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GENERAL INFORMATION

Memorandum of the Secretariat

1. This document deals with the sessions of the following 19 Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions administered by WIPO that will meet in extraordinary sessions on March 31, 2008:

- (1) WIPO General Assembly, thirty-fifth (17th extraordinary) session
- (2) WIPO Conference, twenty-sixth (8th extraordinary) session
- (3) WIPO Coordination Committee, fifty-seventh (19th extraordinary) session
- (4) Paris Union Assembly, thirty-ninth (21st extraordinary) session
- (5) Paris Union Executive Committee, forty-fifth (2nd extraordinary) session
- (6) Berne Union Assembly, thirty-third (15th extraordinary) session
- (7) Berne Union Executive Committee, fifty-first (13th extraordinary) session
- (8) Madrid Union Assembly, thirty-ninth (22nd extraordinary) session
- (9) Hague Union Assembly, twenty-fifth (9th extraordinary) session
- (10) Nice Union Assembly, twenty-fifth (7th extraordinary) session
- (11) Lisbon Union Assembly, twenty-second (5th extraordinary) session
- (12) Locarno Union Assembly, twenty-fifth (8th extraordinary) session
- (13) IPC [International Patent Classification] Union Assembly, twenty-sixth (10th extraordinary) session
- (14) PCT [Patent Cooperation Treaty] Union Assembly, thirty-seventh (21st extraordinary) session
- (15) Budapest Union Assembly, twenty-second (8th extraordinary) session

- (16) Vienna Union Assembly, eighteenth (6th extraordinary) session
- (17) WCT [WIPO Copyright Treaty] Assembly, fifth (2nd extraordinary) session
- (18) WPPT [WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty] Assembly, fifth (2nd extraordinary) session
- (19) PLT [Patent Law Treaty] Assembly, fourth (2nd extraordinary) session

Members

2. The members of each of the 19 Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States are the following:

- (1) WIPO General Assembly:¹ Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe (176).
- (2) WIPO Conference:¹ In addition to the States members of the WIPO General Assembly listed above: Afghanistan, Brunei Darussalam, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kuwait, Maldives, Myanmar, Somalia (176 + 8 = 184).
- (3) WIPO Coordination Committee: Afghanistan (*ad hoc*), Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia (*ad hoc*), Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan,

¹ The members of the WIPO Conference constitute "the Members of WIPO".

Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia (83).

- (4) Paris Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe (170).

- (5) Paris Union Executive Committee:

Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Ghana, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Senegal, South Africa, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia (42).

- (6) Berne Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of

the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (160).

(7) Berne Union Executive Committee:

Algeria, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay (40).

(8) Madrid Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar (as from April 28, 2008), Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia (82).

(9) Hague Union Assembly: Albania, Armenia, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Estonia, European Community, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mali, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Romania, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine (45).

- (10) Nice Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominica, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (80).
- (11) Lisbon Union Assembly: Algeria, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Gabon, Georgia, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Togo, Tunisia (25).
- (12) Locarno Union Assembly: Austria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malawi, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (49).
- (13) IPC Union Assembly: Albania, Argentina (as from September 13, 2008), Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan (58).
- (14) PCT Union Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic

Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe (138).

- (15) Budapest Union Assembly: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan (68).
- (16) Vienna Union Assembly: Armenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cuba, France, Guinea, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Saint Lucia, Slovenia, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uruguay (24).
- (17) WCT Assembly: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Mali, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America (64).
- (18) WPPT Assembly: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Mali, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America (62).

- (19) PLT Assembly: Bahrain, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Hungary (as from March 12, 2008), Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Nigeria, Oman, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan (17).

Observers

3. The following *States* may be represented by observers:

- (1) in the WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the WIPO Conference;
- (2) in the WIPO CONFERENCE, any State which, without being a member of that Conference, is a member of the United Nations or of any of the United Nations specialized agencies (other than WIPO);
- (3) in the WIPO COORDINATION COMMITTEE, any State which, without being a member of that Committee, is a member of the WIPO Conference;
- (4) in the PARIS UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which is
 - (i) party to an Act of the Paris Convention which is earlier than the Stockholm (1967) Act,
 - (ii) a member of WIPO without falling into the preceding category and not being a member of the Paris Union Assembly;
- (5) in the BERNE UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which is
 - (i) party to an Act of the Berne Convention which is earlier than the Stockholm (1967) Act,
 - (ii) a member of WIPO without falling into the preceding category and not being a member of the Berne Union Assembly;
- (6) in the PARIS UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, any State which, without being a member of that Committee, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (7) in the BERNE UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, any State which, without being a member of that Committee, is a member of the Berne Union;
- (8) in the MADRID UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (9) in the HAGUE UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (10) in the NICE UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;

