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Dear Mr. Baechtold,

This concerns the WIPO document C. 6636 dated December 21, 2001 inviting our comment on draft Article 5(2)(ii) of the SPLT.

KIPO supports the current draft Article 5(2)(ii) and other Regulations under the Article on the condition that

Rule 6(6)(b) shall be changed to incorporate the following:

- (1) A multiple dependent claim shall not depend on another multiple dependent claim; and
- (2) A multiple dependent claim shall refer to the claims on which they depend on the alternative only.

Please be noted that the claim drafting under the current draft Rule 6(6)(b) may make it difficult to understand the contents of the inventions concerned. Furthermore, it would be inconsistent with the draft Article 11(2) which states that the claims, both individually and in their totality, shall be clear and concise.

KIPO will greatly appreciate it if the above-mentioned comments would be duly considered in the process to draft the new version of the SPLT and the Regulations under the SPLT.

Appreciating the effort taken by the International Bureau, KIPO is looking forward to some concrete development on the discussion to adopt the SPLT.

Sincerely yours,

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