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REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.3

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INTRODUCTION

1. As noted by the Committee at its sixth session held in 2018, there is a need to review the relevant sources regarding the short names of states, territories and Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) for their use in the framework of WIPO Standard ST.3 (see paragraphs 36 to 39 of CWS/6/34).
2. WIPO ST.3 is currently aligned with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Alpha-2 Codes listed in ISO 3166-1, “Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes”, regarding the two-letter alphabetic country codes and their respective names within the WIPO ST.3.
3. ISO 3166-1 will remain the source for two-letter alphabetical codes. However, as part of the United Nations system, WIPO should consistently use the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM) as a reference point for state names. Therefore, the International Bureau proposes to shift from the ISO 3166 to UNTERM as a source for the short form of state names in WIPO Standard ST.3. With regard to territory names or where a deviation from state names in UNTERM is required, established WIPO practice shall prevail, reflecting official requests by the states concerned.
4. With respect to the names of intergovernmental organizations, it is proposed that WIPO ST.3 would continue to rely on communications received from the IGO concerned and established WIPO practice in this regard.
5. A proposed revision of WIPO ST.3, reflecting the proposed changes in line with paragraphs 2 to 4 above, as well as the respective editorial changes and clarifications, is annexed to the present document for consideration.

6. The proposed changes also require adjustment of the streamlined procedure for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3, which was adopted at the eleventh session of the former Standing Committee on Information Technologies - Standards and Documentation Working Group (SCIT/SDWG) replaced by CWS (see paragraph 35 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/14). Such procedure is reproduced below.

“(a) The IB would revise country names and names of intergovernmental organizations in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify CWS members of the revision as follows:

(i) The IB would revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding country names as adopted by the Maintenance Agency for International Standard ISO 3166 (ISO 3166/MA). Other proposals for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 concerning changes regarding names of intergovernmental organizations identified or received by the IB, would also be directly incorporated in the Standard.

(ii) The IB would then publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 on WIPO’s website, as usual, followed by issuing an e-mail informing CWS members of the publication of a revised version of WIPO Standard ST.3.

(b) The IB would revise two-letter codes in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify CWS members of the revision as follows:

(i) The IB would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding two-letter country codes as adopted by ISO 3166/MA. Other proposals for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 concerning changes regarding two-letter codes of intergovernmental organizations identified or received by the IB, would also be directly incorporated in the proposed Standard.

(ii) The IB would inform CWS members of the amendments to the Standard by issuing an e-mail. Within two months from the e-mail notification, CWS members would be able to submit remarks concerning the proposed two-letter codes.

(iii) If consensus was reached within the two-month period, then the IB would publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 as indicated in paragraph 35(a)(ii), above.

(iv) If consensus was not reached, the IB proposal, together with the remarks submitted, would be forwarded to the following CWS session for consideration and final decision.”

7. The International Bureau proposes to modify the streamlined procedure for the revision of WIPO ST.3, bringing it in line with the principles explained in paragraphs 2 to 4 above. By taking this opportunity, the International Bureau also proposes to make the streamlined procedure more precise and more comprehensive to cover other revision cases than two-letter codes and short form of state names. The proposal of the amended streamlined procedure is presented here:

(a) The International Bureau would revise the short form of names of states, territories and names of intergovernmental organizations in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify the members of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS members) of the revision as follows:

(i) The International Bureau would revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding the short form of state names as adopted by the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM). With regard to territory names or where a deviation from state names in UNTERM is required, the International Bureau would also revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the necessary changes based on established WIPO practice reflecting official requests by the states concerned. With regard to names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau would similarly revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the changes identified or received by the International Bureau from the intergovernmental organizations concerned.

(ii) The International Bureau would then publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 on WIPO's website, followed by a notification informing the CWS members of the publication of the revision.