- (11) in the LISBON UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (12) in the LOCARNO UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (13) in the IPC UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (14) in the PCT UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (15) in the BUDAPEST UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (16) in the VIENNA UNION ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the Paris Union;
- (17) in the WCT ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the WIPO Conference;
- (18) in the WPPT ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the WIPO Conference;
- (19) in the PLT ASSEMBLY, any State which, without being a member of that Assembly, is a member of the WIPO Conference.

4. The following *observers* have been invited to be represented:

in all THE 19² ASSEMBLIES OR BODIES REFERRED TO IN
PARAGRAPH 1, ABOVE:

- (i) Palestine;
- (ii) United Nations (UN), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Development Association (IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Universal Postal Union (UPU), World Health Organization (WHO), World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (17);

² With the exception of the Coordination Committee, where the only observers are those States which, without being a member of that Committee, are members of the WIPO Conference.

- (iii) African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU), Benelux Organization for Intellectual Property (BOIP), Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), European Patent Organisation (EPO), International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), Interstate Council on the Protection of Industrial Property (ICPIP), Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office) (9);
- (iv) African Regional Centre for Technology (ARCT), African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group), African Union (AU), Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO), Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC), Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Central American Economic Integration Secretariat (SIECA), Commission of the European Communities (CEC), Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Commonwealth Secretariat, *Communauté économique et monétaire en Afrique centrale (CEMAC)*, Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP), Conference of Latin American Authorities on Informatics (CALAI), Council of Europe (CE), Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL), European Audiovisual Observatory, European Free Trade Association (EFTA), Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC), General Secretariat of the Andean Community, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), International Olive Oil Council (IOOC), International Vine and Wine Office (IWO), Islamic Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ISESCO), Latin American Economic System (SELA), Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), League of Arab States (LAS), *Rede de Informação Tecnológica Latino-Americana (RITLA)*, *Secretaría General Iberoamericana (SEGIB)*, *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)*, Organization of American States (OAS), Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), South Centre, Southern African Development Community (SADC), World Trade Organization (WTO) (40);
- (v) all non-governmental organizations having an observer status with WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO; their list appears in the Annex.

Documents

5. The preparatory documents for the sessions of the 19 bodies are divided into 20 sets: 19 of those correspond to the 19 bodies, the 20th contains the documents of interest to more than one of the 19 bodies. This last set bears the symbol "A/44." The symbols used for the other 19 sets indicate the name of the body, and Arabic numerals indicate the number of the session. They are the following:

“WO/GA/35”	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>General</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“WO/CF/26”	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>Conference</u>
“WO/CC/57”	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>Coordination</u> <u>Committee</u>
“P/A/39”	for <u>Paris</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“P/EC/45”	for <u>Paris</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Committee</u>
“B/A/33”	for <u>Berne</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“B/EC/51”	for <u>Berne</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Committee</u>
“MM/A/39”	for <u>Madrid</u> (<u>Marks</u>) <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“H/A/25”	for <u>Hague</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“N/A/25”	for <u>Nice</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“LI/A/22”	for <u>Lisbon</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“LO/A/25”	for <u>Locarno</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“IPC/A/26”	for <u>International</u> <u>Patent</u> <u>Classification</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“PCT/A/37”	for <u>Patent</u> <u>Cooperation</u> <u>Treaty</u> (<u>Union</u>) <u>Assembly</u>
“BP/A/22”	for <u>Budapest</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“VA/A/18”	for <u>Vienna</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“WCT/A/5”	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>Copyright</u> <u>Treaty</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“WPPT/A/5”	for <u>WIPO</u> <u>Performances</u> and <u>Phonograms</u> <u>Treaty</u> <u>Assembly</u>
“PLT/A/4”	for <u>Patent</u> <u>Law</u> <u>Treaty</u> <u>Assembly</u>

Rules of Procedure

6. The rules governing the procedure of the Assemblies and other bodies of the Member States of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO consist of provisions in the treaties establishing WIPO and the Unions, the “WIPO General Rules of Procedure” (publication 399 Rev.3) and, for most of the bodies, a distinct set of rules, called “Special Rules of Procedure” (document AB/XXIV/INF/2). The said treaties, publication and document are available upon request.

[Annex follows]