

Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO

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LIST OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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1. The present document contains the “List of Decisions Adopted by the Program and Budget Committee” at its twenty-sixth session (July 10 to 14, 2017) (document WO/PBC/26/11) and at its twenty-seventh session (September 11 to 15, 2017) (document WO/PBC/27/15).
2. *The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, are invited to:*
 - (i) *take note of the “List of Decisions Adopted by the Program and Budget Committee” (documents WO/PBC/26/11 and WO/PBC/27/15); and*
 - (ii) *approve the recommendations made by the Program and Budget Committee as contained in documents WO/PBC/26/11 and WO/PBC/27/15.*
3. In particular, the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, are invited to consider the outstanding issues indicated in document WO/PBC/27/15 under items 9(a) “Proposed Program and Budget for the 2018/19 Biennium” (document A/57/6), 9(b) “Capital Master Plan for 2018-27” (document A/57/9) and 12 “Opening of New WIPO External Offices” (documents A/57/7 and A/57/8).

[Documents WO/PBC/26/11 and
WO/PBC/27/15 follow]

Program and Budget Committee

Twenty-Sixth Session
Geneva, July 10 to 14, 2017

LIST OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

document WO/PBC/26/1.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) adopted the agenda (document WO/PBC/26/1).

AGENDA ITEM 3. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2016

document WO/PBC/26/2.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC), having reviewed the Program Performance Report (PPR) for 2016 (document WO/PBC/26/2), and recognizing its nature as a self-assessment of the Secretariat, recommended that the Assemblies of WIPO acknowledge Programs' progress made in 2016 towards achieving the expected results.

AGENDA ITEM 4. FINANCIAL SITUATION AS END 2016: PRELIMINARY RESULTS

document WO/PBC/26/INF/1.

AGENDA ITEM 5. DRAFT PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2018/19 BIENNIUM

documents:

WO/PBC/26/3 and WO/PBC/26/9.

1. *The Program and Budget Committee (PBC), having completed a comprehensive first review by Strategic Goal of the draft proposed Program and Budget for the 2018/19 biennium (document WO/PBC/26/3):*

(i) Agreed to the modifications proposed by Member States to Program narratives, including the results frameworks in Programs 3, 4, 5, 8, 13 and 30;

(ii) Requested the Secretariat to issue a revised version of the draft proposed Program and Budget for the 2018/19 biennium based on (i) and personnel expenditure figures according to the ICSC decision and the outcome of the consultations between Geneva-based Organizations and the ICSC in Vienna, for the upcoming session of the PBC. In this context, the PBC took note of the clarification of the WIPO Legal Counsel;

(iii) Took note, inter alia, of outstanding issues in the following Programs for further consideration in the upcoming session of the Program and Budget Committee:

(a) Key performance indicators in Program 15; and

(b) Narrative and performance indicators in Programs 9, 10, 20 and 32;

(iv) Took note that the following issues raised were referred to the 27th session of the PBC:

(a) Decrease by 10% in the unit contribution value;

(b) Union allocation methodology used for the preparation of Annex III: 2018/19 Allocation of Income and Expenditure by Unions; and

(c) Conditions for provision of funding for a diplomatic conference in the 2018/19 biennium.

2. *The Program and Budget Committee, having reviewed the Capital Master Plan for 2018-27 (document WO/PBC/26/9):*

(i) Comprehensively discussed and endorsed the project objectives, expected benefits and drivers of the capital investments projects related to ICT, safety and security and premises in the Capital Master Plan for 2018/19, amounting to a total of 25.5 million Swiss francs;

(ii) Underscored the importance of the capital investments projects to ensure that WIPO remain fit-for-purpose; and

(iii) Referred the consideration of, inter alia, the Allocation of Proposed CMP 2018/19 Projects to the Unions to the 27th session of the PBC.

AGENDA ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO INVESTMENT POLICY

document WO/PBC/26/4 Rev.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended that the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, approve the amendments to the Policy on Investments (document WO/PBC/26/4 Rev.).

