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Re: Postponement of the reconvening of the fourth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

Madam,
Sir,

The fourth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS), which took place from May 12 to 16, 2014, was adjourned, in view of the fact that there was no agreement on the agenda. The Chair of the session requested the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to organize informal consultations on this matter and to create the conditions to continue the consultations until there was agreement on the draft agenda, such that the meeting could be reconvened in order to formally adopt the agenda and to continue as prescribed by formal procedures (see the Summary by the Chair http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/cws/en/cws_4/cws_4_15.pdf).

Since May 2014, several informal consultation meetings among regional group coordinators and individual meetings between some delegations and the Facilitator (also Vice Chair of the CWS), Ambassador Suescum, took place on this issue.

The International Bureau would like to inform you that, in consultation with the Facilitator, the adjourned fourth session of CWS will not be reconvened on June 8, 2015, as initially scheduled, for the reason that no agreement was reached on the CWS pending matters before the deadline set at mid-March in order to allow the Secretariat and delegations to make necessary preparations.

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The International Bureau sincerely hopes that the Member States will continue their efforts to resolve the pending matters to allow the next CWS meeting to be convened in the near future. Until these pending matters are resolved, no further CWS meeting will be convened. The International Bureau will keep you informed of any development on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yo Takagi'.

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