



**Assemblies of  
the Member  
States of WIPO**  
63<sup>rd</sup> Series  
of Meetings

# List of Decisions - 2022



## PREFACE

[The Sixty-Third Series of Meetings of the Assemblies](#) and other Bodies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and of the Unions administered by WIPO, hereinafter “the 63<sup>rd</sup> Assemblies”, was held in Geneva from July 14 to 22, 2022.

The present document<sup>1</sup> contains the list of the decisions<sup>2</sup> adopted at those meetings, together with additional information, as appropriate. Questions, comments or suggestions on this document can be addressed to [assemblies@wipo.int](mailto:assemblies@wipo.int)

## ABOUT THE WIPO ASSEMBLIES

WIPO is a United Nations (UN) specialized agency composed of 193 Member States, serving as the global forum for intellectual property (IP) services, policy, information and cooperation. WIPO’s mandate is set out in the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (“WIPO Convention”).

As established by the WIPO Convention, the main policy and decision making bodies of WIPO are the WIPO General Assembly and the WIPO Coordination Committee.

In addition to the WIPO Convention, WIPO administers another [25 IP treaties](#) most with their own decision making bodies, such as the Paris Union Assembly, the Berne Union Assembly and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Union Assembly.

The decision making bodies of the WIPO Convention and of the treaties administered by WIPO traditionally meet in joint sessions on the basis of a consolidated agenda. These meetings, which take place during the summer, bring together the Member States of WIPO, allowing them to take stock of the progress in the Organization’s work and to discuss future policy directions.

The “Meetings of the Assemblies and other Bodies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and of the Unions administered by WIPO” are also simply known as the “WIPO Assemblies”.

At the 63<sup>rd</sup> WIPO Assemblies, 22 bodies met in joint sessions. The list of those bodies appears in document A/63/INF/1 Rev. (General Information).

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<sup>1</sup> The document is available in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

<sup>2</sup> Disclaimer: This is an informative document prepared by the Secretariat to facilitate the consultation of the decisions by delegations and interested parties. This document has no legal status. The formal reports of the Assemblies, as adopted by Member States, are the only authoritative source of the proceedings and of the decisions adopted. The references to these reports are listed in the Annex to this document.

**ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSIONS**

Ambassador Tatiana Molcean (Ms.) (Republic of Moldova), Chair of the WIPO General Assembly, opened the 63<sup>rd</sup> Assemblies on July 14, 2022.

Document: [A/63/INF/1 Rev.](#) (General Information).

**ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Documents: [A/63/1](#) (Consolidated Agenda) and [A/63/2](#) (List of Documents).

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, adopted the agenda as proposed in document A/63/1 Prov.4 (referred to in this document as “the Consolidated Agenda”). The Consolidated Agenda was adopted following a vote of 12 in “favor”, 65 “against” and 71 “abstentions” on a proposal to remove Agenda Item 19 from the draft agenda as proposed in document A/63/1 Prov.4.”

**ITEM 3: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO THE ASSEMBLIES OF WIPO**

Document: [Address](#) of the Director General.

Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, presented his annual report to the Assemblies.

**ITEM 4: GENERAL STATEMENTS**

General statements were made by delegations from 125 States (including 9 on behalf of groups of States), and by representatives of one observer, four intergovernmental organizations, and nine non-governmental organizations. The statements are available in Annex I of document [A/63/10](#) and on a dedicated [Assemblies web page](#).

**ITEM 5: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Document: [A/63/INF/2](#) (Officers).

Decision: “The following officers were elected:

“WIPO Coordination Committee  
Chair: Alfredo Suescum Alfaro (Mr.) (Panama)  
Vice-Chair: Taeho Lee (Mr.) (Republic of Korea)  
Vice-Chair: Vivienne Katjuongua (Ms.) (Namibia)

“Paris Union Executive Committee  
Chair: Ainna Vilengi Kaundu (Ms.) (Namibia)  
Vice-Chair: Fayssal Allek (Mr.) (Algeria)

“Berne Union Executive Committee  
Chair: Ahmed Al-Sulaiti (Mr.) (Qatar)  
Vice-Chair: Anna Vuopala (Ms.) (Finland)  
Vice-Chair: Laura Hammel (Ms.) (United States of America)”

Additional Information: The current list of all the officers of the Assemblies and other bodies appears in document A/63/INF/2.

