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ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

C. SCIT 2638  
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April 30, 2007

Re: SDWG Task Force on the Preparation of a Standard for the Processing of Industrial Design Information using XML (eXtensible Markup Language) (ST. 86 Task Force)

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Madam,  
Sir,

At its eighth session, held from March 19 to 22, 2007, the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) agreed to create a new Task: "Prepare a standard for the processing of industrial design information using XML". The SDWG also created the corresponding Task Force to handle this Task. The Task will be co-led by the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) (OHIM) and the Secretariat. (See paragraphs 65 to 67 of document SCIT/SDWG/8/14.)

The International Bureau hereby invites those offices wishing to participate actively in the Task Force to nominate a representative thereto. Participants are expected to be specialists having the required knowledge of the XML technologies, and WIPO Standards ST.36 and ST.66, as well as experience in processing industrial design information. The work of the Task Force shall be conducted in English by electronic means and will commence in May 2007.

Should your Office/Organization wish to participate in the Task Force, details of your representative (name, title, and e-mail address) should be sent to the International Bureau at [scit.mail@wipo.int](mailto:scit.mail@wipo.int) by May 11, 2007. It would be appreciated if the number of this Circular could be quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, which appears to be 'Francis Gurry', is written over a faint, larger signature in black ink.

Francis Gurry  
Deputy Director General