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REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.3

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BACKGROUND

1. At its seventh session in 2019, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) approved a proposal for streamlined procedures for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. The CWS also approved changing the source of short names in ST.3 from ISO-3166 to the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM) and adding footnote 14 on usage of two-letter codes “EM”, “EP”, “EU” and “QZ” in WIPO Standard ST.3. (See paragraphs 14 to 18 of document CWS/7/29.)

REVISIONS

2. In June 2022, the Secretariat issued circular C.CWS 161 informing Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs) of a change of name in ST.3 by the Republic of Türkiye (formerly Republic of Turkey), following an official letter to the United Nations and an update to UNTERM. The updated ST.3 was published on the WIPO website.

3. Following the decision by CWS at its ninth session to change “industrial property” to “intellectual property” in the WIPO Handbook, the Secretariat prepared a proposed revision to ST.3 reflecting the decision. In addition to changing “industrial” to “intellectual”, the update adds two-letter codes for two IPOs that practice intellectual property but not industrial property (i.e. copyright) within the scope of coverage of ST.3: Marshall Islands and Niue. Furthermore, based on input from the Hague and Madrid Systems, the text of footnote 4 on use of codes “IB” and “WO” was updated to clarify their intended usage within those Systems.

4. *The CWS is invited to:*

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

(b) consider and decide on the proposed revisions to WIPO Standard ST.3 as shown in the Annex to the present document and indicated in paragraph 3 above.

[Annex follows]

STANDARD ST.3

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

*Proposal presented for consideration at the tenth session of the
Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)*

INTRODUCTION

1. This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to industrial/intellectual property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of industrial/intellectual property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of industrial/intellectual 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. The two-letter alphabetic codes in this Recommended Standard 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 is 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/intellectual 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 I 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. 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/intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, Annex II, 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 II, Section 2.

10. The codes contained in Annex I to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to industrial/intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, 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 I, SECTION 1

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

AFGHANISTAN	AF	COSTA RICA	CR
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) ^{(1) (13)}	OA	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	CI
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) ^{(1) (13)}	AP	CROATIA	HR
ALBANIA	AL	CUBA	CU
ALGERIA	DZ	CURAÇAO	CW
ANDORRA	AD	CYPRUS	CY
ANGOLA	AO	CZECHIA	CZ
ANGUILLA	AI	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KP
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	CD
ARGENTINA	AR	DENMARK	DK
ARMENIA	AM	DJIBOUTI	DJ
ARUBA	AW	DOMINICA	DM
AUSTRALIA	AU	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
AUSTRIA	AT		
AZERBAIJAN	AZ	ECUADOR	EC
		EGYPT	EG
BAHAMAS	BS	EL SALVADOR	SV
BAHRAIN	BH	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ
BANGLADESH	BD	ERITREA	ER
BARBADOS	BB	ESTONIA	EE
BELARUS	BY	ESWATINI	SZ
BELGIUM	BE	ETHIOPIA	ET
BELIZE	BZ	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO) ^{(1) (13)}	EA
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (BOIP) ^{(2) (13)}	BX	EUROPEAN UNION ⁽¹⁴⁾	EU
BENIN	BJ	EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (EUIPO) ^{(13) (14)}	EM
BERMUDA	BM	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) ^{(1) (13) (14)}	EP
BHUTAN	BT		
BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)	BO	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	FK
BONAIRE, SINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA	BQ	FAROE ISLANDS	FO
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	FIJI	FJ
BOTSWANA	BW	FINLAND	FI
BOUVET ISLAND	BV	FRANCE	FR
BRAZIL	BR		
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	VG	GABON	GA
		GAMBIA	GM
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN	GEORGIA	GE
BULGARIA	BG	GERMANY ⁽³⁾	DE
BURKINA FASO	BF	GHANA	GH
BURUNDI	BI	GIBRALTAR	GI
		GREECE	GR
CAMBODIA	KH	GREENLAND	GL
CAMEROON	CM	GRENADA	GD
CANADA	CA	GUATEMALA	GT
CABO VERDE	CV	GUERNSEY	GG
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KY	GUINEA	GN
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CF	GUINEA-BISSAU	GW
CHAD	TD	GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf)	
CHILE	CL	GUYANA	GY
CHINA	CN		
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO) ^{(13) (14)}	QZ	HAITI	HT
COLOMBIA	CO	HOLY SEE	VA
COMOROS	KM	HONDURAS	HN
CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic Republic of the Congo)		HONG KONG, China	HK
CONGO	CG		
COOK ISLANDS	CK		

