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UPDATE ON THE DATABASE PROTOTYPE ON TEMPORARY PROTECTION PROVIDED TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AT CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF THE PARIS CONVENTION

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1. At its forty-fourth session, the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), based on a proposal made by the Delegation of Spain (document SCT/44/5), requested the Secretariat (document SCT/44/7, paragraph 12) to create a prototype for a database that would house information received from SCT Members in response to the Questionnaire on the 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).
2. The SCT also requested that the prototype and an estimate of the resources required for the full development of such a database be presented at its forty-fifth session (document SCT/44/7, paragraph 12). Accordingly, the Secretariat will present the prototype with a live demonstration at that session. The present document provides a brief description of the prototype, explains the cost for its development and outlines the estimated further cost, should the SCT decide to extend the prototype into a complete database.

Development of the Prototype

3. The prototype was developed taking as model the existing user interface of the “SCT Geographical Indications Information Database”: <https://www.wipo.int/memberprofilesgeo/#/>, which is available in the following three languages: English, French and Spanish. The prototype was populated using information submitted by the top two respondents that provided answers to the highest number of questions in the above-mentioned Questionnaire; these respondents were Australia and France. Following the layout of the Questionnaire, the prototype reflects information sourced from seven sets of questions covering a total of 14 questions; supplementary comments submitted by the respondents have also been reproduced. In other words, all information shared by the two respondents in their submissions to the Questionnaire is recorded in the prototype.

Cost of Developing the Prototype

4. Development cost for the prototype was 12,000 Swiss francs. This includes the services of external contractors, adjustments following feedback during user acceptance testing, user interface translation and commissioning the prototype to a business acceptance environment.

Further Cost if Prototype Extended into a Full Database

5. A full database means that the information provided by all 54 respondents (52 Member States and two intergovernmental organizations) in their submissions to the mentioned Questionnaire will be reproduced in the database. For the purpose of this broader data entry, a “back office” is required and must be developed. Data entry itself will be absorbed by the Secretariat using its internal resources. Furthermore and in accordance with WIPO’s cloud-first policy*, the database should be hosted on the cloud due to its security, scalability and availability benefits. The development of the back office and cloud hosting carry an estimated cost of 10,000 Swiss francs.

6. Moreover, it is proposed to make the database available in all six United Nations (UN) official languages at an estimated additional cost of 3,000 Swiss francs.

7. In total, the cost of a database would amount to 25,000 Swiss francs, as follows:

- 12,000 Swiss francs – amount spent for the prototype development, and
- 13,000 Swiss francs – estimated amount for extending the prototype into a full database in all six UN official languages.

* The cloud transition strategy was recommended by the Program and Budget Committee (PBC) at its twenty-eighth session from September 10 to 14, 2018 (documents [WO/PBC/28/13](#) and [WO/PBC/28/14](#)) to the WIPO Assemblies and approved by the latter at its Fifty-Eighth Series of Meetings from September 24 to October 2, 2018 (document [A/58/11](#), paragraph 78), giving rise to WIPO’s cloud-first organizational policy.

8. *The SCT is invited*

(i) to consider the content of the present document; and

(ii) to express its views on the proposal for the creation of a database containing the returns to the Questionnaire on the Temporary Protection Provided to Industrial Designs at Certain International Exhibition Under Article 11 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (document SCT/44/5).

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