Standing Committee on the Law of Patents

Twenty-Eighth Session
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1. Opening of the session

2. Adoption of the agenda
   See the present document.

3. Adoption of the draft report of the twenty-seventh session
   See document SCP/27/10 Prov.2

4. Report on the international patent system: Certain aspects of national/regional
   patent laws
   See document SCP/28/2.

5. Exceptions and limitations to patent rights
   See documents SCP/28/3 and 3 Add.
   Other related documents: SCP/14/7 and SCP/19/6.

6. Quality of patents, including opposition systems
   See documents SCP/28/4, 7 and 8.
   – Sharing session on opposition and administrative revocation mechanisms.
   – Sharing session on cooperation between patent offices in search and examination, including sharing of information concerning the corresponding foreign applications and grants.
Other related documents: SCP/17/7, 8 and 10, SCP/18/9, SCP/19/4, SCP/20/11 Rev., SCP/23/4 and SCP/24/3.

7. Patents and health
   See documents SCP/28/5, 6, 9, 9 Add. and 10.
   
   – Information exchange session on publicly accessible databases on patent information status and data, on medicines and vaccines.
   
   – Sharing of experiences by Member States with respect to enhancing examiners capacity, particularly in small and medium-sized offices.

Other related documents: SCP/16/7 and 7 Corr., SCP/17/11, SCP/24/4, SCP/27/8 and 8 Add.

8. Confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors
   
   – Sharing session on the experiences and court cases of Member States in implementing the confidentiality of communication between clients and their patent advisors through national legislation, including cross-border issues.

9. Transfer of technology
   
   – Sharing session on patent law provisions that contributed to effective transfer of technology.

10. Future work

11. Summary by the Chair

12. Closing of the session

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