

Draft Decision paragraphs Agenda items 11, 14, 19, 20, 22 and 27 from Chair's informal consultation,
October 13, 5.00 pm

Item 11 (Report on the PBC)

The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and the Unions, each as far as it is concerned:

- (i) Agreed to approve the Revised Proposed Program and Budget (A/55/5/Rev), as amended during the General Assemblies (Program 6);*
- ii) Noted the decision of the Lisbon Union Assembly to adopt measures by the 2016 Assemblies to eliminate the Lisbon Union's projected biennial deficit, as described in the 2016/17 biennium WIPO program and budget (1.523 million CHF); and*
- iii) Decided to approve a loan from the reserves of the Contribution-financed Unions to the Lisbon Union in order to fund the operations of the Lisbon System for 2016/17, in case such measures are not sufficient to cover its projected biennial deficit. Such loan shall be provided on the basis that no interest shall be payable and that it would be repaid when the Lisbon Union reserves would allow it to do so.*

The General Assembly

- i) Recognized that the allocation methodology for the income and budget by Union is a cross cutting topic;*
- ii) Noted that some delegations are of the opinion that further discussion among the Member States would be needed;*
- iii) Requested the Secretariat to conduct a study on potential alternatives for an allocation methodology for the income and budget by Union for consideration at PBC 25.*

The General Assembly takes note of the fact that all diplomatic conferences contemplated in the 2016-17 biennium, that may be held under the auspices of WIPO during the 2016/17 biennium and funded by the resources of the organization will be open to the full participation of all WIPO Member States.

Item 14 (Matters Concerning the SCT)

The General Assembly directs the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) to examine the different systems for protection of geographical indications, within its current mandate and covering all aspects.

Item 19 (PCT System)

The Assembly of the PCT Union considered document PCT/A/47/8 and did not reach consensus.

Item 20 (Madrid System)

The Assembly of the Madrid Union considered document MM/A/49/4 and did not reach consensus.

Item 22 (Lisbon System)

The Lisbon Union Assembly, recognizing that the Lisbon Union has a deficit and that its receipts do not suffice to cover its expenses, decides that:

- i) In accordance with Article 11 of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration (the 'Lisbon Agreement') the Lisbon Union, as a fee-funded union, shall adopt measures by the 2016 Assemblies to eliminate its projected biennial deficit, as described in the 2016/17 biennium WIPO program and budget of the Lisbon Union (1.523 million CHF).*
- ii) the Lisbon Union shall receive a loan from the Contribution-financed Unions if such measures are not sufficient to cover its projected biennial deficit as described in paragraph i) at the Lisbon Union Assembly in 2016. Such loan shall be provided on the basis that no interest shall be payable and that it would be repaid when the Lisbon Union reserves would allow it to do so.*
- iii) the Lisbon Union will take advantage of the meetings of the Working Group for the discussion relating to the Lisbon system in order to consider the financial sustainability of the Lisbon Union, including the options contained in document LI/A/32/3 or any other practical solution, and to present a proposal to the next session of the Assembly in 2016.*

Item 27 (Matters concerning the Administration of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement)

The General Assembly considered document WO/GA/47/3 and did not reach consensus.