ITEM 5 DRAFT PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2016/17 BIENNIUM

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The Program and Budget Committee, having completed a comprehensive first reading of the draft proposed Program and Budget for the 2016/17 biennium, Program by Program under each Strategic Goal:

- (i) agreed to the modifications proposed by Member States to program narratives, including the results framework in Programs 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 25 and 28;
- (ii) requested the Secretariat to issue a revised version of the draft proposed Program and Budget for the 2016/17 biennium based on (i) for the upcoming session of the PBC.
- (iii) took note, inter alia, of the following points for further consideration in the upcoming session of the Program and Budget Committee:
 - a. Program 1: Model Draft Law and confidential information
 - b. Program 3: TAG
 - c. Program 6: Split of Program 6 (Madrid and Lisbon Systems) into two separate programs and reflect this split in all appropriate sections, tables and annexes in the revised draft of the Program and Budget 2016/17;
 - d. Program 20: New External Offices including potential reference in paragraph 33 and New York Office

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- (iv) decided to further consider and refer the concerns and issues raised in respect of Program 6 to the twenty-fourth session of the PBC, with the need to:
 - (a) Separate the Accounting for Lisbon and Madrid Systems i.e., two separate programs with separate Expected Results;
 - (b) Ensure that the Lisbon System's use of and contribution to WIPO services and operating costs are accurately reflected as expenses, whether direct or indirect, or income, as appropriate;
 - (c) Balance the Lisbon Budget as provided under the Lisbon Agreement, including its Geneva Act, without the use of other Unions' Income, general Member State Contributions or income not derived from the Lisbon Union;
 - (d) Request that the Secretariat Conduct a Study on Lisbon's Financial Sustainability;
 - (e) Request that the earmark for a diplomatic conference in the 2016/17 biennium be conditional on full participation; and

- (f) Request that the Secretariat to review Annex III, including the allocation of miscellaneous income, and whether, as in the case of the rental income that is directly attributable to the Madrid Union, the miscellaneous income can be more accurately attributed according to how the assets from which this income was acquired and are being maintained.
- (v) requested the Secretariat to:
 - a. present to the 25th session of the PBC, concrete proposals to contain the After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI) liability. These proposals may take into consideration, but should not be limited, to the results presented by the Working Group on ASHI established by the High-level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the Chief Executives Board;
 - continue its efforts to identify and implement further savings and costefficiencies and to report, including its quantification, to 25th PBC session, through the Program Performance Report, on the progress made.