

## **Program and Budget Committee**

**Seventeenth Session (informal)**  
**Geneva, June 27 to July 1, 2011**

### **SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

*prepared by the Chair*

1. The seventeenth (informal) session of the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) was convened as a formal session on the afternoon of the last day (July 1, 2011) pursuant to the requirements of the mechanism to further involve Member States in the preparation and follow up of the Organization's program and budget.
2. Listed below are the conclusions reached and the recommendations made by the PBC during this session following consideration of the agenda items and the corresponding documents listed in document WO/PBC/17/1.

**ITEM 1 Opening of the session**

The session was declared open.

**ITEM 2 Adoption of the Agenda**

(document WO/PBC/17/1 PROV.)

The agenda is adopted with the order of sub-items for Agenda item 6 amended as follows: (i) Financial Situation as at end of 2010: Preliminary Results ; (ii) Draft Proposed Program and Budget for the 2012/13 Biennium.

**ITEM 3 Recommendations Made by the WIPO Audit Committee (IAOC)**

**Governance at WIPO**

(document WO/PBC/17/2 REV.)

The Program and Budget Committee agreed that:

- (i) The Chairpersons of the Coordination Committee and the Program and Budget Committee shall produce a chairpersons' paper, incorporating the comments of Member States and reflecting requests for additional information;
- (ii) The Chair will report to the membership at the September PBC session.

**ITEM 4 Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)**

(document WO/PBC/17/7)

The Program and Budget Committee took note of the contents of document WO/PBC/17/7.

**ITEM 5 Program Performance Report for 2010**

(document WO/PBC/17/3)

The Program and Budget Committee reviewed and took note of document WO/PBC/17/3 and recommended the inclusion in the document of explanations by program, as appropriate, of budget transfers in 2010.

**ITEM 6 Draft Proposed Program and Budget for the 2012/13 Biennium**

(document WO/PBC/17/4)

The Program and Budget Committee, having completed a comprehensive first reading of the draft proposed Program and Budget for the 2012/13 Biennium:

- (i) agreed to the modifications proposed by Member States to program narratives, including the results framework;

- (ii) requested the Secretariat to further strengthen the draft proposed Program and Budget in respect of overarching issues raised by Member States during this informal session of the PBC, including in respect of programmatic information (including program narratives, performance indicators, baselines and targets), the estimated development share (Programs 15 and Program 26), and budgetary information (including explanations for budget transfers and inclusion of approved 2010/11 budget information) and budget levels<sup>1</sup> (staff and non-staff resources) and efficiency measures in accordance with observations and suggestions from Member States;
- (iii) requested the Secretariat to issue a revised version of the draft proposed Program and Budget for the 2012/13 Biennium based on (i) and (ii) above for the upcoming September session of the Program and Budget Committee.
- (iv) took note, *inter alia*, of the following points for further consideration in the upcoming September session of the Program and Budget Committee:
  - Program 1: SMEs (separate program);
  - Program 2: narrative text (brands and branding) and target (industrial design treaty);
  - Program 11: resource transfer from Program 8;
  - Program 20: text on resource mobilization strategy, policy on external offices;
  - Program 21: Office of the Legal Counsel (text and indicator);
  - Program 24: performance indicator (e-conference, video-conference, webcasting); and
  - Program 27: not discussed during the informal PBC session
- (v) indicated that in addition to the specific issues mentioned in point (iv), other points would be raised by the Member States during the September PBC session for consideration by the PBC.

#### **ITEM 7 Policy on Languages at WIPO**

(document WO/PBC/17/5)

The Program and Budget Committee took note of the information contained in document WO/PBC/17/5 and requests the Secretariat to provide further information on this subject, including a proposal on webcasting, for its September session, taking into consideration into account the observations and comments made by the Member States.

#### **ITEM 8 Policy on Investments**

(document WO/PBC/17/6)

The Program and Budget Committee took note of the redrafted proposal presented in document WO/PBC/17/6 and, pending receipt of additional comments, decided to postpone making any recommendation on this document until the PBC September 2011 session.

#### **ITEM 9 Other Matters**

The Program and Budget Committee took note of the oral report by the Chair of the Selection Panel for the Selection of External Auditor of WIPO.

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<sup>1</sup> There was no consensus among Member States on zero nominal growth.