According to the relevant rules of procedure, the officers of the Assemblies (i.e. the Chair and the Vice-Chairs of each of the 22 bodies that meet in the framework of the WIPO Assemblies) are elected once every two years during ordinary sessions (and therefore serve a two-year mandate). This is with the exception of the officers of the WIPO Coordination Committee, as well as the officers of the Paris and Berne Union Executive Committees, respectively, whose mandates are

limited to one year. Elections of officers for these three bodies therefore take place annually. The Assemblies, during their 63<sup>rd</sup> Series of Meetings, modified the electoral cycle of the officers (Chair and Vice-Chairs) stipulated in Rule 9(2) of the General Rules of Procedure, such that their terms of office begin following the final meeting of the session during which they were elected (see information provided under Agenda Item 8). In order to facilitate the transition to the new electoral cycle, the WIPO Assemblies also took the decision that the incumbent officers at the 2022 Assemblies, which include these newly elected officers, will preside over their respective meetings in 2023.

## **ITEM 6: ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**

Document: [A/63/3 Rev.](#) (Admission of Observers).

Decision: The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, decided to grant observer status to the following organizations:

“(a) International non-governmental organizations:

- (i) Global Expert Network on Copyright User Rights (User Rights Network); and
- (ii) Innovation Council.

“(b) National non-governmental organizations:

- (i) American Arab Intellectual Property Association (AAIPA);
- (ii) Argentine Management Society of Actors and Performers (SAGAI);
- (iii) Association pour le Devenir des Autochtones et de leur Connaissance Originelle (ADACO);
- (iv) China Trademark Association (CTA);
- (v) Digital Law Center (DLC);
- (vi) Hiperderecho;
- (vii) InternetLab Research Association in Law and Technology (InternetLab);
- (viii) Italian Industrial Property Consultants Institute (OCPI); and
- (ix) Patent Protection Association of China (PPAC).”

Additional Information: WIPO welcomes the participation of observers at the Assemblies and other formal meetings of Member States, effectively contributing to open, transparent and responsive interaction with the [observer community](#). Following this decision, WIPO currently has 199 international, and 96 national, NGOs admitted as observers. These observers are invited to attend the meetings of the Assemblies and, in the same capacity, relevant meetings of committees, working groups, and other bodies subsidiary to the Assemblies.

## **ITEM 7: DRAFT AGENDAS FOR 2023 ORDINARY SESSIONS**

Document: [A/63/4](#) (Draft Agendas for the 2023 Ordinary Sessions of the WIPO General Assembly, the WIPO Conference, the Paris Union Assembly and the Berne Union Assembly).

Decision: “The WIPO Coordination Committee adopted Annexes I and II; the Paris Union Executive Committee adopted Annex III; the Berne Union Executive Committee adopted Annex IV of document A/63/4.”

Additional Information: According to the WIPO Convention, the WIPO Coordination Committee formally prepares the draft agenda of the ordinary sessions of the WIPO General Assembly and of the WIPO Conference. Similarly, the Paris Union and the Berne Union Executive Committees prepare the draft agendas for their respective Assemblies. Ordinary sessions of these bodies take place every two years (the next in 2023), and through a standard agenda item in the year prior, Member States complete the prescribed formalities. The annexes referred in the decision of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Assemblies include draft agendas for the 2023 sessions of the above-mentioned bodies, which will be complemented with more items before the convening of these sessions.

## **ITEM 8: NEW ELECTORAL CYCLE OF THE OFFICERS OF WIPO ASSEMBLIES AND OTHER BODIES**

Document: [A/63/5 Rev.](#) (New Electoral Cycle of the Officers of WIPO Assemblies and other Bodies).

