

Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) - First Session
Geneva, October 25 to 29, 2010

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

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INTRODUCTION

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the session

1. The session was opened by Mr. Yo Takagi, Assistant Director General, Global Infrastructure Sector, who welcomed the participants on behalf of the Director General Dr. Francis Gurry.

Agenda Item 2: Election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs

2. The CWS unanimously elected Mr. Gunnar LINDBOM (Sweden) as Chair and Ms. Oksana Parkheta (Ukraine) and Mr. Yoshihiko YOSHIDA (Japan) as Vice-Chairs.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the agenda

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Agenda Item 4: Organizational matters and special rules of procedure

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Agenda Item 5: ST.10/C Task Force (Task No. 30)

5. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/3. The CWS noted the report of the ST.10/C Task Force leader and approved the questionnaire on application numbering with an amendment in Example 1 (page 2 of the Annex). The Committee approved the subsequent actions to be undertaken by the Secretariat (paragraph 5 and 6 of document CWS/1/3) with the clarification that the WIPO Handbook should be replaced with WIPOSTAD and the timing of conducting the Survey would be determined by the implementation of WIPOSTAD. The CWS also agreed on a new description of Task No. 30 and requested the ST.10/C Task Force to prepare a questionnaire for conducting a new survey on application and priority application numbers used by the industrial property offices (IPOs) in the past once the current survey is finalized.

Agenda Item 6: Proposal on the revision of WIPO Standards ST.8 and ST.10/C (Task No. 33)

6. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/4. The CWS adopted the proposals concerning the revision of both WIPO Standards ST.8 and ST.10/C, with certain amendments, and agreed to request the IPC Committee of Experts on the possibility of revising the presentation of IPC symbols.

Agenda Item 7: Proposal for the preparation of a new WIPO standard on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings using eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

7. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/5. The CWS noted the request made by the European Patent Office on the preparation of a new WIPO standard on the presentation of

nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings using eXtensible Markup Language (XML). It was decided to establish a Task Force to carry out the task described in paragraph 2(a) of the document CWS/1/5 within the time frame indicated in paragraph 2(c) of the said document. Considering the possible impact of the new standard on Annex C to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the CWS requested that the Task Force liaise with the appropriate PCT body. The CWS welcomed the offer of the European Patent Office, which was designated as the Task Force Leader.

Agenda Item 8: Progress report, by the Task Leader of the ST.36 Task Force, on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 (Task No. 38)

8. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/6. The CWS noted the progress report by the Leader of the ST.36 Task Force.

Agenda Item 9: Oral report by the Task Leader of the ST.66 Task Force (Task No. 39)

9. The CWS noted the oral report by the Leader of the ST.66 Task Force.

Agenda Item 10: Progress report, by the Task Leader of the XML4IP Task Force, on the preparation of the XML4IP WIPO Standard (Task No. 41)

10. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/7. The CWS noted the results of the work of the XML4IP Task Force and the progress report by the Leader of the XML4IP Task Force. The CWS agreed that, once the new standard under preparation by the XML4IP Task Force should be WIPO Standard ST.96. The CWS agreed to reword the description of Task No. 41 as reproduced in paragraph 29 of document CWS/1/7 with certain amendments.

Agenda Item 11: Oral report by the Task Leader of the Trademark Standards Task Force (Task No. 20)

11. The CWS noted the oral report, by the Task Force Leader, on the discussions by the Trademark Standards Task Force regarding digital image formats, color management and online display.

Agenda Item 12: Oral report, by the International Bureau, on the use of Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs) in the industrial property domain

12. The CWS noted the oral report by the International Bureau concerning the use of Uniform Resource Identifiers in the industrial property domain. The Committee agreed that it was not worthwhile to devote resources to prepare a new paper on this issue at the moment, understanding that the question could be reopened by the CWS in the future.

Agenda Item 13: Progress report, by the International Bureau, on the development of WIPOSTAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database) (Task No. 26)

13. The CWS noted the progress report made by the International Bureau on the development of WIPOSTAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database). The initiative was supported by the delegates.