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

TUNISIA TN
TÜRKIYE 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

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ANNEX I, 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) (14)}
AM	Armenia	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) ^{(1) (13) (14)}
AO	Angola	ER	Eritrea
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ^{(1) (13)}	ES	Spain
AR	Argentina	ET	Ethiopia
AT	Austria	EU	European Union ⁽¹⁴⁾
AU	Australia	FI	Finland
AW	Aruba	FJ	Fiji
AZ	Azerbaijan	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	FO	Faroe Islands
BB	Barbados	FR	France
BD	Bangladesh	GA	Gabon
BE	Belgium	GB	United Kingdom
BF	Burkina Faso	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office) ⁽¹³⁾
BG	Bulgaria	GD	Grenada
BH	Bahrain	GE	Georgia
BI	Burundi	GG	Guernsey
BJ	Benin	GH	Ghana
BM	Bermuda	GI	Gibraltar
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GL	Greenland
BO	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	GM	Gambia
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	GN	Guinea
BR	Brazil	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
BS	Bahamas	GR	Greece
BT	Bhutan	GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
BV	Bouvet Island	GT	Guatemala
BW	Botswana	GW	Guinea-Bissau
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) ⁽²⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	GY	Guyana
BY	Belarus	HK	Hong Kong, China
BZ	Belize	HN	Honduras
CA	Canada	HR	Croatia
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	HT	Haiti
CF	Central African Republic	HU	Hungary
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	JE	Jersey
CW	Curaçao	JM	Jamaica
CY	Cyprus	JO	Jordan
CZ	Czechia	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	PG	Papua New Guinea
KI	Kiribati	PH	Philippines
KM	Comoros	PK	Pakistan
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	PL	Poland
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	PT	Portugal
KR	Republic of Korea	PW	Palau
KW	Kuwait	PY	Paraguay
KY	Cayman Islands	QA	Qatar
KZ	Kazakhstan	QZ	Community Plant Variety Office (European Union) (CPVO) ^{(13) (14)}
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	RO	Romania
LB	Lebanon	RS	Serbia
LC	Saint Lucia	RU	Russian Federation
LI	Liechtenstein	RW	Rwanda
LK	Sri Lanka	SA	Saudi Arabia
LR	Liberia	SB	Solomon Islands
LS	Lesotho	SC	Seychelles
LT	Lithuania	SD	Sudan
LU	Luxembourg	SE	Sweden
LV	Latvia	SG	Singapore
LY	Libya	SH	Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
MA	Morocco	SI	Slovenia
MC	Monaco	SK	Slovakia
MD	Republic of Moldova	SL	Sierra Leone
ME	Montenegro	SM	San Marino
MG	Madagascar	SN	Senegal
MH	Marshall Islands	SO	Somalia
MK	North Macedonia	SR	Suriname
ML	Mali	SS	South Sudan
MM	Myanmar	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MN	Mongolia	SV	El Salvador
MO	Macao, China	SX	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
MR	Mauritania	SZ	Eswatini
MS	Montserrat	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MT	Malta	TD	Chad
MU	Mauritius	TG	Togo
MV	Maldives	TH	Thailand
MW	Malawi	TJ	Tajikistan
MX	Mexico	TL	Timor-Leste
MY	Malaysia	TM	Turkmenistan
MZ	Mozambique	TN	Tunisia
NA	Namibia	TO	Tonga
NE	Niger	TR	Türkiye
NG	Nigeria	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
NI	Nicaragua	TV	Tuvalu
NL	Netherlands	TW	Taiwan Province of China
NO	Norway	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NP	Nepal	UA	Ukraine
NR	Nauru	UG	Uganda
NU	Niue	US	United States of America
NZ	New Zealand	UY	Uruguay
OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) ^{(1) (13)}	UZ	Uzbekistan
OM	Oman	WS	Samoa
PA	Panama		
PE	Peru		
VA	Holy See		
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		
VE	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		
VG	British Virgin Islands		
VN	Viet Nam		
VU	Vanuatu		
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) ^{(4) (13)}		