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned,  
“(i) modified the electoral cycle of the officers (Chair and two Vice-Chairs) stipulated in Rule 9(2) of the General Rules of Procedure, such that their terms of office begin following the final meeting of the session during which they were elected;  
“(ii) facilitated the transition to the new electoral cycle, so that the incumbent officers at this 2022 WIPO Assemblies will preside over their respective meetings during the 2023 WIPO Assemblies;  
“(iii) adopted the amendments of the respective General Rules of Procedure and Special Rules of Procedure, as set forth in the Annexes to document A/63/5 Rev., implementing the decision listed in (i), and the proposed changes described in paragraphs 12 to 14;  
“(iv) requested the Secretariat to continue the revision of the General Rules of Procedure and Special Rules of Procedure with a view to updating language references and other necessary revisions and to present the proposed changes to the Assemblies of WIPO at their 2023 sessions.”

Additional information: The Assemblies modified the electoral cycle of the officers (Chair and Vice-Chairs) stipulated in Rule 9(2) of the General Rules of Procedure, such that their terms of office will now begin following the final meeting of the session during which they were elected, and adopted the corresponding amendments to the respective General Rules of Procedure and Special Rules of Procedure of the Governing Bodies to codify this new practice. The Assemblies also took the opportunity to modernize these Rules in selected points including, among other revisions, the use of gender-neutral language. The Secretariat will present, as requested, additional proposed changes thereto, to the 2023 Assemblies.

## **ITEM 9: REPORTS FROM WIPO COMMITTEES**

### **(i) The Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)**

Document: [WO/GA/55/1](#) (Report on the SCCR). .

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly:  
“(i) took note of the “Report on the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights” (document WO/GA/55/1); and  
“(ii) directed the SCCR to continue its work regarding all issues reported on in document WO/GA/55/1.”

Additional Information: According to the Report, the SCCR agenda included the following matters over the past year: (i) protection of broadcasting organizations; (ii) limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives; (iii) limitations and exceptions for educational and research institutions and persons with other disabilities; (iv) analysis of copyright related to the digital environment, (v) resale right; (vi) protection of theatre directors’ rights and (vii) public lending right. The SCCR is tentatively scheduled to meet from March 13 to 17, 2023.

**(ii) The Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)**

Document: [WO/GA/55/2](#) (Report on the SCP).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)” (document WO/GA/55/2).”

Additional Information: According to the Report, the SCP, at its 33<sup>rd</sup> session in December 2021, continued to address the following topics over the past year: (i) exceptions and limitations to patent rights; (ii) quality of patents, including opposition systems; (iii) patents and health; (iv) the confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors; and (v) transfer of technology. After its 34<sup>th</sup> session in September 2022, the SCP is tentatively scheduled to meet from October 16 to 20, 2023.

**(iii) The Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)**

Documents: [WO/GA/55/3](#) and [WO/GA/55/3 Corr.](#) (Report on the SCT).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT)” (documents WO/GA/55/3 and WO/GA/55/3 Corr.).”

Additional Information: The SCT is tentatively scheduled to meet from October 2 to 6, 2023.

**(iv) Matters Concerning the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty (DLT)**

Documents: [WO/GA/55/4](#) (Matters Concerning the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a DLT) and [WO/GA/55/11](#) (Proposal to Advance WIPO Normative Agenda on the Subjects of Genetic Resources Associated with Traditional Knowledge, and the Design Law Treaty).

Decision: (see below)

**(v) The Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations**

Document: [WO/GA/55/5](#) (Report on the CDIP and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations” (document WO/GA/55/5).”

Additional Information: Document WO/GA/55/5 contains the Summaries by the Chair of the last two CDIP sessions, held between November 2021 and May 2022. These Summaries reflect the main decisions taken by the CDIP on all documents and issues it considered. In addition, document WO/GA/55/5 contains the Director General’s Report on the Implementation of the Development Agenda, presented at the May 2022 CDIP session. The CDIP is tentatively scheduled to meet from April 24 to 28, 2023, and from November 27 to December 1, 2023.

**(vi) The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)**

Documents: [WO/GA/55/6](#) (Report on the IGC) and [WO/GA/55/11](#) (Proposal to Advance WIPO Normative Agenda on the Subjects of Genetic Resources Associated with Traditional Knowledge, and the Design Law Treaty).

