BACKGROUND

The Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), at its thirteenth session held from March 23 to 27, 2009, in Geneva, agreed that document SCP/12/3 Rev.2 (Report on International Patent System) would remain open for further discussion at the next session of the SCP, and that Annexes II and III of that document would be updated if further comments were received. Pursuant to Circular C.7706, comments on Annex II were received from Azerbaijan, Bahrain, France, the Russian Federation, Slovakia and the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) Patent Office. The present document contains an updated version of Annex II. However, it does neither reproduce the body text of document SCP/12/3 Rev.2 nor its Annexes I and III, since no change has been made in those parts of the document.

[Annex follows]