

C. N 3993

The Chair of the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments and has the honor to refer to the Sixtieth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (WIPO Assemblies), namely, the three Assemblies of WIPO and of the Unions administered by WIPO that met in extraordinary sessions on May 7 and 8, 2020: (1) WIPO General Assembly, fifty-second (28th extraordinary) session; (2) Paris Union Assembly, fifty-fifth (31st extraordinary) session; and (3) Berne Union Assembly, forty-ninth (25th extraordinary) session.

Further to the decision taken by Member States to conduct the WIPO Assemblies, exceptionally, in the form of a written procedure (see Note C. N 3989, dated April 14, 2020, and Note C. N 3990, dated April 22, 2020), two draft decisions regarding the appointment of the next Director General of WIPO were circulated by the Chair in C. N 3991, dated April 27, 2020, for consideration by Member States. In this regard, the Chair has the honor to announce that no explicit objection to the draft decisions, in the form of a negative written response, was received by the International Bureau of WIPO, within 7 calendar days or until 5 p.m. May 4, 2020.

Accordingly, the following two decisions were adopted:

“The WIPO General Assembly and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions, each as far as it is concerned, considered the nomination of the WIPO Coordination Committee referred to in paragraph 3 of document A/60/2 and unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Daren Tang as Director General of WIPO for the period from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2026.”

“The WIPO General Assembly unanimously approved the Conditions of the Appointment of the Director General, as set forth in Annex I to document WO/GA/52/2.”

The aforementioned decisions will be included, together with written statements provided by WIPO Member States, observers, and the Director General-elect, in a General Report of the Assemblies, which will be made available in due course.

The Chair has the honor to declare closed the Sixtieth Series of Meetings of the WIPO Assemblies.



May 8, 2020