AGENDA ITEM 7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES (FRR) INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK

document WO/PBC/26/5.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC):

1. *Recommended to the WIPO General Assembly to approve Regulation 5.11, as amended and indicated in Annex I of document WO/PBC/26/5.*
2. *Took note of (i) the amendments to Financial Rules 105.12, 105.17, 105.18, 105.19, 105.26, and 105.27; (ii) the deletion of Financial Rules 105.13, 105.16, 105.21, and 105.23; and (iii) the introduction of proposed new Rule 105.17bis, as indicated in Annex I of document WO/PBC/26/5.*
3. *Took note of the amendments proposed to the Financial Regulations and Rules in Annex II of document WO/PBC/26/5 and requested the Secretariat to present a revised draft of these amendments for the 27th session of the PBC, taking due consideration of the comments made by Member States.*
4. *Requested the Independent Advisory and Oversight Committee (IAOC) to review the amendments referred to under point 3 above, and to present their views thereon to the 27th session of the PBC.*

AGENDA ITEM 8. AFTER-SERVICE HEALTH INSURANCE (ASHI)

document WO/PBC/26/6.

1. *The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) requested the Secretariat to prepare a presentation for the PBC's 27th session on WIPO's ASHI liability, to include information regarding approaches WIPO is exploring to fund its ASHI liability, in order to contribute to further discussions on the matter.*
2. *The PBC recommended to the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions, each as far as it is concerned, to request the Secretariat:*
 - (i) *to continue to participate in the Finance and Budget Network's ASHI Working Group; and*
 - (ii) *to monitor the specific proposals to be made by the Secretary-General to the United Nations General Assembly at its 73rd session and, based on these proposals, present concrete measures to the PBC, with reference to the updated ASHI liability as reported in the Financial Statements, at its 28th session, recalling WIPO's membership in the United Nations Common System.*

AGENDA ITEM 9. GOVERNANCE ISSUES

documents WO/PBC/26/8 and WO/PBC/26/10.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC):

- (i) Took note of the status of the constitutional reform process presented in document WO/PBC/26/8;*
- (ii) Encouraged the continuation of outreach efforts to Member States regarding the ratification process of the 1999 and 2003 amendments to the WIPO Convention and other WIPO-administered treaties; and*
- (iii) Requested the Secretariat to report back to the 28th session of the PBC on the status of the implementation of the 1999 and 2003 amendments.*

AGENDA ITEM 10. OPENING OF NEW WIPO EXTERNAL OFFICES

documents WO/PBC/26/7 and A/56/15.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC):

- (i) Received presentations on the new proposals for the opening of External Offices in the 2018/19 biennium;*
- (ii) Revisited a proposal for the 2016/17 biennium; and*
- (iii) Had a first exchange of views to reach a decision on the pending new External Offices for the 2016/17 and 2018/19 biennia and decided to continue discussions in the 27th session of the PBC, with the aim of making a recommendation to the 2017 General Assembly.*

AGENDA ITEM 11. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

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Program and Budget Committee

Twenty-Seventh Session
Geneva, September 11 to 15, 2017

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AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

document WO/PBC/27/1.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) adopted the agenda (document WO/PBC/27/1).

AGENDA ITEM 3. REPORT BY THE WIPO INDEPENDENT ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (IAOC)

document WO/PBC/27/2.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the WIPO General Assembly to take note of the Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC) (document WO/PBC/27/2).

AGENDA ITEM 4. REPORT BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

document WO/PBC/27/3.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the WIPO General Assembly and other Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to take note of the Report by the External Auditor (document WO/PBC/27/3).

AGENDA ITEM 5. ANNUAL REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL OVERSIGHT DIVISION (IOD)

document WO/PBC/27/4.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD) (document WO/PBC/27/4).

AGENDA ITEM 6. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT'S (JIU) RECOMMENDATIONS

document WO/PBC/27/5.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC):

- (i) took note of the present report (document WO/PBC/27/5);*
- (ii) welcomed and endorsed the Secretariat's assessment of the status of the implementation of recommendations under:*

*JIU/REP/2016/8 (Recommendations 1 and 9);
JIU/REP/2016/7 (Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7);
JIU/REP/2016/4 (Recommendation 16);
JIU/REP/2016/2 (Recommendation 1);
JIU/REP/2015/6 (Recommendation 5);
JIU/REP/2014/2 (Recommendation 6);
JIU/REP/2010/3 (Recommendation 17)*

as set out in the present report; and

- (iii) called on the Secretariat to propose assessments for the open recommendations made by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for Member States' consideration.*

AGENDA ITEM 7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016; STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 2017

- (a) ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016**

document WO/PBC/27/6

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the General Assembly and other Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to approve the Annual Financial Report and Financial Statements 2016 (document WO/PBC/27/6).

