**SECRETARIAT ANALYSIS OF CWS TASKS FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION**

Following the decisions made at the twelfth session of the CWS, the Secretariat analyzed the complexity and activity level of each CWS Task. The Secretariat also conducted an annual review of all CWS Tasks with a view to proposing Tasks that should be prioritized or else held in abeyance for consideration by the CWS members and observers to allocate their resources in the future.

Prioritized Tasks are identified as ’essential’ and ’important’. ‘Essential’ Tasks are related to WIPO Standard(s) or recommendations which are under discussion by IP offices for harmonious implementation. ‘Important’ Tasks are those which are considered a priority in terms of developing or revising WIPO Standards or sharing Offices’ practices on WIPO Standards or recommendations in 2026.

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| **Task No.** | **Task Description** | **Activity Level** | **Complexity** | **Priority** |
| 18 | Identify areas for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Five IP Offices (IP5), the Five Trademark Offices (TM5), the Industrial Design 5 Forum (ID5), ISO, IEC and other well-known industry standard setting‑ bodies. | Ad-hoc | Medium |  |
| 24 | Collect and publish Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities of the CWS Members (ATR/PI, ATR/TM, ATR/ID). | Active | Medium | Important |
| 33 | Ongoing revision of WIPO Standards. | Ad-hoc | Medium |  |
| 33/3 | Ongoing revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. | Ad-hoc | Low |  |
| 41 | Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standards ST.36, ST.66, ST.86 and ST.96; and support the implementation of those Standards. | Very active | High | Important |
| 43 | Prepare guidelines for implementation by IPOs, regarding paragraph numbering, long paragraphs, and consistent rendering of patent documents. | In abeyance | Not applicable |  |
| 44 | Support the International Bureau by testing new releases based on available resources and providing user feedback on the WIPO Sequence Suite; and prepare necessary revisions of WIPO Standard ST.26. | Very active | High | Essential |

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| 47 | Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standards ST.27, ST.87, and ST.61; prepare supporting materials to assist the use of those Standards in the IP community; and support the XML4IP Task Force to develop XML components for legal status event data. | Active | Medium | Important | |
| 50 | Ensure the necessary maintenance and update of surveys published in Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook on Intellectual Property Information and Documentation. | Active | Medium | Important | |
| 52 | Prepare a proposal for the update of the WIPO Handbook Part 6.1 "Recommended minimum contents for intellectual property offices’ websites". | Ad-hoc | Low |  | |
| 55 | Prepare a proposal for future actions aimed at achieving the standardization of names in Intellectual Property (IP) documents, with the view to developing a WIPO standard to assist IP offices in providing a better “quality at source” in relation to names. | Occasional | Medium |  | |
| 56 | Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.90; support the International Bureau in promoting and implementing WIPO Standard ST.90; and promote the API Catalog for Intellectual Property. | Very active | High | Important | |
| 58 | Facilitate the implementation of the ICT related Recommendations by IP offices and the International Bureau; and evaluate and update these Recommendations as needed to maintain their relevance. | Active | High | Essential | |

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| 59 | Explore the possibility of using blockchain technology in the processes of providing IP rights protection, processing information about IP objects and their use; collect information about IPO developments in use of and experience with blockchain, assess current Industry Standards on blockchain and consider merit and applicability to IPOs; develop reference models of using blockchain technology in the IP field, including guiding principles, common practice and use of terminology as a framework supporting collaboration, joint projects and proofs of concept; and prepare a proposal for a new WIPO Standard supporting the potential application of blockchain technology within the IP ecosystem. | Occasional | Medium |  | |
| 60 | Prepare a proposal for the numbering of INID codes regarding word marks and figurative marks, on splitting INID code (551), and a potential INID code for combined marks. | In abeyance | Not applicable |  | |
| 61 | Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.91, including methods of search for 3D models and 3D images. | Active | Medium |  | |
| 62 | Review WIPO Standards developed for paper or image-based communication in view of electronic filing and publication and exchange of IP documentation and propose revisions of those Standards or new recommendations if needed; and prepare a proposal for the recommendation on a common requirements specification for a DOCX to XML (DOCX2XML) converter. | Active | Medium |  | |
| 63 | Develop visual representation(s) of XML data, based on WIPO XML Standards, for electronic publication. | Occasional | Medium |  | |
| 64 | Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.97. | Very active | High | Important | |
| 65 | Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.92 and support IP offices for their implementation of the Standard before July 1, 2027. | Very active | High | Essential | |

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| 66 | Encourage IP offices to provide their patent authority file in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.37 by providing any technical support or training necessary, based on available resources. | Active | Medium | Essential | |
| 67 | Analyze existing practices and challenges experienced by IP offices with a view to explore solutions to improve access to global IP data exchange. | Very active | High | Important | |

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