(b) With regard to a revision of WIPO Standard ST.3, other than the names mentioned in item (a) above, such as changes to two-letter codes, the International Bureau should prepare a proposal for the revision for consideration and approval by the CWS members as follows:

(i) The International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. In particular, in regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of states and territories, the International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes already adopted by ISO 3166/MA. With regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau will prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating a suitable two-letter code representing the organization concerned.

(ii) The International Bureau would issue a circular inviting the CWS members to consider the proposal and respond within two months.

(iii) If consensus is reached within the two-month period, then the International Bureau would publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3.

(iv) If consensus is not reached, the International Bureau proposal, together with the remarks submitted, would be forwarded to the following CWS session for consideration and final decision.

8. *The CWS is invited to:*

(a) *note the content of the present document and the Annex;*

(b) *consider and decide on the proposal for the new streamlined procedure for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 as indicated in paragraph 7; and*

(c) *consider and decide on the proposals for revision of WIPO Standard ST.3, based on the principles set forth in paragraphs 2 to 4, above, and as indicated in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

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STANDARD ST.3

RECOMMENDED STANDARD ON TWO-LETTER CODES FOR THE REPRESENTATION
OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Revision adopted by Proposal presented by the International Bureau for consideration and approval at the seventh session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) at its reconvened fourth session on March 24, 2016, by correspondence on March 26, 2016 and further updated by the International Bureau

INTRODUCTION

1. 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.
2. The designation of States or other entities in this Recommended Standard does not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever concerning the legal status of any State or territory, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.
3. ~~This~~ The two-letter alphabetic codes in this Recommended Standard ~~is~~ are aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Codes listed in International Standard ISO 3166-1, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes", which ~~are~~ are available on the [Online Browsing Platform](#) of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). ~~The short form of state names in this Recommended Standard is aligned with the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM) with a few exceptions. These exceptions, as well as the territory names, are based on established WIPO practice, reflecting official requests by the states concerned.~~

RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by industrial property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
5. The recommended codes ~~with respective names~~ are contained in Annex ~~A~~ in two sections, organized as follows:
 - (i) Section 1 presents a list of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in alphabetic sequence of their short names and their corresponding codes;
 - (ii) Section 2 presents the codes referred to in (i) in alphabetic order and the corresponding (short) names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations.
6. In addition to the said recommended codes, the two-letter alphabetic code "XX" is recommended to refer to unknown states, other entities or organizations.

MAINTENANCE

7. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166. ~~WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work.~~
8. ~~WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work.~~ The International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard at intervals following the decisions of the Maintenance Agency and of the respective WIPO body with regard to the inclusion of new two-letter alphabetic codes or the amending of existing two-letter alphabetic codes. ~~With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of states and territories, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following UNTERM with a few exceptions described in paragraph 3 above. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following communications received from the intergovernmental organization concerned and established WIPO practice in this regard. The revision procedure of this Recommended Standard is provided in Annex III.~~

IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

9. To assist users of documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefor, Annex ~~B~~ I, Section 1, to this Recommended Standard lists those States for which the code in force prior to January 1, 1978, was subsequently replaced by a new code. A list of States or organizations, with their respective codes, that ceased to exist is given in Annex ~~B~~ II, Section 2.
10. The codes contained in Annex ~~A~~ to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefor, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.

11. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XT, XW, XY, XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEX A, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE OF THEIR SHORT NAMES,
AND THEIR CORRESPONDING CODES