Decision: (see below)

Additional Information: The IGC is tentatively scheduled to meet from February 27 to March 3, 2023, from June 5 to 9, 2023, and from September 4 to 8, 2023.

**(vii) The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)**

Document: [WO/GA/54/11](#) (Report on the CWS).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report on the Committee on WIPO Standards” (document WO/GA/55/7).”

Additional Information: According to the Report, the CWS addressed the following matters over the past year: among others: (i) the adoption of a new Standard ST.91 on digital three dimensional (3D) objects, and the revisions of five existing Standards; (ii) the preparation and consideration of two working papers, i.e., improvement of copyright orphan work metadata, and Blockchain Whitepaper for IP ecosystem, which is now published on the [WIPO website](#); (iii) the development of new WIPO standards to fulfil emerging demands such as digital transformation and the possible use of emerging technologies including blockchain; and (iv) the effective support for implementation of Standards by IP offices and applicants, including development and distribution of IT tools, including [WIPO Sequence Suite](#) to support the global implementation of WIPO Standard ST.26 from July 1, 2022. The CWS is tentatively scheduled to meet from December 4 to 8, 2023.

**With respect to Agenda Items 9(vi) “The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)” and 9(iv) “Matters Concerning the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty (DLT)”, the WIPO General Assembly decided the following:**

The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)

“The WIPO General Assembly, at its Fifty-Fourth (25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary) Session in October 2021, agreed on the mandate for the IGC for the 2022/2023 biennium, as set out in document WO/GA/54/10, to expedite its work, building on existing work carried out by the Committee, to narrow existing gaps and reach common understanding on core issues, with the objective of finalising an agreement on an international legal instrument(s) which will ensure the balanced and effective protection of Genetic Resources (GRs), Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs).

“At its forty-second and forty-third sessions held in 2022, the IGC completed its designated sessions on GRs and associated TKs for the 2022/2023 biennium. Both sessions made considerable progress and achieved significant convergence around document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/5 (the Chair’s text on a *Draft International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources*) as a focused, effective, and balanced basis for further engagement. On this basis, the WIPO General Assembly:

- “a) decided to convene a Diplomatic Conference to conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources, based on document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/5 and any other contributions by Member States pursuant to paragraph (d) below, to be held no later than 2024;
- “b) decided to convene a Preparatory Committee in the second half of 2023, to establish the necessary modalities of the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee will consider at this time, the draft Rules of Procedure to be presented for adoption to the Diplomatic Conference, the list of invitees to participate in the conference, and the text of the draft letters of invitation, as well as any other document or organizational question relating to the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee will also approve the Basic Proposal for the administrative and final provisions of the Treaty;
- “c) welcomed with gratitude the offer of South Africa to host the Diplomatic Conference no later than 2024;
- “d) directed the IGC to meet in a special session for five days in the second half of 2023, preceding the Preparatory Committee, to further close any existing gaps to a sufficient level. It is understood that the Preparatory Committee will invite Observer Delegations and Observers;
- “e) agreed that document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/5, the Chair’s text of a *Draft International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources* will constitute the substantive articles of the Basic Proposal for the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee shall incorporate in the Basic Proposal such further agreements of the IGC as are reached pursuant to paragraph (d) above, with the understanding that any Member State and the Special Delegation of the European Union may make proposals at the Diplomatic Conference;
- “f) agreed to convene an extraordinary session of the WIPO General Assembly (Hybrid), if required, to adopt the decisions and preparatory works leading to the Diplomatic Conference in the second half of 2023, and to direct the secretariat to make the resulting document as the Basic Proposal for the substantive provisions to be considered at the Diplomatic Conference.