(b) STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 2017

document WO/PBC/27/7

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the Status of the Payment of Contributions as at June 30, 2017 (document WO/PBC/27/7).

AGENDA ITEM 8. ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RESOURCES (FOR INFORMATION)

document WO/PBC/27/INF/1.

AGENDA ITEM 9. PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2018/19 BIENNIUM

documents WO/PBC/27/8, WO/PBC/27/9 and WO/PBC/27/13.

(a) PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2018/19 BIENNIUM

document WO/PBC/27/8

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC), having completed its comprehensive review of the Proposed Program and Budget for the 2018/19 Biennium, as contained in document WO/PBC/27/8

(i) *agreed to:*

(a) *a revised wording to the key performance indicator in Program 15;*

(b) *the modifications to paragraphs 28, 29 and 30 made by Member States. In this context the PBC took note of the opening statement of the Director General delivered at the 27th session of the PBC and the clarifications of the Legal Counsel delivered during the 26th and 27th sessions of the PBC;*

(c) *maintain the unit contribution value at the same level as in the 2016/17 biennium;*

(ii) *requested the Secretariat to issue a revised version of the proposed Program and Budget for the 2018/19 biennium based on (i); and*

(iii) *agreed to discuss outstanding issues at the 57th series of meetings of the WIPO Assemblies.*

(b) CAPITAL MASTER PLAN FOR 2018-27

document WO/PBC/27/9

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC), having further considered the Allocation of Proposed CMP 2018/19 Projects to the Unions, agreed to continue discussions on the Capital Master Plan for 2018-27 at the 57th series of meetings of the WIPO Assemblies.

AGENDA ITEM 10. FINAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM IN WIPO

document WO/PBC/27/10.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the Progress Report on the Implementation of a Comprehensive Integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System (document WO/PBC/27/10), in particular the fact that:

- (i) The Portfolio will complete within the approved budget;*
- (ii) The Portfolio will close in 2018;*
- (iii) Projects/stages have only been initiated if approved by the AIMS Portfolio Board according to defined criteria; and*
- (iv) Unspent funds when the portfolio closes will be returned to the Reserves.*

AGENDA ITEM 11. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES (FRR)

documents WO/PBC/27/11 and WO/PBC/27/14.

1. The Program and Budget Committee recommended to the WIPO General Assembly to approve (i) the proposed amendments to Regulations 2.14, 3.7, 3.13, 3.14, 5.3, 5.4, 5.7, 6.3, 6.7, and 10.1; (ii) the deletion of Regulation 6.6; and (iii) the introduction of proposed new Regulation 2.14bis., as indicated in Annex I of the present document WO/PBC/27/11.

2. The Program and Budget Committee took note of (i) the amendments to Financial Rules 101.1, 101.3(h) and (j), 103.2, 104.4, 105.1, 105.6, 105.9, 105.33, 106.3, 106.7, 106.10, and 110.1; (ii) the deletion of Financial Rule 106.12; and (iii) the introduction of proposed new Rules 102.7 and 106.11bis., as indicated in Annex I of the present document WO/PBC/27/11.

AGENDA ITEM 12. OPENING OF NEW WIPO EXTERNAL OFFICES

documents WO/PBC/27/12 and A/56/15.

Having examined documents WO/PBC/27/12 and A/56/15, the Program and Budget Committee (PBC):

- (i) had an exchange of views, including on the methodology to reach a decision on the pending new External Offices for the 2016/17 and 2018/19 biennia;*
- (ii) did not reach a consensus on the opening of new External Offices; and*
- (iii) recommended further consideration of the matter at the 57th session of the WIPO Assemblies.*

AGENDA ITEM 13. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

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