AFGHANISTAN	AF	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	CI
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	OA	CROATIA	HR
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	AP	CUBA	CU
ALBANIA	AL	CURAÇAO	CW
ALGERIA	DZ	CYPRUS	CY
ANDORRA	AD	CZECHIA	CZ
ANGOLA	AO	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KP
ANGUILLA	AI	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	CD
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	DENMARK	DK
ARGENTINA	AR	DJIBOUTI	DJ
ARMENIA	AM	DOMINICA	DM
ARUBA	AW	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
AUSTRALIA	AU	ECUADOR	EC
AUSTRIA	AT	EGYPT	EG
AZERBAIJAN	AZ	EL SALVADOR	SV
BAHAMAS	BS	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ
BAHRAIN	BH	ERITREA	ER
BANGLADESH	BD	ESTONIA	EE
BARBADOS	BB	ESWATINI	SZ
BELARUS	BY	ETHIOPIA	ET
BELGIUM	BE	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	EA
BELIZE	BZ	EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (EUIPO) ⁽¹³⁾	EM
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (BOIP) ⁽²⁾⁽²⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	BX	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	EP
BENIN	BJ	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	FK
BERMUDA	BM	FAROE ISLANDS	FO
BHUTAN	BT	FIJI	FJ
BOLIVIA ⁽¹⁾ (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)	BO	FINLAND	FI
BONAIRE, SINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA	BQ	FRANCE	FR
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	GABON	GA
BOTSWANA	BW	GAMBIA	GM
BOUVET ISLAND	BV	GEORGIA	GE
BRAZIL	BR	GERMANY ⁽³⁾	DE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	VG	GHANA	GH
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN	GIBRALTAR	GI
BULGARIA	BG	GREECE	GR
BURKINA FASO	BF	GREENLAND	GL
BURUNDI	BI	GRENADA	GD
CAMBODIA	KH	GUATEMALA	GT
CAMEROON	CM	GUERNSEY	GG
CANADA	CA	GUINEA	GN
CABO VERDE	CV	GUINEA-BISSAU	GW
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KY	GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf)	
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CF	GUYANA	GY
CHAD	TD	HAITI	HT
CHILE	CL	HOLY SEE	VA
CHINA	CN	HONDURAS	HN
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO) ⁽¹³⁾	QZ	HONG KONG, China (See The Hong Kong Special HK Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China)	HK
COLOMBIA	CO		
COMOROS	KM		
CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic Republic of the Congo)			
CONGO	CG		
COOK ISLANDS	CK		
COSTA RICA	CR		

HUNGARY	HU	NIGER	NE
ICELAND	IS	NIGERIA	NG
INDIA	IN	NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	XN
INDONESIA	ID	NORTH MACEDONIA	MK
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	IB, WO	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	MP
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾	XU	NORWAY	NO
IRAN ⁽¹³⁾ (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	IR	OMAN	OM
IRAQ	IQ	PAKISTAN	PK
IRELAND	IE	PALAU	PW
ISLE OF MAN	IM	PANAMA	PA
ISRAEL	IL	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	PG
ITALY	IT	PARAGUAY	PY
JAMAICA	JM	PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC Patent Office) ⁽¹³⁾	GC
JAPAN	JP	PERU	PE
JERSEY	JE	PHILIPPINES	PH
JORDAN	JO	POLAND	PL
KAZAKHSTAN	KZ	PORTUGAL	PT
KENYA	KE	QATAR	QA
KIRIBATI	KI	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KR
KOREA (see Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea)		REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	MD
KUWAIT	KW	ROMANIA	RO
KYRGYZSTAN	KG	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	RU
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ...	LA	RWANDA	RW
LATVIA	LV	SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA	SH
LEBANON	LB	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	KN
LESOTHO	LS	SAINT LUCIA	LC
LIBERIA	LR	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	VC
LIBYA	LY	SAMOA	WS
LIECHTENSTEIN	LI	SAN MARINO	SM
LITHUANIA	LT	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	ST
LUXEMBOURG	LU	SAUDI ARABIA	SA
MACAO, CHINA	MO	SENEGAL	SN
MACEDONIA (see The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)		SERBIA	RS
MADAGASCAR	MG	SEYCHELLES	SC
MALAWI	MW	SIERRA LEONE	SL
MALAYSIA	MY	SINGAPORE	SG
MALDIVES	MV	SINT MAARTEN (Dutch part)	SX
MALI	ML	SLOVAKIA	SK
MALTA	MT	SLOVENIA	SI
MAURITANIA	MR	SOLOMON ISLANDS	SB
MAURITIUS	MU	SOMALIA	SO
MEXICO	MX	SOUTH AFRICA	ZA
MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova)		SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	GS
MONACO	MC	SOUTH SUDAN	SS
MONGOLIA	MN	SPAIN	ES
MONTENEGRO	ME	SRI LANKA	LK
MONTSERRAT	MS	SUDAN	SD
MOROCCO	MA	SURINAME	SR
MOZAMBIQUE	MZ	SWEDEN	SE
MYANMAR	MM	SWITZERLAND	CH
NAMIBIA	NA	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	SY
NAURU	NR	TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA	TW
NEPAL	NP	TAJIKISTAN	TJ
NETHERLANDS	NL	TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)	
NEW ZEALAND	NZ	THAILAND	TH
NICARAGUA	NI	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	MK

THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	HK
TIMOR-LESTE	TL
TOGO	TG
TONGA	TO
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TT
TUNISIA	TN
TURKEY	TR
TURKMENISTAN	TM
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	TC
TUVALU	TV
UGANDA	UG
UKRAINE	UA
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	AE
UNITED KINGDOM	GB
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	TZ
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	US
URUGUAY	UY
UZBEKISTAN	UZ

VANUATU	VU
VATICAN CITY STATE (See Holy See)	
VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)	VE
VIET NAM	VN
VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH	VG
VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	XV
WESTERN SAHARA ⁽⁵⁾	EH
WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) (INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	WO, IB
YEMEN	YE
ZAMBIA	ZM
ZIMBABWE	ZW

[Section 2 follows]

ANNEX A, SECTION 2

LIST OF CODES, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE, AND THE CORRESPONDING (SHORT) NAMES
OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AD	Andorra	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾
AE	United Arab Emirates	EC	Ecuador
AF	Afghanistan	EE	Estonia
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	EG	Egypt
AI	Anguilla	EH	Western Sahara ⁽⁵⁾
AL	Albania	EM	European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) ⁽¹³⁾
AM	Armenia	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾
AO	Angola	ER	Eritrea
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	ES	Spain
AR	Argentina	ET	Ethiopia
AT	Austria	FI	Finland
AU	Australia	FJ	Fiji
AW	Aruba	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
AZ	Azerbaijan	FO	Faroe Islands
		FR	France
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	GA	Gabon
BB	Barbados	GB	United Kingdom
BD	Bangladesh	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office) ⁽¹³⁾
BE	Belgium	GD	Grenada
BF	Burkina Faso	GE	Georgia
BG	Bulgaria	GG	Guernsey
BH	Bahrain	GH	Ghana
BI	Burundi	GI	Gibraltar
BJ	Benin	GL	Greenland
BM	Bermuda	GM	Gambia
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GN	Guinea
BO	Bolivia ⁽¹⁾ (Plurinational State of) ⁽¹³⁾	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	GR	Greece
BR	Brazil	GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
BS	Bahamas	GT	Guatemala
BT	Bhutan	GW	Guinea-Bissau
BV	Bouvet Island	GY	Guyana
BW	Botswana		
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) ⁽²⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	HK	The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
BY	Belarus	HN	Honduras
BZ	Belize	HR	Croatia
CA	Canada	HT	Haiti
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	HU	Hungary
CF	Central African Republic		
CG	Congo	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽¹³⁾
CH	Switzerland	ID	Indonesia
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	IE	Ireland
CK	Cook Islands	IL	Israel
CL	Chile	IM	Isle of Man
CM	Cameroon	IN	India
CN	China	IQ	Iraq
CO	Colombia	IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
CR	Costa Rica	IS	Iceland
CU	Cuba	IT	Italy
CV	Cabo Verde		
CW	Curaçao	JE	Jersey
CY	Cyprus	JM	Jamaica
CZ	Czechia	JO	Jordan
		JP	Japan
DE	Germany ⁽³⁾	KE	Kenya
DJ	Djibouti	KG	Kyrgyzstan
DK	Denmark		
DM	Dominica		
DO	Dominican Republic		
DZ	Algeria		

