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#### REQUEST FOR THE REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.60

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1. In the course of laying the groundwork for the implementation of the trilingual publication of the WIPO *Gazette of International Marks* (the *Gazette*) and the enhancement of the ROMARIN database, the Internationally agreed Numbers agreed for the Identification of (bibliographic) Data (INID codes) as provided by WIPO Standard ST.60 were found insufficient to render a clear publication of data in the *Gazette*, as well as in the ROMARIN and Madrid Express databases.

2. Consequently, the International Bureau has prepared a project brief on the revision of the list of INID codes under WIPO Standard ST.60 for consideration by the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT). This project brief is reproduced as the Annex to this document.

3. *The SDWG is invited:*

(a) *to consider the proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.60 as requested in the project brief reproduced as the Annex to this document; and*

*(b) to consider establishing a task for the revision of Standard ST.60 in the framework of Task No. 33 (“Ongoing revision of non-electronic WIPO Standards”) and to set up a task force to handle such revision.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

PROJECT BRIEF ON THE REVISION OF THE LIST OF INID CODES  
UNDER WIPO STANDARD ST.60

Clear indication of the problem or specific need to be addressed

1. The current list of INID codes under Standard ST.60 was last revised in 1999, in what was a minor revision. Since that date there have been two revisions of the Common Regulations of the Madrid Agreement and Protocol, namely in 2002 and 2004. These revisions substantially changed the terminology in relation to refusals, and introduced the possibility of recording licenses. This has resulted in the *Gazette* being published using several INID codes which do not appear in Standard ST.60.
2. In addition, the launch of the Madrid Express database and the enhancement of the ROMARIN database, have made it apparent that there are several Madrid-specific transactions for which no INID code exists. This is either as a result of the aforementioned rule changes or, in certain cases, where data are published in the *Gazette* under a specific heading, thus obviating the immediate need to assign an INID code.
3. The above problem was determined in the course of the groundwork for the implementation of the trilingual publication of the *Gazette* and the enhancement of the ROMARIN database. The use of non-standard INID codes in the *Gazette* is a problem that has long been recognized, and should be addressed.

The objectives of the task

4. The main objective of the task would be to expand the (800) series INID codes (codes specific to the Madrid Agreement and Madrid Protocol) to address the existing deficiencies, and to allow clear publication of data in the *Gazette*, ROMARIN and Madrid Express.

Options for solution

5. The (800) series of INID codes should be elaborated. More specifically, codes should be defined to cover the new terminology of the Common Regulations of the Madrid Agreement and Protocol, and also to cover those cases that are currently published in the *Gazette* under a trilingual heading.

Expected benefits

6. The primary benefits would be that the revision of Standard ST.60 would permit an accurate and consistent publication of Madrid-related data in the *Gazette*, ROMARIN and Madrid Express. All this would reduce risks of misinterpretation of Madrid-related information and thus contribute to greater certainty for holders, Offices and third parties.

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