

Having examined documents A/56/15 and A/57/8;

Having taken into account the 2015 WIPO General Assembly decisions, including the Guiding principles (document A/55/13), and the outcome of the 2016 WIPO General Assembly (A/56/16),

Having taken note of the Chair's Statement (A/56/17);

The General Assembly decided:

1) to open a WIPO External Office in Colombia in the 2016/17 biennium;

2) to continue consultations in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, under the auspices of the Chair of the WIPO General Assembly, on the opening of External Offices in the 2018/19 biennium, taking into account the 2015 WIPO General Assembly decisions, particularly the Guiding Principles, with the aim of reaching a consensual decision during the 2018 WIPO General Assembly on the opening of three external offices.