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SEARCH GUIDANCE IPDL:  
STATUS REPORT

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## SUMMARY

1. This document summarizes the actions taken with regard to the development of a Search Guidance Intellectual Property Digital Library (SGIPDL) since the decision made by the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT at its eleventh session held in Geneva from February 21 to 25, 2005. The Meeting is invited to take note of the progress made.

## BACKGROUND

2. At its eleventh session, the Meeting confirmed its support for development of the SGIPDL and agreed that a task force be established by the Secretariat in order to determine SGIPDL requirements and oversee the development of a prototype.

## ACTION TAKEN

3. Following the meeting in February, 2005, the Authorities were invited to nominate representatives to the SGIPDL task force. All Authorities nominated at least one representative to form a 20-strong task force. A list of the task force members is provided in the Annex.

4. To facilitate the work of the task force, a section of the PCT minimum documentation pages on the PCT MIA website was set up exclusively for the use of the SGIPDL task force members. These pages include an electronic forum to which members can post and read messages relating to the development of the SGIPDL. It also includes a number of relevant documents related to the work of the task force.

5. The International Bureau then produced Version 1 of a SGIPDL prototype, for review by task force members. A wide range of feedback was received from five of the twelve authorities. This was subsequently collated, analyzed, and summarized by the International Bureau. The feedback received covered the following:

- (a) general comments;
- (b) data requirements;
- (c) search flow;
- (d) presentation and format requirements;
- (e) search options; and
- (f) administration.

6. As a result of the feedback provided, two types of changes emerged. The first type comprised a set of relatively easily implementable changes for incorporation in the next version (version 2) of the SGIPDL prototype. The second type (the remainder of the suggestions) were more complicated and required further investigation and feedback from task force members before implementation.

7. Further feedback was requested on the following:

- (a) Compilation and maintenance of the SGIPDL. What is the role of the SGIPDL administrator?
- (b) How should an advanced search interface functionality be developed?
- (c) How should the advanced search results be organized? and
- (d) Further data input requirements.

One Authority has, so far, provided further feedback.

NEXT STEPS

8. Further work on the SGIPDL prototype is envisaged for the foreseeable future. The next steps to be actioned are as follows:

(a) The International Bureau to provide task force members with version 2 of the prototype SGIPDL;

(b) Task force members to review and provide feedback about the new version of the prototype; and

(c) Task force members to provide further feedback on the more complex issues detailed in paragraph 7, above.

*9. The Meeting is invited to note the progress made in the development of the Search Guidance IPDL.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

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