

Subject: APPROACH IN WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS

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See the Revised Draft Agenda (document WIPO/DAS/PD/WG/1/1 Rev.) which was recently posted on the website. After comments received informally, it seemed desirable to structure the discussion differently than as originally proposed.

Document WIPO/DAS/PD/WG/1/5 (Proposed System Architecture and Technical Considerations) reflects a more general perspective on the environment in which the new service would operate, and document WIPO/DAS/PD/WG/1/2 should be read in that light.

Document WIPO/DAS/PD/WG/1/3 (Draft Framework Provisions) should also be seen as subject to change reflecting the same perspective. Core components of the framework provisions are undertakings by Offices of first filing to make p-docs accessible via the service and undertakings Offices of second filing to recognize access to p-docs that are accessible under the service, together with the need to ensure that access to p-docs that are not yet publicly available is given only where there is proper authorization. The Working Group may well decide that other features of the provisions set out in document WIPO/DAS/PD/WG/1/3 could be omitted.