/2;*

(ii) *to note that it was not possible for the Committee to reach a consensus on what recommendation should be made on the program of activities on geographical indications contained in sub-program 05.2, and to agree to keep the issue open for further consideration at the next session of the*

*Standing Committee on Trademarks,
Industrial Designs and Geographical
Indications (SCT);*

*(iii) to approve the PCT OCR Project
proposed in document WO/PBC/4/2 Add.1.
and to agree to the following:*

*(a) as an exceptional measure, to
request the International Bureau to
accommodate the budget of the PCT
OCR Project within the budget resources
proposed under the Revised Draft
Program and Budget 2002-2003, without
impacting on the implementation of
approved activities and without limiting
the budget flexibility of the Director
General;*

*(b) should this not be possible, it is
understood that the International Bureau
will make proposals through this
Committee for a budget increase of up to
four million Swiss francs, as required, in
the context of a revision to the Program
and Budget 2002-2003;*

[Attachment follows]