

WIPO SCP/32 – Interventions from Canada

Agenda item 9 – Transfer of technology

Thank you, Chair.

Canada would like to thank the Secretariat for its latest compilation of patent law provisions that contribute to effective transfer of technology, including sufficiency of disclosure, as contained in document SCP/32/6.

As the SCP may recall, Canada recently presented on the launch of *Explore IP: Canada's IP Marketplace*, which is a searchable database that showcases an inventory of public sector patents held by government, academia or other public sector institutions. As previously noted, through ExploreIP, users can easily contact patent holders to discuss and negotiate a licensing arrangement, and to locate and contact research organizations with technology relevant to a specific industry for potential collaborations.

By way of update, we would like to note that a new “COVID-19 related” category of technologies has been added to *ExploreIP*. *ExploreIP*'s new “COVID-19 related” technology category will allow IP owners to promote technologies that could help in the fight against COVID-19, as well as help interested businesses find and obtain licenses for those technologies. At present, this new technology category includes 58 COVID-19-applicable technologies from 11 public sector organizations.

ExploreIP can be found online at Canada.ca/ExploreIP. Canada encourages interested SCP Members and observers to explore the new database, and remains available to discuss the database with any interested Member or observer on the margins of this week's SCP session.

Thank you.