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

Forty-Third Session
Geneva, November 23 to 26, 2020

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

adopted by the Committee

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), opened the forty-third 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 TWO VICE-CHAIRS

3. Mr. Alfredo Carlos Rendón Algara (Mexico) was elected Chair. Mr. Willie Mushayi (Zimbabwe) and Mr. Jan Techert (Germany) were elected Vice-Chairs.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The SCT adopted the draft Agenda (document SCT/43/1 Prov. 4).

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION

5. The SCT adopted the draft Report of the forty-second session (document SCT/42/9 Prov.).

AGENDA ITEM 5: INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Analysis of the Returns to the Questionnaire on Graphical User Interface (GUI), Icon and Typeface/Type Font Designs (documents SCT/41/2 Rev. and SCT/43/2)

6. The SCT considered documents SCT/41/2 Rev. and SCT/43/2.

7. The Chair concluded that the Secretariat was requested to re-open the Questionnaire on Graphical User Interface (GUI), Icon and Typeface/Type Font Designs until January 29, 2021, for further replies by delegations.

Revised Proposal by the Delegations of Japan and the United States of America (document SCT/43/10)

8. The SCT considered document SCT/43/10.

9. The Delegation of Israel stated that it wished to co-sponsor the proposal contained in document SCT/43/10.

10. The Chair concluded that the SCT would continue the discussion on document SCT/43/10 at its forty-fourth session.

Compilation of the Returns to the Questionnaire on Temporary Protection Provided to Industrial Designs at Certain International Exhibitions Under Article 11 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (document SCT/42/2)

11. The SCT considered document SCT/42/2.

12. The Chair concluded that the SCT would revert to document SCT/42/2 at its forty-fourth session to discuss the way to advance work on this topic.

Update by Member States on the Digital Access Service (DAS) for Priority Documents

13. The SCT noted the progress in the implementation of the DAS for industrial designs by members and the Chair concluded that the SCT would revert for an update to this item at its next session.

AGENDA ITEM 6: TRADEMARKS

Proposal by the Delegations of Georgia, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance (document SCT/43/6)

14. The SCT considered document SCT/43/6.

15. The Chair concluded that the SCT would continue the discussion on document SCT/43/6 at its forty-fourth session.

Revised Proposal by the Delegation of Jamaica (document SCT/43/9)

16. The SCT considered document SCT/43/9.

17. The Chair concluded that the SCT would continue the discussion on document SCT/43/9 at its forty-fourth session.

Proposal by the Delegations of Brazil, Georgia, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance in the DNS (document SCT/41/6 Rev.)

18. The SCT considered document SCT/41/6 Rev.

19. The Chair concluded that the SCT would continue the discussion on document SCT/41/6 Rev. at its forty-fourth session.

Update on Trademark-Related Aspects of the Domain Name System (documents SCT/43/4)

20. The SCT considered document SCT/43/4.

21. The SCT considered document SCT/43/4 and requested the Secretariat to keep members informed of future developments in the DNS.

Proposal by the Delegations of Ecuador and Peru to Conduct a Survey on Nation-Brand Protection in Member States (document SCT/42/4 Rev. and SCT/43/3 Rev. 2)

Questionnaire on Nation-Brand Protection in Member States (document SCT/43/7)

Returns to the Questionnaire on Nation-Brand Protection in Member States (document SCT/43/8)

22. The SCT considered documents SCT/42/4 Rev., SCT/43/3 Rev. 2, SCT/43/7 and SCT/43/8.

23. The Chair concluded that the Secretariat was requested to:

- re-open the survey tool on the Questionnaire on Nation-Brand Protection in Member States until January 29, 2021, for further replies by delegations; and,
- finalize document SCT/43/8 thereafter and present it for consideration at the forty-fourth session of the SCT.

AGENDA ITEM 7: GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

24. The SCT took note of the proposals for topics for an Information Session on Geographical Indications, made by the Delegations of the Russian Federation, the United States of America and the European Union (EU).

25. The Chair concluded that the SCT would revert to the proposals at its forty-fourth session for discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 8: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

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

AGENDA ITEM 9: CLOSING OF THE SESSION

27. The Chair closed the session on November 26, 2020.

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