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REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.3

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### Nordic Patent Institute

1. In July 2006, the governments of Denmark, Iceland and Norway established an intergovernmental organization, the Nordic Patent Institute (NPI), to act as a formal instrument for cooperation in the patent field among those countries. Subsequently, in September 2006, following a request by the Director Generals of the Patent Offices of those three countries, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the NPI as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. The appointment will take effect as from the entry into force of the necessary agreement between the NPI and the International Bureau (IB), envisaged to take place in January 2008. The NPI will become the thirteenth International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. (For further information, see documents PCT/A/35/4 and PCT/A/35/7.)
2. As a follow-up to the above-mentioned appointment, the IB should establish a two-letter code to represent the NPI in WIPO Standard ST.3, which is aligned with International Standard ISO 3166-1, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions-Part 1: Country Codes". Considering that the NPI is an organization and not a country, in line with the guidelines provided by International Standard ISO 3166-1, the

two-letter code to represent the NPI should be one of the combinations provided by paragraph 10 of WIPO Standard ST.3 for individual use (and for provisional codes), i.e., one of the letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XZ and ZZ.

3. In order to present a proposal regarding this matter for consideration and approval by the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT), the IB invited the Danish Patent and Trademark Office to propose a code that would meet the requirements of both WIPO Standard ST.3 and International Standard ISO 3166-1. The Danish Patent and Trademark Office expressed that, among the letter combinations referred to in the previous paragraph, their first preference to represent the NPI in WIPO Standard ST.3 was the two-letter code “XN”.

4. The IB proposes that the following revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 be considered for approval by the SDWG:

(a) revision of paragraph 10 to read:

“10. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.”

(b) to add the name “Nordic Patent Institute (NPI)” and its corresponding code “XN” to WIPO Standard ST.3, Annex A, Sections 1 and 2.

#### Benelux Office for Intellectual Property

5. As of September 1, 2006, the name “Benelux Trademark and Design Offices” was changed to “Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP)”.

6. In accordance with the change referred to in paragraph 5, above, the IB proposes, for consideration and approval by the SDWG, keeping the same two-letter code “BX” to represent the name “Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP)” and amending the current entry “BX” in Sections 1 and 2 of Annex A to WIPO Standard ST.3, as follows:

- English: BX / Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP)
- French: BX / Office Benelux de la Propriété intellectuelle (OBPI)
- Spanish: BX / Oficina de Propiedad Intelectual de Benelux (OBPI)

7. The IB also proposes, for consideration and approval by the SDWG, that the current footnote (2) be amended to read:

“The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) has replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.”

Serbia and Montenegro/Yugoslavia

8. As a follow-up to the publication of ISO 3166-1 Newsletter V-12 by the Maintenance Agency for International Standard ISO 3166 (ISO 3166/MA), the IB issued Circular SCIT 2630, dated October 13, 2006, by which SCIT members were invited to approve by correspondence the inclusion, in WIPO Standard ST.3, of the names “Montenegro” and “Serbia”, as well as their two-letter codes, namely “ME” for “Montenegro” and “RS” for “Serbia”. Upon the approval of the said proposals, the IB published the corresponding revised version of WIPO Standard ST.3 on December 11, 2006. In this new version, the entry “Serbia and Montenegro” and its two-letter code “YU” were removed from the Standard.

9. Subsequent to the changes to WIPO Standard ST.3 referred to in the previous paragraph, the IB proposes, for consideration and approval by the SDWG, the following:

(a) the inclusion of the new entry “Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro” and the two-letter code “YU” in the list of states or organizations that existed on January 1, 1978, but that no longer exist, that is reproduced in Annex B, Section 2, of the Standard; and

(b) the addition of a note, which would refer to the said entry “Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro/YU”, at the end of the Standard that would read as follows:

“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 on November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code ‘YU’ continue to be used for ‘Serbia and Montenegro’ in the industrial property field because code ‘CS’ raised certain problems due to its former use to represent ‘Czechoslovakia’ until 1993.”

10. As requested by the SDWG at its seventh session in May/June 2006, the IB sent, on June 23, 2006, a letter to the International Standard ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency (ISO 3166 MA) recommending that the two-letter codes to be assigned to the new names “Montenegro” and “Serbia” be chosen from those that had not been previously assigned, as had been the case with the code “CS” for “Serbia and Montenegro”.

