

July 17 at 16 hrs

ITEM 10 Governance

The Program and Budget Committee decided to continue its deliberations on "Governance at WIPO" at the 24th session of the PBC on the basis of the attached draft texts.

VICECHAIR'S PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNANCE (3rd version 17/7/2015)

PBC recommends to the GA the adoption of the following measures, without prejudice to the existing WIPO rules of procedure, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of WIPO governance and WIPO meetings:

- 1 To launch open ended informal and targeted consultations, guided by the Chair of the PBC, to address Governance issues at WIPO, in line with Recommendation n°1 of the 2014 WIPO JIU report. These consultations will first define the topics that will be addressed. The results of these consultations will be presented to the 2016 PBC and the 2016 GA for its consideration and decision.
- 2 Meetings should strive to end in a timely manner. Only in exceptional cases, as necessary to obtain a satisfactory result, should meetings be extended beyond the normal working hours, preferably no later than 7 p.m.
- 3 Avoid overlap of official meetings and avoid, if possible, holding consecutive meetings of various committees unless there is a clear connection between them.
- 4 Secretariat should continue its efforts to post working documents in all official languages two months prior to meetings in order to allow delegations sufficient time to analyze and consult on them.
- 5 Increase the early nomination of Chairs and Vicechairs in a transparent manner, if possible, before the opening of the Committee session.
- 6 Request Secretariat to report MS on the division of responsibilities between PBC and CoCo and possible measures to increase its efficiency and also report on studies of other UN Agencies' governance structure taking into account their specificities.
- 7 When proposing a calendar of official meetings, the DG should primarily take into account the expected workload and pay attention to the average number of official meeting days of the last 5 years and, if possible, avoid increasing that number.
- 8 Reduce, when possible, the customary duration of WIPO Committees, taking into account the Committees' agenda. This will not affect Committees whose duration is specified by the General Assembly.
- 9 The PBC requests Secretariat to inform Member States of the results obtained with the implementation of such measures at the next PBC session. The PBC will then evaluate these measures and decide upon its continuation or modification.

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Proposal of the Central European and Baltic States

The Program and Budget Committee will consider possible deficiencies in WIPO's governance in line with recommendation number 1 of the 2014 JIU report with a view to identifying remedies if needed and report to the General Assembly.