Matters Concerning the Convening of a Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty (DLT)

“The General Assembly:

- “a) considered the contents of document WO/GA/55/4;
- “b) decided to convene a Diplomatic Conference to conclude and adopt a Design Law Treaty to take place no later than 2024;
- “c) decided to convene a Preparatory Committee in the second half of 2023, to establish the necessary modalities of the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee will consider at this time, the draft Rules of Procedure to be presented for adoption to the Diplomatic Conference, the list of invitees to participate in the conference, and the text of the draft letters of invitation, as well as any other document or organizational question relating to the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee will also approve the Basic Proposal for the administrative and final provisions of the Treaty;
- “d) welcomed with gratitude the offer by some Member States to host the Diplomatic Conference no later than 2024;
- “e) directed the SCT to meet in a special session for five days in the second half of 2023, preceding the Preparatory Committee, to further close any existing gaps to a sufficient level. It is understood that the Preparatory Committee will invite Observer Delegations and Observers:



- “f) agreed that documents SCT/35/2 and SCT/35/3 as well as the 2019 proposal considered by the WIPO General Assembly, on draft Articles and Regulations on Industrial Design Law and Practice, will constitute the substantive articles of the Basic Proposal for the Diplomatic Conference. The Preparatory Committee shall incorporate in the Basic Proposal such further agreements of the SCT as are reached pursuant to paragraph (e) above, with the understanding that any Member State and the Special Delegation of the European Union may make proposals at the Diplomatic Conference.

“The WIPO General Assembly decided to convene Diplomatic Conferences to conclude and adopt international legal instruments relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources, and the Design Law Treaty, no later than 2024.”

## **ITEM 10: REPORTS ON AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT**

### **(i) Report by the Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)**

Documents: [WO/GA/55/8](#) (Report by the WIPO IAOC) and [A/63/7](#) (List of Decisions Adopted by the PBC).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)” (document WO/GA/55/8).”

Additional Information: The IAOC reported on the quarterly sessions it held during the past year. Specific matters addressed relate, amongst other, to the Internal Oversight plan and the work plan results; the review of the Audited Financial Statements for 2021 and the Report by the External Auditor; Risk Management and Internal Controls; monitoring the Implementation of Oversight Recommendations; the review of, and provision of advice on, the workplan of the Ethics Office; discussions with the Ombudsperson; and assistance to Governance Bodies.

### **(ii) Report by the External Auditor**

Documents: [A/63/6](#) (Report by the External Auditor) and [A/63/7](#) (List of Decisions Adopted by the PBC).

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, took note of the “Report by the External Auditor” (document A/63/6).”

Additional Information: WIPO received an unqualified audit opinion on its 2021 financial statements from the External Auditor. Furthermore, the External Auditor provided a long form Report on the audit of WIPO, in accordance with WIPO’s Financial Regulations and Rules.

### **(iii) Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)**

Documents: [WO/GA/55/9](#) (Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)) and [A/63/7](#) (List of Decisions Adopted by the PBC).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the “Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)” (document WO/GA/55/9).”

Additional Information: The Report contains information on, amongst other, significant issues and high priority oversight recommendations, investigative activities, status of implementation of oversight recommendations, consultative and advisory oversight work, as well as IOD’s cooperation with the Ombudsman, the Ethics Office and with external oversight bodies.

## **ITEM 11: REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (PBC)**

Document: [A/63/7](#) (List of Decisions Adopted by the Program and Budget Committee).

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned,  
 “(i) took note of the “List of Decisions Adopted by the Program and Budget Committee” (document A/63/7), and  
 “(ii) approved the recommendations made by the Program and Budget Committee as contained in the same document.”

Additional Information: This item covered all matters under the PBC’s supervision except for the Reports on Audit and Oversight (covered under item 10). The PBC is tentatively scheduled to meet from May 22 to 26, 2023 and June 19 to 23, 2023.

## **ITEM 12: REPORTS ON STAFF MATTERS**

### **(i) Report on Human Resources**

Documents: [WO/CC/81/INF/1](#) (Annual Report on Human Resources) and [WO/CC/81/3](#) (WIPO Staff Pension Committee (WSPC)).

#### Annual Report on Human Resources

Decision: “The Coordination Committee invited the Secretariat to systematically include in its Annual Report on Human Resources detailed information on the concrete measures taken to improve geographical balance on positions subject to geographical distribution, as well as gender balance, in all sectors of WIPO and at all levels, including at higher and top levels.”

