

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

**Thirty-Second Session
Geneva, November 24 to 26, 2014**

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

adopted by the Committee

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSION

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

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The SCT adopted the draft Agenda (document SCT/32/1 Prov.3).

AGENDA ITEM 3: ACCREDITATION OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

4. The SCT approved the representation of the Bureau of European Design Associations (BEDA) in sessions of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

5. The SCT adopted the draft report of the thirty-first session (document SCT/31/10 Prov.).

AGENDA ITEM 5: INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

6. The working documents under this item were SCT/31/2 Rev. and SCT/31/3 Rev.
7. The Delegation of Kenya, on behalf of the African Group, presented a proposal for a new item (ix) on disclosure requirement to be included in Article 3(1)(a) of the draft Design Law Treaty as contained in document SCT/31/2 Rev.
8. The Delegation of Japan, on behalf of Group B, presented a proposal for a decision by the SCT to recommend to the WIPO General Assembly to convene a diplomatic conference for the Adoption of a Design Law Treaty in 2015, based on documents SCT/31/2 Rev. and 3 Rev.
9. The Chair concluded that the proposal of the African Group would be included into the revised version of the document between square brackets and that the different views on that proposal would be reflected in footnotes. Some delegations expressed concern with the timing and substance and indicated that they now have to reconsider their position on the process following these new developments. Some delegations stated that the convening of a diplomatic conference still depended on the inclusion into the draft Treaty of an Article on Technical Assistance and Capacity Building.

AGENDA ITEM 6: TRADEMARKS

Revised Proposal by the Delegation of Jamaica

10. Discussions were based on document SCT/32/2.
11. Some delegations expressed support for the continuation of discussions on this item, while others expressed concerns.
12. The Chair requested the Secretariat to organize a side event to the next session of the SCT, which would offer background on various aspects of the protection of country names and nation branding. Following this side event, the SCT would revert to the item under consideration.

Update on Trademark-Related Aspects of the Domain Name System

13. Discussions were based on document SCT/32/3.
14. The SCT took note of document SCT/32/3 and the Secretariat was requested to keep Member States informed on future developments in the Domain Name System.

AGENDA ITEM 7: GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

15. Discussions were based on documents SCT/31/7 and SCT/31/8 Rev.2.

16. Some delegations expressed support for the proposal in document SCT/31/7. Other delegations expressed support for the proposal in document SCT/31/8 Rev.2. Although all delegations that took the floor expressed support for further work, some of them expressly limited their support to conduct such work only on the basis of one specific proposal. Other delegations indicated flexibility as to the possible combination of topics proposed for further study.

17. The Chair concluded that the SCT, at its next session, would explore ways on further work under this item.

AGENDA ITEM 8: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

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

AGENDA ITEM 9: CLOSING OF THE SESSION

19. The Chair closed the session on November 26, 2014.

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