

Working Group for the Preparation of Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement

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FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE LISBON UNION

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1. Regarding the financial sustainability of the Lisbon Union, the Assembly of the Lisbon Union (October 3 to 11, 2016) at its thirty-third (12th extraordinary) session:

(v) decided to emphasize promotion activities of the Lisbon System including the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications;

(vi) decided to continue consideration of the establishment of a contribution system in the framework of the unitary contribution system, as well as the methodology for calculating such contributions;

(vii) decided to continue monitoring the Lisbon Fee Schedule with a view to reviewing it, for an eventual increase in the future; and

(viii) decided to take advantage of the next meeting of the Lisbon Working Group, and informal meeting(s) that the Chair of the Working Group might request the Secretariat to organize, to further discuss the financial sustainability of the Lisbon Union, in particular items referred to in paragraphs (vi) and (vii), above.”¹

¹ Document LI/A/33/3, paragraph 28, items (v) to (viii).

2. The attention of the Working Group is also drawn to documents LI/A/33/1 (Financial Matters Concerning the Lisbon Union) and LI/A/33/2 (Proposal on Financial Matters Concerning the Lisbon Union) which were submitted to the Assembly of the Lisbon Union following the first session of the Working Group for the Preparation of Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement (June 7 to 9, 2016).

3. *The Working Group is invited to take note of the content of the present document.*

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