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## **ASSEMBLIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF WIPO**

### **Thirty-Ninth Series of Meetings Geneva, September 22 to October 1, 2003**

#### DESIGNATION OF THE AUDITOR

#### *Memorandum of the Director General*

1. Article 11(10) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) provides that the auditing of the accounts is to be effected by one or more Member States, or by external auditors, as provided in the Financial Regulations, and that they shall be designated, with their agreement, by the WIPO General Assembly. Similar powers are conferred on the Assemblies of the Paris, Berne, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC, PCT and Vienna Unions.
2. During their 1999 sessions, the WIPO General Assembly and the Assemblies of the Paris, Berne, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC, PCT and Vienna Union expressed the thanks of all concerned to the Swiss authorities for their readiness to continue to assume the task of auditor of the accounts of WIPO, of the Unions administered by WIPO, and of the accounts of technical assistance projects executed by WIPO and financed, in particular by UNDP up to and including the year 2003, and renewed the designation of the Swiss Government as auditor of those accounts for the said period (see document A/34/16, paragraphs 197 and 198).
3. In response to the request addressed to the Swiss Government in October 2002, by the Director General, the Government informed the Director General that Switzerland was ready to accept the renewal of its mandate of auditor of the accounts of WIPO, of the Unions administered by WIPO, and of the accounts of technical assistance projects executed by WIPO and financed, in particular, by UNDP, up to and including the year 2007.

*4. The WIPO Coordination Committee is invited to give advice to the Assemblies referred to in the subsequent paragraph in respect of the question of the designation of the auditor.*

*5. The WIPO General Assembly and the Assemblies of the Paris, Berne, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC, PCT and Vienna Unions, are invited to renew the designation of Switzerland as auditor of the accounts referred to in paragraph 3, above, up to and including the year 2007.*

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