

C. N 3985

April 2, 2020

Madam,
Sir,

I have the honor to refer to the Circular Note C. N 3979 dated March 10, 2020, concerning the postponement of the meetings of the principal committees and bodies of WIPO and of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) until the end of April 2020.

The Secretariat, having reviewed the current situation with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, has decided to postpone the following WIPO meetings in May 2020:

- WIPO Conversation on Intellectual Property and Artificial Intelligence (2nd Session), May 11 to 12, 2020;
- Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) (25th session), May 18 to 22, 2020; and
- Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Working Group (13th session), May 26 to 29, 2020.

In so far as the Sessions of the General Assembly and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions to appoint the Director General scheduled for May 7 and 8, 2020, are concerned, consultations are ongoing between the Secretariat, the Chair of the WIPO General Assembly and the Coordinators of the WIPO Regional Groups.

The Secretariat will continue to closely follow developments as they impact the scheduling of WIPO and UPOV meetings and further review the situation in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



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