

## **Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications**

**Twenty-Ninth Session**  
**Geneva, May 27 to 31, 2013**

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

*adopted by the Committee*

### **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSION**

1. Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) opened the twenty-ninth session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) and welcomed the participants.
2. Mr. Marcus Höpperger (WIPO) acted as Secretary to the SCT.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR**

3. Mr. Adil El Maliki (Morocco) was elected Chair and Mr. Imre Gonda (Hungary) was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4. The SCT adopted the revised draft Agenda (document SCT/29/1 Prov.2) with the addition of one item entitled "Contribution of the SCT to the implementation of the WIPO Development Agenda Recommendations".

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE REVISED DRAFT REPORT OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION**

5. The SCT adopted the revised draft report of the twenty-eighth session (document SCT/28/8 Prov.2).

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

6. Discussion was based on documents SCT/29/2, SCT/29/3, SCT/29/4, SCT/28/5, SCT/29/6 and SCT/29/8, as well as on SCT/27/4 Add. and SCT/28/4 Rev.
7. The Committee reviewed in detail the draft Articles and Rules contained in documents SCT/29/2 and 3. The Chair stated that all statements made by delegations would be recorded in the report of the twenty-ninth session.
8. As regards technical assistance and capacity building, the Chair presented a non-paper combining elements from the proposals by the African Group, the European Union and its member states and the Republic of Korea, contained in documents SCT/28/5, SCT/29/6 and SCT/29/8, respectively.
9. The Chair requested the Secretariat to prepare revised working documents for consideration of the SCT at its thirtieth session, which should reflect all comments made at the present session and highlight the different proposals put forward by delegations by using square brackets, strikethrough, underlining or footnotes, including a draft Article or Resolution in square brackets on technical assistance and capacity building, based on the Chair's non-paper. Footnotes will indicate that this draft Article is proposed by the Chair, and that some delegations preferred the subject matter of this draft Article to be covered by a resolution.
10. The Chair concluded that the SCT had made good progress on the draft Articles and draft Rules included in documents SCT/29/2 and 3 and that the work on technical assistance and capacity building had advanced. A number of delegations stated that sufficient progress had been made by the SCT to recommend to the WIPO General Assembly the convening of a diplomatic conference in 2014. Other delegations, expressing the view that there was a need for more progress on technical assistance and capacity building in order to reach a concrete outcome, were of the opinion that the General Assembly would take stock of and consider the text, progress made, and decide on convening a diplomatic conference.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: TRADEMARKS**

##### *Study on the Protection of Country Names*

11. Discussion was based on document SCT/29/5.
12. The Chair concluded that the Secretariat was requested to make available complete translations of document SCT/29/5 in all working languages of WIPO other than English. Furthermore, the Secretariat should revise document SCT/25/4 on the basis of document SCT/29/5 and present it to the SCT for consideration at its next session. Some delegations announced that they would present proposals for consideration of the SCT at its next session.

*Update on Trademark-Related Aspects of the Expansion of the Domain Name System*

13. Discussion was based on document SCT/29/7.

14. The Chair concluded that the SCT had taken note of document SCT/29/7 and that the Secretariat was requested to keep Member States informed on developments in the Domain Name System.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS**

15. The Chair noted that no intervention was made under that Agenda item, and that the item would remain on the Agenda for the next session.

**AGENDA ITEM 7.1: CONTRIBUTION OF THE SCT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESPECTIVE WIPO DEVELOPMENT AGENDA RECOMMENDATIONS**

16. The Chair noted that a number of delegations made declarations on the contribution of the SCT to the implementation of the respective WIPO Development Agenda Recommendations. He stated that all declarations would be recorded in the report for the twenty-ninth session of the SCT and that they would be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly.

17. Some delegations were of the opinion that this item should become permanent on the Agenda for the SCT. Other delegations stated that, while they did not object to adding that item to the Agenda for this session, the addition of this item should be decided by the SCT on an *ad-hoc* basis.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

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18. The Chair announced the week from November 4 to 8, 2013, as tentative dates for SCT/30.

19. The SCT approved the Summary by the Chair as contained in the present document.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: CLOSING OF THE SESSION**

20. The Chair closed the session on May 31, 2013.

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