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Delegations will find attached a Flash note from the Presidency in relation to the meeting of the Working Party on Intellectual Property taking place on 23 June 2025.

# FLASH

## Working Party on Intellectual Property

23 June 2025

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to our last Working Party on Intellectual Property on **23 June 2025**.

We will begin the meeting with the WIPO-related matters. First, we will feature a debrief from the Commission on the 51<sup>st</sup> session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) (Geneva, 30 May – 5 June 2025).

We will continue with the preparation for the upcoming 66<sup>th</sup> series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, which will take place in Geneva from 8 to 17 July. We would like to receive delegations' views on the draft statements which have been prepared in close cooperation with the Commission and the incoming Danish Presidency, that have been uploaded to Delegates Portal (doc. 10307/25).

In that context, we moreover expect to have on our table a proposal for a formal Council Decision for the EU position to be taken at the WIPO Assembly of the Lisbon Special Union. The Commission proposal for this Decision is scheduled to be submitted to the Council on 19 June. Given the extremely limited time available for the examination and adoption by the Council of this Decision, an advance draft of the proposal had been shared with delegations in WK 7168/2025. At the Working Party meeting on 23 June, the Commission will be invited to present its proposal (*document to be issued*). At the same time, the Presidency will put for discussion a slightly revised text of that proposal (*document to be issued*), which mainly sets out adjustments that have been suggested by the Council lawyer linguists on the basis of the advance draft of the proposal. Given the tight timeframe, it is our intention to finalise the text of the draft Council Decision as much as possible at the Working Party on 23 June with a view to submitting the Decision (as a I/A-item) for adoption to Coreper on 2 July and Council on 8 July. To reach this goal we rely on the delegations' pragmatic approach and constructive support, for which we would like to thank you in advance.

Next, we would like to return to the discussion from the last meeting regarding the legal basis (Article 118 TFEU) as the legal basis for the unitary Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs) and the further alternative option that was brought up to ensure that the unitary SPC Regulation complies with this legal basis.

Additionally, we would like to wrap up the discussion on SPCs in relation to the Presidency paper (WK 4467/2025).

Finally, under AOB, we would like to inform you about the next steps in the ongoing procedures for the appointment of the Chairperson of a Board of Appeal of the EUIPO. Afterwards, it will be our pleasure to give the floor to our Danish colleagues to present their priorities for their Presidency.

We look forward to seeing you on 23 June 2025.

Kind regards,

The Polish Presidency Team