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XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) ^{(1) (13)}
XU	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾
XV	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) ^{(1) (13)}
YE	Yemen
ZA	South Africa
ZM	Zambia
ZW	Zimbabwe

[Annex II follows]

ANNEX 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
Albania	AN	AL
Algeria	AG	DZ
Austria	OE	AT
Bahrain	BB	BH
Bangladesh	BA	BD
Barbados	BD	BB
Benin	DA	BJ
Bhutan	BH	BT
Botswana	BT	BW
Burkina Faso	UV	HV/BF ⁽⁶⁾
Burma (see Myanmar)		
Cambodia	CD	KH
Cameroon	KA	CM
Central African Republic	ZR	CF
Chad	TS	TD
Chile	CE	CL
China	RC	CN
Congo	CF	CG
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia)		
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KN	KP
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CB	ZR/CD ⁽⁷⁾
Dominican Republic	DR	DO
East Timor (see Timor-Leste)	-	-
Egypt	ET	EG
El Salvador	SL	SV
Ethiopia	EA	ET
Finland	SF	FI
Gambia	GE	GM
Germany	DT	DE
Guatemala	GU	GT
Guinea	GI	GN
Haiti	HI	HT
Holy See	CV	VA
Honduras	HO	HN
Ireland	EI	IE

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Japan	JA	JP
Kuwait	KU	KW
Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Madagascar	MD	MG
Mali	MJ	ML
Malta	ML	MT
Mauritania	MT	MR
Mauritius	MS	MU
Mongolia	MO	MN
Myanmar	BU	MM ⁽⁸⁾
Nicaragua	NA	NI
Niger	NI	NE
Nigeria	WN	NG
Oman	MU	OM
Panama	PM	PA
Papua New Guinea	PP	PG
Paraguay	PG	PY
Poland	PO	PL
Republic of Korea	KS	KR
Romania	RU	RO
Sierra Leone	WL	SL
Sri Lanka	CL	LK
Sweden	SW	SE
Syrian Arab Republic	SR	SY
Timor-Leste	TP	TL ⁽⁹⁾
Togo	TO	TG
Tonga	TI	TO
Trinidad and Tobago	TD	TT
United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo)		
Zambia	ZB	ZM

[Section 2 follows]

ANNEX II, 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; and

(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; and

(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 design registrations international deposits of industrial designs under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration 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 for with respect to with respect to international registrations of marks under the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (330) given in WIPO Standards ST.60. 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, and for filing international industrial design applications under the Hague Agreement.
 - (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: intellectual** 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.
- (14) The two-letter codes "EP", "EM", and "QZ" must be used to indicate the corresponding Office defined in this Standard while the Code "EU" must be used to indicate other institutions in the European Union. Additionally, the codes must be used in the following situations:
 - "EP" for documentation and information related to patents administered by the European Patent Office (EPO);
 - "EM" for documentation and information related to European Union Trademarks and European Union Industrial Designs administered by the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and for the designation of the European Union in the Madrid and Hague Systems;
 - "QZ" for documentation and information related to Community Plant Variety Rights administered by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO); and
 - "EU" for documentation and information related to other rights applicable in the European Union and not covered by the codes "EP", "EM" and "QZ", such as marketing authorizations approved by the European Medicines Agency or geographical indications protected under EU legislation.

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