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KH	Cambodia	RO	Romania
KI	Kiribati	RS	Serbia
KM	Comoros	RU	Russian Federation
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	RW	Rwanda
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	SA	Saudi Arabia
KR	Republic of Korea	SB	Solomon Islands
KW	Kuwait	SC	Seychelles
KY	Cayman Islands	SD	Sudan
KZ	Kazakhstan	SE	Sweden
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	SG	Singapore
LB	Lebanon	SH	Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
LC	Saint Lucia	SI	Slovenia
LI	Liechtenstein	SK	Slovakia
LK	Sri Lanka	SL	Sierra Leone
LR	Liberia	SM	San Marino
LS	Lesotho	SN	Senegal
LT	Lithuania	SO	Somalia
LU	Luxembourg	SR	Suriname
LV	Latvia	SS	South Sudan
LY	Libya	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MA	Morocco	SV	El Salvador
MC	Monaco	SX	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
MD	Republic of Moldova	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
ME	Montenegro	SZ	Eswatini
MG	Madagascar	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of North Macedonia	TD	Chad
ML	Mali	TG	Togo
MM	Myanmar	TH	Thailand
MN	Mongolia	TJ	Tajikistan
MO	Macao, China	TL	Timor-Leste
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	TM	Turkmenistan
MR	Mauritania	TN	Tunisia
MS	Montserrat	TO	Tonga
MT	Malta	TR	Turkey
MU	Mauritius	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
MV	Maldives	TV	Tuvalu
MW	Malawi	TW	Taiwan, Province of China
MX	Mexico	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
MY	Malaysia	UA	Ukraine
MZ	Mozambique	UG	Uganda
NA	Namibia	US	United States of America
NE	Niger	UY	Uruguay
NG	Nigeria	UZ	Uzbekistan
NI	Nicaragua	VA	Holy See
NL	Netherlands	VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
NO	Norway	VE	Venezuela, (Bolivarian Republic of)
NP	Nepal	VG	British Virgin Islands (British)
NR	Nauru	VN	Viet Nam
NZ	New Zealand	VU	Vanuatu
OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽¹³⁾
OM	Oman	WS	Samoa
PA	Panama	XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾
PE	Peru	XU	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾
PG	Papua New Guinea	XV	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾
PH	Philippines	YE	Yemen
PK	Pakistan	ZA	South Africa
PL	Poland	ZM	Zambia
PT	Portugal	ZW	Zimbabwe
PW	Palau		
PY	Paraguay		
QA	Qatar		
QZ	Community Plant Variety Office (European Union) (CPVO) ⁽¹³⁾		

[Annex B follows]

ANNEX B.II, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES IN RESPECT OF WHICH CODES HAVE CHANGED

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978	Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania	AN	AL	Japan	JA	JP
Algeria	AG	DZ	Kuwait	KU	KW
Austria	OE	AT	Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Bahrain	BB	BH	Madagascar	MD	MG
Bangladesh	BA	BD	Mali	MJ	ML
Barbados	BD	BB	Malta	ML	MT
Benin	DA	BJ	Mauritania	MT	MR
Bhutan	BH	BT	Mauritius	MS	MU
Botswana	BT	BW	Mongolia	MO	MN
Burkina Faso	UV	HV/BF ⁽⁶⁾	Myanmar	BU	MM ⁽⁸⁾
Burma (see Myanmar)			Nicaragua	NA	NI
Cambodia	CD	KH	Niger	NI	NE
Cameroon	KA	CM	Nigeria	WN	NG
Central African Republic	ZR	CF	Oman	MU	OM
Chad	TS	TD	Panama	PM	PA
Chile	CE	CL	Papua New Guinea	PP	PG
China	RC	CN	Paraguay	PG	PY
Congo	CF	CG	Poland	PO	PL
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia)			Republic of Korea	KS	KR
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KN	KP	Romania	RU	RO
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CB	ZR/CD ⁽⁷⁾	Sierra Leone	WL	SL
Dominican Republic	DR	DO	Sri Lanka	CL	LK
East Timor (see Timor-Leste)	–	–	Sweden	SW	SE
Egypt	ET	EG	Syrian Arab Republic	SR	SY
El Salvador	SL	SV	Timor-Leste	TP	TL ⁽⁹⁾
Ethiopia	EA	ET	Togo	TO	TG
Finland	SF	FI	Tonga	TI	TO
Gambia	GE	GM	Trinidad and Tobago	TD	TT
Germany	DT	DE	United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Guatemala	GU	GT	Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo)		
Guinea	GI	GN	Zambia	ZB	ZM
Haiti	HI	HT			
Holy See	CV	VA			
Honduras	HO	HN			
Ireland	EI	IE			