Agenda Item 14: Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark, and Industrial Design Information Activities (Task No. 24)

14. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/8. The CWS noted the information concerning the intention to publish the Annual Technical reports (ATRs) under the WIPOSTAD platform. The CWS approved the recommended contents of ATRs on patent, trademark, and industrial design information activities to be used in WIPOSTAD as reproduced in Annexes I, II, and III to the document CWS/1/8.

Agenda Item 15: Exchange of information: Presentation, by the International Bureau, on the last developments of PatentScope

15. The representative of the International Bureau delivered a presentation on the last developments of PatentScope. The participants noted the recent developments of this service.

STATUS OF TASK OF THE CWS

Agenda Item 16: Consideration of the SDWG Task List

16. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/9. The CWS noted the List of Tasks reproduced in the Annex to the said document. The CWS approved the proposals presented therein with amendments with respect to the Tasks № 18, 26, and 41. After updating the information regarding the Tasks that had been discussed during the first session, including the decisions under this agenda item 16, the status of task was as follows:
- (a) Tasks considered completed at this session:
- Task No. 15: Study the consequences of e-filing on the production of certified office copies with particular reference to those used for priority purposes.
- Task No. 35: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey on the implementation of WIPO Standard ST.50 and on the status of the correction procedures in the industrial property offices. Prepare a proposal regarding this matter for consideration by the SDWG.
- Task No. 36: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey in order to clarify the different practices by industrial property offices regarding the difficulties in citing specific parts of the description of the invention text in a patent document. Prepare a proposal regarding this matter for consideration by the SDWG.
- (b) Tasks discontinued at this session:
- Task No. 17: Ongoing electronic data processing and exchange standards activities.
- Task No. 19: Elaborate a WIPO standard concerning making patent documents available on mixed-mode media.
- (c) Tasks on which work remains to be done:
- Task No. 20: Discuss the issues related to digital image formats, as well as color management and online publication in the trademark domain as referred to in paragraph 5 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/9, and prepare a subsequent proposal.
- Task No. 30: Survey industrial property offices on application and priority application numbers used.
- Task No. 37: Carry out a survey on the use and implementation of WIPO Standard ST.22.

Task No. 41: Prepare, for adoption as a WIPO Standard ST.96, a recommendation for the XML (eXtensible Markup Language) resources to be used for filing, processing, publication and exchange of information regarding all life cycle of patents, trademarks and industrial designs.

(c) Tasks to ensure continuous maintenance of WIPO Standards:

Task No. 38: Ensure continuous revision and updating of WIPO Standard ST.36.

Task No. 39: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.66.

Task No. 42: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.86.

(e) Task on which work has not started and is held in abeyance:

Task No. 43: Prepare guidelines, for implementation by industrial property offices, regarding paragraph numbering, long paragraphs, and consistent rendering of patent documents.

(f) Task created at this session and on which work has not started:

Task No. 44: Prepare a recommendation on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings based on eXtensible Markup Language (XML) for adoption as a WIPO standard. The proposal of the new WIPO standard should be presented along with a report on the impact of the said standard on the current WIPO Standard ST.25, including the proposed necessary changes to Standard ST.25

(g) Tasks of continuing activity and/or information nature:

Task No. 18: Identify areas for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Trilateral Offices, ISO, IEC and other well-known industry standard-setting bodies.

Task No. 23: Monitor the inclusion, in databases, of information about the entry, and, where applicable, the non-entry into the national (regional) phase of published PCT international applications.

Task No. 24: Collect and publish Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities of the SCIT Members (ATR/PI, ATR/TM, ATR/ID).

Task No. 26: Report on activities regarding the migration of data from WIPO Handbook into WIPOSTAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database).

Task No. 33: Ongoing revision of WIPO Standards

Task No.33/3: Ongoing revision of WIPO Standard ST.3

Agenda Item 17: Schedule of activities

17. The Secretariat announced that the second session of the CWS was tentatively scheduled to be held from November 9 to 11, 2011.

MEETINGS OF THE CWS TASK FORCES

18. During this session, the following CWS Task Forces held informal meetings: ST.10/C Task Force, Trademark Standards Task Force and XML4IP Task Force. The Task Force Leaders informed the CWS of the progress made regarding their respective tasks in the informal meetings.