New edition of International Standard ISO 3166-1

11. On January 22, 2007, the ISO 3166 MA announced the publication of the new edition of International Standard ISO 3166-1: 2006, “Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions-Part 1: Country Codes”. This new edition comprises a consolidation of all changes to the list of ISO 3166: 1997 agreed on by the ISO 3166 MA. As a consequence of this publication, the IB proposes, for consideration and approval by the SDWG, that current paragraph 3 of WIPO Standard ST.3 be amended to read as follows:

“3. This Recommended Standard is aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Code contained in International Standard ISO 3166-1: 2006, “Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions –Part 1: Country Codes”, published in January 2007, by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It is also aligned with the announcements published in ISO 3166–1 Newsletters.”

12. All of the changes to WIPO Standard ST.3 proposed above are highlighted in the Annex to this document.

*13. The SDWG is invited:*

*(a) to note the information provided above;*

*(b) to consider and adopt the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 referred to in paragraph 4, subparagraphs 4(a) and (b), above, and reproduced in the Annex to this document;*

*(c) to consider and adopt the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7, above, and reproduced in the Annex to this document;*

*(d) to consider and adopt the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 referred to in paragraph 9, subparagraphs 9(a) and (b), above, and reproduced in the Annex to this document; and*

*(e) to consider and adopt the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 referred to in paragraph 11, above, and reproduced in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

**STANDARD ST.3**

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

*Revision adopted by the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group  
at its sixth session on September 22, 2005, and further updated by the International Bureau*

INTRODUCTION

1. This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to industrial property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of industrial property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of industrial 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. This Recommended Standard is aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Code contained in International Standard ISO 3166-1:2006, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes", published in January 2007 by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It is also aligned with the announcements published in ISO 3166-1 Newsletters.

RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by industrial property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
5. The recommended codes are contained in Annex A 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.

MAINTENANCE

6. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166-1:1997.
7. WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work. 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.

IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

8. To assist users of documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefor, Annex B, 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 B, Section 2.
9. The codes contained in Annex A to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefor, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.
10. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]

## ANNEX A, SECTION 1

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

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

INDONESIA .....	ID	OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET (TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS) (OHIM) .....	EM
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) <sup>(4)</sup> .....	IB, WO	OMAN .....	OM
IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF .....	IR		
IRAQ .....	IQ	PAKISTAN .....	PK
IRELAND .....	IE	PALAU .....	PW
ISLE OF MAN .....	IM	PANAMA .....	PA
ISRAEL .....	IL	PAPUA NEW GUINEA .....	PG
ITALY .....	IT	PARAGUAY .....	PY
		PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC) .....	GC
JAMAICA .....	JM	PERU .....	PE
JAPAN .....	JP	PHILIPPINES .....	PH
JERSEY .....	JE	POLAND .....	PL
JORDAN .....	JO	PORTUGAL .....	PT
		QATAR .....	QA
KAZAKHSTAN .....	KZ		
KENYA .....	KE		
KIRIBATI .....	KI		
KOREA (see Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea)		REPUBLIC OF KOREA .....	KR
KUWAIT .....	KW	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA .....	MD
KYRGYZSTAN .....	KG	ROMANIA .....	RO
		RUSSIAN FEDERATION .....	RU
		RWANDA .....	RW
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ...	LA		
LATVIA .....	LV		
LEBANON .....	LB	SAINT HELENA .....	SH
LESOTHO .....	LS	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS .....	KN
LIBERIA .....	LR	SAINT LUCIA .....	LC
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA .....	LY	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES .....	VC
LIECHTENSTEIN .....	LI	SAMOA .....	WS
LITHUANIA .....	LT	SAN MARINO .....	SM
LUXEMBOURG .....	LU	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE .....	ST
		SAUDI ARABIA .....	SA
MACAO .....	MO	SENEGAL .....	SN
MACEDONIA (see The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)		SERBIA .....	RS
MADAGASCAR .....	MG	SEYCHELLES .....	SC
MALAWI .....	MW	SIERRA LEONE .....	SL
MALAYSIA .....	MY	SINGAPORE .....	SG
MALDIVES .....	MV	SLOVAKIA .....	SK
MALI .....	ML	SLOVENIA .....	SI
MALTA .....	MT	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)		SPAIN .....	ES
MONACO .....	MC	SRI LANKA .....	LK
MONGOLIA .....	MN	SUDAN .....	SD
MONTENEGRO .....	ME	SURINAME .....	SR
MONTSERRAT .....	MS	SWAZILAND .....	SZ
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
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES .....	AN	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA .....	MK
NEW ZEALAND .....	NZ	THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA .....	HK
NICARAGUA .....	NI	TIMOR-LESTE .....	TL
NIGER .....	NE	TOGO .....	TG
NIGERIA .....	NG	TONGA .....	TO
NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI) .....	XN	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO .....	TT
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS .....	MP	TUNISIA .....	TN
NORWAY .....	NO		