#### WIPO Staff Pension Committee

Decision: “The WIPO Coordination Committee elected Mr. Moncef Charaabi as member of the WIPO Staff Pension Committee for the period of four years starting September 1, 2022.”

Additional Information: The HR Report covers matters concerning WIPO’s human resources that have to be reported to the WIPO Coordination Committee as well as other staff matters of interest. It includes information on progress made in achieving goals relating to some of these staff matters and a brief description of relevant policies, initiatives and activities which are aligned with the Organization’s HR Strategy 2017-2021. The information in the report is complemented by a separate HR Brochure containing key data and metrics on WIPO’s workforce, diversity, talent sourcing, development and training as well as conflict management.

### **(ii) Report by the Ethics Office**

Document: [WO/CC/81/INF/2](#) (Annual Report by the Ethics Office).

Additional Information: The Report outlines the activities of the Ethics Office which are related to: (i) confidential advice and guidance to staff members; (ii) awareness raising and training activities ; (iii) standard-setting and policy development; and (iv) implementation of policies assigned to the Ethics Office.

## **ITEM 13: AMENDMENTS TO STAFF REGULATIONS AND RULES**

Document: [WO/CC/81/2](#) (Amendments to Staff Regulations and Rules).

Decision: “The WIPO Coordination Committee:  
 “(i) approved the amendments to the Staff Regulations as provided in Annex I, document WO/CC/81/2; and

“(ii) noted the amendments to the Staff Rules as provided in Annexes II, III and IV, document WO/CC/81/2.”

Additional Information: Every year, amendments to the Staff Regulations and to the Staff Rules are presented to the WIPO Coordination Committee for approval and for notification, respectively. The ongoing review of the Staff Regulations and Rules allows WIPO to maintain a sound regulatory framework that adapts to, and supports, the changing needs and priorities of the Organization, while ensuring alignment with best practices in the UN common system.

#### **ITEM 14: WIPO ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER, INCLUDING DOMAIN NAMES**

Document: [WO/GA/55/10](#) (WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names).

Decision: “The WIPO General Assembly took note of the document “WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, Including Domain Names” (document WO/GA/55/10).”

Additional Information: The document contains an activity report of the Center as an international resource for efficient alternatives to court litigation of IP disputes, including collaboration with certain IP Offices in promoting and administering alternative dispute resolution (ADR) options. In the area of domain name dispute resolution, the document notes that in 2021 the Center administered a record 5,128 cases on the basis of the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP); in total, the Center has administered filings of over 57,000 such cases covering over 100,000 domain names.

#### **ITEM 15: MADRID SYSTEM**

Document: [MM/A/56/1](#) (Proposed Amendments to the Regulations Under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks).

Decision: “The Madrid Union Assembly adopted the amendments to Rules 3, 5, and 30 of the Regulations Under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, as set out in the Annexes to document MM/A/56/1, with November 1, 2022, as their date of entry into force.”

Additional information: The Working Group is tentatively scheduled to meet from November 13 to 17, 2023.

#### **ITEM 16: HAGUE SYSTEM**

Document: [H/A/42/1](#) (Proposed Amendments to the Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement).

Decision: “The Assembly of the Hague Union adopted the proposed amendments to Rules 21 and 26 of the Common Regulations, as set out in Annexes I and II to document H/A/42/1, with a date of entry into force of April 1, 2023.”

Additional information: The adopted amendments will provide for the publication, and hence the official notification of the Offices of designated Contracting Parties, of the appointment of a representative, the cancellation thereof and the change in the name or address of a representative, including those taking place after the international registration, in the International Designs Bulletin. The Working Group is tentatively scheduled to meet from December 4 to 6, 2023.

## ITEM 17: LISBON SYSTEM

Document: [LI/A/39/1](#) (Proposed Amendments to the Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement).

Decision: “The Assembly of the Lisbon Union adopted the 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, as set out in the Annex to document LI/A/39/1, with January 1, 2023, as their date of entry into force.”

Additional Information: The Working Group is tentatively scheduled to meet from January 24 to 26, 2023.

