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The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Ambassador François Rivasseau, presents his compliments and has the honor to transmit the enclosed Note (Ref. No. 10.1-13/12) from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Estonia, dated January 20, 2020, forwarding the letter from Mr. Jüri Seilenthal, dated January 17, 2020, informing of his withdrawal of consideration as a candidate for the post of Director General of WIPO.

January 20, 2020



Enclosure: Note of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Estonia and letter from Mr. Jüri Seilenthal

*Permanent Representation of the Republic of Estonia  
Geneva*

No. 10.1-13/12

*The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Estonia to the United Nations Office and Other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office and Other International Organisations in Geneva and has the honour to forward the letter by the Estonian candidate to the position of the Director General of the World Intellectual Property organization.*

*The Mission thereby informs the Permanent Representative of France, H.E. Mr. François Rivasseau in his capacity as the Chair of the WIPO Coordination Committee of Estonia's withdrawal of its candidature.*

*The Permanent Mission of Estonia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Permanent Mission of France the assurances of its highest consideration.*

*Geneva, 20 January 2020*



*Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office and Other International Organisations in Geneva*

GENEVA

H.E. François Rivasseau,  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France

*Tallinn, January 17-th, 2020.*

Excellency,

I am addressing this communication to You in Your capacity as elected Chair of the World Intellectual Property Organisations (Wipo) Coordination Committee (CoCo).

With the present letter I would like to inform you and request you to inform the WIPO member states, especially member states of CoCo that I do not want to be considered as a candidate to the position of Director General of WIPO effective as of January 21-st 2020 due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia has been informed of this communication.

Excellency, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration,



Jüri Seilen:hal

Estonian candidate to the position of DG of WIPO

Director General

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia