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C. SCIT 2630
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October 13, 2006

Re: Inclusion in WIPO Standard ST.3 of the two-letter codes for the
countries of Serbia and Montenegro

Madam,
Sir,

The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) hereby informs your Office that, on September 26, 2006, the Maintenance Agency for International Standard ISO 3166 (ISO 3166/MA) published ISO 3166-1 Newsletter V-12, announcing the inclusion, in International Standard ISO 3166-1:1997, of the two countries Serbia and Montenegro, as well as their two-letter codes, namely RS for Serbia and ME for Montenegro. The said announcement is available at:

<http://www.iso.org/iso/en/prods-services/iso3166ma/03updates-on-iso-3166/nlv12-div.htm>

In order to include both Serbia and Montenegro in WIPO Standard ST.3, each of these two new States must meet the conditions stated in paragraph 1 of the said Standard, which reads as follows:

“This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to industrial property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of industrial property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of industrial property.”

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The International Bureau has confirmation that Serbia has legislation for the protection of industrial property rights and has become party to several treaties related to industrial property administered by WIPO. However, at present, the International Bureau has no information that Montenegro has legislation for the protection of industrial property rights or is acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of industrial property.

In view of the above, the International Bureau would like to propose the following for consideration by your Office:

- (a) to include Serbia and its two-letter code RS in WIPO Standard ST.3;
- (b) to authorize the International Bureau to add Montenegro and its two-letter code ME in WIPO Standard ST.3 once it has been shown that Montenegro meets the conditions stated in paragraph 1 of WIPO Standard ST.3.

For your information, WIPO Standard ST.3 is available on the WIPO website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

You are kindly requested to inform the International Bureau by November 20, 2006, whether you agree to the two above-mentioned proposals and the relevant revision of WIPO Standard ST.3.

In the event that no communication is received by the above-mentioned date, the International Bureau will consider that your Office has no objection to the said proposals and will amend WIPO Standard ST.3 accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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