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TURKEY .....	TR	VENEZUELA .....	VE
TURKMENISTAN .....	TM	VIET NAM .....	VN
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS .....	TC	VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH .....	VG
TUVALU .....	TV		
		WESTERN SAHARA <sup>(5)</sup> .....	EH
UGANDA .....	UG	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	
UKRAINE .....	UA	ORGANIZATION (WIPO)	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES .....	AE	(INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) <sup>(4)</sup> .....	WO, IB
UNITED KINGDOM .....	GB		
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA .....	TZ	YEMEN .....	YE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA .....	US		
URUGUAY .....	UY	ZAMBIA .....	ZM
UZBEKISTAN .....	UZ	ZIMBABWE .....	ZW
VANUATU .....	VU		
VATICAN CITY STATE (See Holy See)			

[Section 2 follows]



**ANNEX A, 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) <sup>(1)</sup>
AE	United Arab Emirates	EC	Ecuador
AF	Afghanistan	EE	Estonia
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	EG	Egypt
AI	Anguilla	EH	Western Sahara <sup>(5)</sup>
AL	Albania	EM	Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trademarks and Designs) (OHIM)
AM	Armenia	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) <sup>(1)</sup>
AN	Netherlands Antilles	ER	Eritrea
AO	Angola	ES	Spain
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) <sup>(1)</sup>	ET	Ethiopia
AR	Argentina	FI	Finland
AT	Austria	FJ	Fiji
AU	Australia	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
AW	Aruba	FO	Faroe Islands
AZ	Azerbaijan	FR	France
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	GA	Gabon
BB	Barbados	GB	United Kingdom
BD	Bangladesh	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)
BE	Belgium	GD	Grenada
BF	Burkina Faso	GE	Georgia
BG	Bulgaria	GG	Guernsey
BH	Bahrain	GH	Ghana
BI	Burundi	GI	Gibraltar
BJ	Benin	GL	Greenland
BM	Bermuda	GM	Gambia
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GN	Guinea
BO	Bolivia	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
BR	Brazil	GR	Greece
BS	Bahamas	GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
BT	Bhutan	GT	Guatemala
BV	Bouvet Island	GW	Guinea-Bissau
BW	Botswana	GY	Guyana
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) <sup>(2)</sup>	HK	The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
BY	Belarus	HN	Honduras
BZ	Belize	HR	Croatia
CA	Canada	HT	Haiti
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	HU	Hungary
CF	Central African Republic	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) <sup>(4)</sup>
CG	Congo	ID	Indonesia
CH	Switzerland	IE	Ireland
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	IL	Israel
CK	Cook Islands	IM	Isle of Man
CL	Chile	IN	India
CM	Cameroon	IQ	Iraq
CN	China	IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
CO	Colombia	IS	Iceland
CR	Costa Rica	IT	Italy
CU	Cuba	JE	Jersey
CV	Cape Verde	JM	Jamaica
CY	Cyprus	JO	Jordan
CZ	Czech Republic	JP	Japan
DE	Germany <sup>(3)</sup>	KE	Kenya
DJ	Djibouti	KG	Kyrgyzstan
DK	Denmark		
DM	Dominica		
DO	Dominican Republic		
DZ	Algeria		

