

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

Forty-Fourth Session
Geneva, May 17 to 19, 2021

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

prepared by the Secretariat

The Secretariat prepared this informal annotated draft agenda of the forty-fourth session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) at the request of delegations, following an Informal Information Session held virtually using the *Zoom* platform, on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

The SCT will meet for two and a half hours each day of the session (May 17 to 19, 2021), from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m., Geneva Time (GMT +2). Taking into account the progress of the discussions and preferences expressed by the delegations at the session, the Chair may propose changes to the time and length of those meetings, as appropriate.

Monday, May 17, 2021¹
From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.

1. Opening of the session **(10 minutes)**

2. Adoption of the Agenda **(5 minutes)**
See document SCT/44/1 Prov.2

Invited Action: The SCT is invited to adopt the Agenda.

3. Accreditation of an Observer **(5 minutes)**
See document SCT/44/4

Invited Action: The SCT is invited to approve the representation in sessions of the Committee of the Intellectual Property International Forum-Québec (FORPIQ).

4. Adoption of the Draft Report of the Forty-Third Session **(30 minutes²)**
See document SCT/43/12 Prov.

Invited Action: The SCT is invited to adopt the Draft Report of SCT/43.

5. Industrial Designs

- Analysis of the Returns to the Questionnaire on Graphical User Interface (GUI), Icon and Typeface/Type Font Designs **(20 minutes)**
See documents SCT/41/2 Rev.2 and SCT/43/2 Rev.

Document SCT/41/2 Rev.2 contains replies to the Questionnaire on Graphical User Interface (GUI), Icon and Typeface/Type Font Designs from 52 Member States and two Intergovernmental Intellectual Property Organizations. The document was revised after the forty-third session of the SCT to include further or revised replies by delegations, as requested by the Chair of the SCT at the conclusion of the forty-third session of the Committee.

Document SCT/43/2 Rev. contains a revised analysis of the Returns to the Questionnaire on Graphical User Interface (GUI), Icon and Typeface/Type Font Designs, taking into account the additional and revised replies by delegations.

Invited action: The SCT will be invited to consider documents SCT/41/2 Rev.2 and SCT/43/2 Rev.

¹ The proposed timetable is merely indicative. If the SCT does not finish discussions on an item by the conclusion of the day, discussions on that item would continue on May 18, 2021, unless otherwise proposed by the Chair.

² Due to time constraints, delegations are requested to refrain from making general opening statements, and instead submit statements in writing for inclusion in the report.

- Updated Proposal by the Delegations of Israel, Japan and the United States of America **(30 minutes)**
See document SCT/44/6

Document SCT/44/6 contains an updated proposal by the Delegations of Israel, Japan and the United States of America for a Joint Recommendation on Industrial Design Protection for Graphical User Interface (GUI) Designs.

Invited action: Delegations will be invited to consider the proposal and to express their positions concerning any future course of action.

- Compilation of the Returns 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
See document SCT/42/2

Document SCT/42/2 contains replies from 52 Member States and two Intergovernmental Intellectual Property Organizations 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.

Invited action: The SCT will be invited to consider document SCT/42/2 in connection with the proposal by the Delegation of Spain (document SCT/44/5) (see following paragraph).

- Proposal by the Delegation of Spain Concerning the Creation of a Database Compiling the Returns 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 **(30 minutes)**
See document SCT/44/5

Invited action: Delegations will be invited to consider the proposal and to express their positions concerning any future course of action.

- Update by Member States on Digital Access Service (DAS) for Priority Documents **(15 minutes)**

Invited action: The SCT will be invited to take note of the progress in the implementation of the DAS for industrial designs by Members.

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.

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
See document SCT/43/6.

In a communication dated February 18, 2020, the Delegations of Georgia, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates transmitted to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) a proposal requesting the SCT to invite the WIPO General Assembly to adopt examination guidelines for trademarks which consist of or contain country names or geographical names of national significance. The proposal is contained in the Annex to document SCT/43/6 **(30 minutes)**

Invited action: Delegations will be invited to express their positions concerning the proposal with a view to identifying any future course of action.

- Revised Proposal by the Delegation of Jamaica for a Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Country Names **(30 minutes)**
See document SCT/43/9.

Invited action: Delegations will be invited to express their positions concerning the revised proposal with a view to identifying any future course of action.

- Proposal by the Delegations of Brazil, Georgia, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland and United Arab Emirates Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance in the DNS **(30 minutes)**
See document SCT/41/6 Rev.

Invited action: Delegations will be invited to express their positions concerning this proposal with a view to identifying any future course of action.

- Update on Trademark-Related Aspects of the Domain Name System
See document SCT/44/2 **(20 minutes)**

Invited action: The SCT will be invited to take note of the update presented by the Secretariat.

- Returns to the Questionnaire on Nation-Brand Protection in Member States
See document SCT/43/8 Rev. **(30 minutes)**

At the forty-third session of the SCT, 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 to finalize document SCT/43/8 thereafter and present it for consideration at the forty-fourth session of the SCT. Document SCT/43/8 Rev. contains a presentation of all returns received, including from an additional 14 Members, bringing the overall number of returns to 57.

Invited action: Delegations will be invited to consider document SCT/43/8 Rev. and to express their positions with a view to identifying any future course of action.

Wednesday, May 19, 2021
From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.

7. Geographical Indications

At the forty-third session of the SCT, the Committee took note of proposals for topics for an Information Session on Geographical Indications and concluded that the SCT would revert to the proposals at the forty-fourth session. The proposals are contained in document SCT/44/3. **(60 minutes)**

Invited action: The SCT will be invited to consider proposals for topics for an Information Session on Geographical Indications and to agree on topics for such an information session, to be held in conjunction with the forty-fifth session of the SCT.

Summary by the Chair **(30 minutes)**

Invited action: The SCT will be invited to adopt the Summary by the Chair.

8. Closing of the session **(10 minutes)**

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