## ITEM 18: BUDAPEST UNION ASSEMBLY

Document: [BP/A/39/1](#) (Forms under the Budapest Treaty).

Decision: In the absence of Mr. Abdelsalam Mohamed Al Ali (United Arab Emirates), Vice-Chair of the Assembly, Mr. Csaba Baticz (Hungary) was elected by the Assembly of the Budapest Union as Acting Chair of the Assembly.

“The Assembly of the Budapest Union:

“(i) fixed the contents of Form BP/12 as set out in paragraph 8 of document BP/A/39/1);

“(ii) took note of the contents of paragraph 9 of document BP/A/39/1;

“(iii) designated the languages of Forms BP/4, BP/5, BP/6 and BP/9 as set out in paragraph 11 of document BP/A/39/1; and

“(iv) adopted the proposed amendments to the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty as set out in Annex II with an entry into force on January 1, 2023.”

Additional Information: The decision taken by the Budapest Union Assembly, on the one hand, updates the forms under the Budapest Treaty so that they include the email addresses and telephone numbers of depositors and requesters of microorganism samples, and on the other hand, extends the languages of certain forms and certain communications to the six UN languages, by adding Chinese and Arabic.

## ITEM 19: ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE’S INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY SECTOR AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEM

Document: [A/63/8](#) (Assistance and Support for Ukraine’s Innovation and Creativity Sector and Intellectual Property System).

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO each as far as it is concerned:

*“recalling*

“a) The principles, purpose, and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

“b) The desire expressed by the Contracting Parties to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) “to contribute to better understanding and cooperation among States for their mutual benefit on the basis of respect for their sovereignty and equality;” and

“c) The objective of WIPO, as enshrined in Article 3 of the above-mentioned Convention, “to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world through cooperation among States and, where appropriate, in collaboration with any other international organization;”

*“recalling further*

“a) The United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-11/1 of March 2, 2022, on Aggression Against Ukraine, that deplores in the strongest terms the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine in violation of Article 2 (4) of the Charter and urges the continued efforts by international organizations to support the de-escalation of the current situation; and

“b) The United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-11/2 of March 24, 2022, on Humanitarian Consequences of the Aggression Against Ukraine;

*“reaffirming*

“The sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters;

*“deploring in this regard*

“The tragic loss of human life, as well as the impacts on Ukraine’s infrastructure, its innovation and creativity sector and ecosystem, including innovative and creative businesses; universities, hospitals, laboratories and other research institutions and educational establishments; museums, libraries, archives and other cultural institutions; government institutions including intellectual property offices and support centers, that have occurred across Ukraine since the beginning of the war.

*“Requested the International Bureau*

“1. To assess the immediate, medium- and long-term impacts of the war on Ukraine’s innovation and creativity sector and ecosystem, including innovative and creative businesses; educational, research, and cultural institutions; government institutions responsible for protection and enforcement of intellectual property and Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs); as well as intellectual property filings in Ukraine by persons outside of Ukraine and filings worldwide by residents of Ukraine;

“2. To initiate and maintain consultations with Ukraine on its particular needs with respect to its innovation and creativity sector and ecosystem, including intellectual property offices and TISCs;

“3. Based on the aforementioned assessments and consultations, to implement technical assistance, legal assistance, capacity building, and other assistance for Ukraine as appropriate and as required for the restoration and rebuilding of Ukraine’s intellectual property sector and ecosystem;

“4. To allocate adequate financial and human resources, including through reallocation within the generally approved budget, for the implementation of the activities under item 3 above;

“5. To take appropriate measures to ensure that intellectual property applicants from Ukraine, as well as the Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute, have access to the full range of WIPO’s intellectual property services, including WIPO’s Arbitration and Mediation Centre services, and are granted appropriate extensions, exemptions and other remedies as provided for in relevant WIPO treaties, rules and regulations, in connection with the current circumstances;

“6. To report on the assessment, consultations, implementation and other activities under items 1-5 above at the next General Assembly.