KH	Cambodia	QA	Qatar
KI	Kiribati	QZ	Community Plant Variety Office (European Community) (CPVO)
KM	Comoros		
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis		
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	RO	Romania
KR	Republic of Korea	RS	Serbia
KW	Kuwait	RU	Russian Federation
KY	Cayman Islands	RW	Rwanda
KZ	Kazakhstan		
		SA	Saudi Arabia
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	SB	Solomon Islands
LB	Lebanon	SC	Seychelles
LC	Saint Lucia	SD	Sudan
LI	Liechtenstein	SE	Sweden
LK	Sri Lanka	SG	Singapore
LR	Liberia	SH	Saint Helena
LS	Lesotho	SI	Slovenia
LT	Lithuania	SK	Slovakia
LU	Luxembourg	SL	Sierra Leone
LV	Latvia	SM	San Marino
LY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	SN	Senegal
		SO	Somalia
MA	Morocco	SR	Suriname
MC	Monaco	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MD	Republic of Moldova	SV	El Salvador
ME	Montenegro	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
MG	Madagascar	SZ	Swaziland
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		
ML	Mali	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MM	Myanmar	TD	Chad
MN	Mongolia	TG	Togo
MO	Macao	TH	Thailand
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	TJ	Tajikistan
MR	Mauritania	TL	Timor-Leste
MS	Montserrat	TM	Turkmenistan
MT	Malta	TN	Tunisia
MU	Mauritius	TO	Tonga
MV	Maldives	TR	Turkey
MW	Malawi	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
MX	Mexico	TV	Tuvalu
MY	Malaysia	TW	Taiwan, Province of China
MZ	Mozambique	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NA	Namibia	UA	Ukraine
NE	Niger	UG	Uganda
NG	Nigeria	US	United States of America
NI	Nicaragua	UY	Uruguay
NL	Netherlands	UZ	Uzbekistan
NO	Norway		
NP	Nepal	VA	Holy See
NR	Nauru	VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
NZ	New Zealand	VE	Venezuela
		VG	Virgin Islands (British)
OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) <sup>(1)</sup>	VN	Viet Nam
OM	Oman	VU	Vanuatu
PA	Panama	WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) <sup>(4)</sup>
PE	Peru	WS	Samoa
PG	Papua New Guinea		
PH	Philippines	XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI)
PK	Pakistan		
PL	Poland	YE	Yemen
PT	Portugal		
PW	Palau	ZA	South Africa
PY	Paraguay	ZM	Zambia
		ZW	Zimbabwe

ANNEX B, 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	Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania	AN	AL	Japan	JA	JP
Algeria	AG	DZ	Kuwait	KU	KW
Austria	OE	AT	Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Bahrain	BB	BH	Madagascar	MD	MG
Bangladesh	BA	BD	Mali	MJ	ML
Barbados	BD	BB	Malta	ML	MT
Benin	DA	BJ	Mauritania	MT	MR
Bhutan	BH	BT	Mauritius	MS	MU
Botswana	BT	BW	Mongolia	MO	MN
Burkina Faso	UV	HV/BF <sup>(6)</sup>	Myanmar	BU	MM <sup>(8)</sup>
Burma (see Myanmar)			Nicaragua	NA	NI
Cambodia	CD	KH	Niger	NI	NE
Cameroon	KA	CM	Nigeria	WN	NG
Central African Republic	ZR	CF	Oman	MU	OM
Chad	TS	TD	Panama	PM	PA
Chile	CE	CL	Papua New Guinea	PP	PG
China	RC	CN	Paraguay	PG	PY
Congo	CF	CG	Poland	PO	PL
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia)			Republic of Korea	KS	KR
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KN	KP	Romania	RU	RO
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CB	ZR/CD <sup>(7)</sup>	Sierra Leone	WL	SL
Dominican Republic	DR	DO	Sri Lanka	CL	LK
East Timor (see Timor-Leste)	-	-	Sweden	SW	SE
Egypt	ET	EG	Syrian Arab Republic	SR	SY
El Salvador	SL	SV	Timor-Leste	TP	TL <sup>(9)</sup>
Ethiopia	EA	ET	Togo	TO	TG
Finland	SF	FI	Tonga	TI	TO
Gambia	GE	GM	Trinidad and Tobago	TD	TT
Germany	DT	DE	United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Guatemala	GU	GT	Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo)		
Guinea	GI	GN	Zambia	ZB	ZM
Haiti	HI	HT			
Holy See	CV	VA			
Honduras	HO	HN			
Ireland	EI	IE			

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LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978,  
BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia	CS
Democratic Yemen	SY/YD <sup>(10)</sup>
German Democratic Republic	DL/DD <sup>(11)</sup>
International Patent Institute	IB
Soviet Union	SU
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro	YU <sup>(12)</sup>

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- (1) Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In case of the European Patent Office, it also acts as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.
- (2) The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (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 deposits of industrial designs under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International 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 with respect to international registrations of marks under the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. 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.
- (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 property field because code "CS" raised certain problems due to its former use to represent "Czechoslovakia" until 1993.

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