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REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT SYSTEM: CERTAIN ASPECTS OF NATIONAL/REGIONAL PATENT LAWS

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1. The Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), at its twenty-second session held in Geneva from July 27 to 31, 2015, agreed that the information concerning certain aspects of national/regional patent laws, published on the SCP electronic forum website, would be updated based on input received from Member States.
2. Consequently, the Secretariat updated the SCP electronic forum website, which contains information concerning certain aspects of national/regional patent laws, namely, prior art, novelty, inventive step (obviousness), grace period, sufficiency of disclosure, exclusions from patentable subject matter and exceptions and limitations to the rights. It is available on the SCP electronic forum website at: http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/annex_ii.html. The website was updated based on the information received from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Chile, Croatia, Moldova (Republic of), Paraguay, Poland, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom and the European Patent Office (EPO).
3. If Member States and regional patent offices so wish, under agenda item 4 entitled "Report on the International Patent System", they may share information on recent development of national/regional patent laws with respect to the certain aspects mentioned above or various aspects of patent law in general.

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