*“Invited Member States*

“To take measures in accordance with applicable national and international laws and regulations, to assist intellectual property applicants from Ukraine in order to allow effective protection of their intellectual property, including intellectual property applicants that have been forced to relocate.”

Additional Information: The Delegation of the Russian Federation proposed amendments to the proposed decision, as contained in the Annex to document A/63/8, on which the Delegation of Ukraine requested a vote, seconded by the Delegation of the United States of America. By a vote of 12 “in favor”, 63 “against” and 43 “abstentions”, the amendments to the proposed decision, as contained in the Annex to A/63/8, were not adopted.

The Delegation of the Russian Federation subsequently requested a vote, seconded by the Delegation of Iran (Islamic Republic of), on the proposed decision contained in the Annex to document A/63/8. By a vote of 71 “in favor”, 10 “against” and 37 “abstentions” the proposed decision, as contained in in the Annex to A/63/8, was adopted.

**ITEM 20: ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS**

Documents: See Annex to the present document.

Decision: “The Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned,  
“(i) adopted the present Summary Report (document A/63/9); and  
“(ii) requested the Secretariat to finalize the Extensive Reports, post them on the WIPO website and communicate them to Member States by August 19, 2022. Comments should be submitted to the Secretariat by September 16, 2022, after which the final reports will be deemed adopted by September 30, 2022.”

Additional Information: The Summary Report, incorporated the decisions adopted by the Assemblies on July 22, 2022. The Extensive Reports, adopted on September 30, 2022, supersede the Summary Report with the addition of all statements made during the Assemblies.

**ITEM 21: CLOSING OF THE SESSIONS**

The Sixty-Third Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of WIPO was closed by the Chair of the WIPO General Assembly. The 64<sup>th</sup> session will take place at WIPO headquarters from July 6 to 14, 2023.

[Annex follows]

**LIST OF REPORTS OF THE 63<sup>RD</sup> ASSEMBLIES**

A/63/10	General Report of the 63 <sup>rd</sup> Assemblies (147 pg.)
WO/GA/55/12	Report of the 55 <sup>th</sup> WIPO General Assembly (85 pg.)
WO/CC/81/4	Report of the 81 <sup>st</sup> WIPO Coordination Committee (19 pg.)
MM/A/56/2	Report of the 56 <sup>th</sup> Madrid Union Assembly (3 pg.)
H/A/42/2	Report of the 42 <sup>nd</sup> Hague Union Assembly (3 pg.)
LI/A/39/2	Report of the 39 <sup>th</sup> Lisbon Union Assembly (8 pg.)
BP/A/39/2	Report of the 39 <sup>th</sup> Budapest Union Assembly (4 pg.)

**JOINT REPORTS<sup>1</sup> (2 PG)**

WO/CF/43/1	Report of the 43 <sup>rd</sup> WIPO Conference
P/A/58/1	Report of the 58 <sup>th</sup> Paris Union Assembly
P/EC/62/1	Report of the 62 <sup>nd</sup> Paris Union Executive Committee
B/A/52/1	Report of the 52 <sup>nd</sup> Berne Union Assembly
B/EC/68/1	Report of the 68 <sup>th</sup> Berne Union Executive Committee
N/A/42/1	Report of the 42 <sup>nd</sup> Nice Union Assembly
LO/A/42/1	Report of the 42 <sup>nd</sup> Locarno Union Assembly
IPC/A/43/1	Report of the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Special Union for the International Patent Classification
PCT/A/54/1	Report of the 54 <sup>th</sup> Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Union Assembly
VA/A/35/1	Report of the 35 <sup>th</sup> Vienna Union Assembly
WCT/A/22/1	Report of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> WIPO Copyright Treaty Assembly
WPPT/A/22/1	Report of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
PLT/A/21/1	Report of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Patent Law Treaty Assembly
STLT/A/15/1	Report of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks Assembly
MVT/A/7/1	Report of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Marrakesh Treaty Assembly
BTAP/A/3/1	Report of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Beijing Treaty Assembly
Total:	22 Reports containing 271 pages

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<sup>1</sup> A separate document which records that the following WIPO bodies were statutorily convened in the framework of the Assemblies but did not have individual matters to discuss.



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