[Section 2 follows]

ANNEX III, SECTION 2

LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978,
BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia	CS
Democratic Yemen	SY/YD ⁽¹⁰⁾
German Democratic Republic	DL/DD ⁽¹¹⁾
International Patent Institute	IB
Soviet Union	SU
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro	YU ⁽¹²⁾

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III

Procedure for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3

1. The International Bureau would revise the short form of names of states, territories and names of intergovernmental organizations in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify the members of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS members) the revision as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding the short form of state names as adopted by the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM). With regard to territory names or where a deviation from state names in UNTERM is required, the International Bureau would also revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the necessary changes based on established WIPO practice reflecting official requests by the states concerned. With regard to names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau would similarly revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the changes identified or received by the International Bureau from the intergovernmental organizations concerned.

(b) The International Bureau would then publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 on WIPO's website, followed by a notification informing the CWS members of the publication of the revision.

2. With regard to a revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 other than the names mentioned in paragraph 1 above, such as changes to two-letter codes, the International Bureau should prepare a proposal for the revision for consideration and approval by the CWS members as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. In particular, in regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of states and territories, the International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes already adopted by ISO 3166/MA. With regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau will prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating a suitable two-letter code representing the organization concerned.

(b) The International Bureau would issue a circular inviting the CWS members to consider the proposal and respond within two months.

(c) If consensus is reached within the two-month period, then the International Bureau would publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3.

(d) If consensus is not reached, the International Bureau proposal, together with the remarks submitted, would be forwarded to the following CWS session for consideration and final decision.

[End of Annex III and of Standard]

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- (1) Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In the case of the European Patent Office, it is the operational organ of the European Patent Organization.
 - (2) The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.
 - (3) In the electronic database of the International Register of Marks, the International Bureau of WIPO uses the following additional codes, not part of the active codes of Standard ST.3: "DD" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the Federal Republic of Germany; "DT" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the German Democratic Republic.
 - (4) The code "WO" is used in relation to the international publication under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of international applications filed with any PCT receiving Office, as well as in the publication of international deposits of industrial designs under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (33) given in WIPO Standards [ST.9](#) and [ST.80](#). The code "WO" is also the appropriate code to be used with respect to international registrations of marks under the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The code "IB" is used in relation to the receipt of international applications under the PCT filed with the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office.
 - (5) Provisional name.
 - (6) Code BF adopted in 1984.
 - (7) Code CD adopted in 1997.
 - (8) Code MM adopted in 1989.
 - (9) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
 - (10) Code SY used before 1.1.1978.
 - (11) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.
 - (12) Subsequent to the country name change of "Yugoslavia" to "Serbia and Montenegro", that took effect on February 4, 2003, and to the decision by the ISO 3166/MA to use the new country name and new two-letter code "CS" (to replace "YU"), which was announced on July 23, 2003, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group agreed, at its fifth session, in November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code "YU" continue to be used for "Serbia and Montenegro" in the industrial property field because code "CS" raised certain problems due to its former use to represent "Czechoslovakia" until 1993.
 - (13) **The acronym or abbreviation of an entity is not part of its name.**