

Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System

Third Session Geneva, November 2 and 3, 2020

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

prepared by the Secretariat

Taking into account the latest consultations with regional coordinators regarding the organizational arrangements for WIPO formal meetings scheduled in October 2020, the Secretariat has prepared this proposed timetable for the third session of the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System (hereinafter referred to as “the Working Group”).

In line with these organizational arrangements, it is hereby proposed that the Working Group meet for two hours and a half each day of the session (November 2 and 3, 2020), from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m., Geneva Time (GMT +1). Taking into account the progress of the discussions and preferences expressed by the delegations at the session, the Chair may propose changes to the time and length of those meetings, as appropriate.

Monday, November 2, 2020*
From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.

1. Opening of the Session
2. Election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs
3. Adoption of the Agenda
See document LI//WG/DEV-SYS/3/1 Prov. 3.
4. Development of the Lisbon System
See document LI/WG/DEV-SYS/3/2.

This document presents recent developments concerning: (1) the entry into force of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (“Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement”); (2) the legal framework of the Lisbon System following the adoption of the Geneva Act and its entry into force; and (3) ongoing discussions relating to the financial sustainability of the Lisbon Union.

The Working Group is invited to consider the contents of the present document.

5. Proposed Amendments to the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications.
See document LI/WG/DEV-SYS/3/3 Rev.

The document proposes amendments to the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (hereinafter referred to as “the Lisbon Common Regulations”). More specifically, this proposal aims at complementing the Lisbon Common Regulations with the introduction of a new Rule 2*bis* to excuse a delay in meeting time limits, in case of war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity or other *force majeure* event, as well as in case of interruption of postal or delivery services and failure of electronic communication systems.

The International Bureau revised this document, following the recent decision taken during the eighteenth session of the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks concerning the amendments to the Regulations under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (see document MM/LD/WG/18/9 “Summary by the Chair”).

The Working Group is invited to:

- (i) *consider and comment on the proposals made in this document; and*
- (ii) *recommend to the Assembly of the Lisbon Union the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical*

* The proposed timetable is merely indicative. If the Working Group does not finish discussions on an item by the end of the day, discussions on that item would continue at the start of the next day, unless otherwise proposed by the Chair.

Indications with respect to the inclusion of a new Rule 2bis, as presented in the Annex to this document or in amended form, for their entry into force two months following their adoption.

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.

6. Summary by the Chair
7. Closing of the Session

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