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**SPECIAL UNION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION  
OF THE FIGURATIVE ELEMENTS OF MARKS  
(VIENNA UNION)**

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS**

**Fifth Session  
Geneva, November 6 to 10, 2006**

REPORT

*adopted by the Committee of Experts*

INTRODUCTION

1. The Committee of Experts of the Vienna Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) held its fifth session in Geneva from November 6 to 9, 2006. The following members of the Committee were represented at the session: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sweden (9). Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sudan, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom, the Benelux Organisation for Intellectual Property (BOIP) and the Commission of the European Communities (CEC) were represented by observers.
2. The list of participants appears as Annex I to this report.
3. The session was opened by Mr. Ernesto Rubio, Assistant Director General, WIPO, who welcomed the participants on behalf of the Director General.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4. The Committee unanimously elected Mr. Gabriel Alberto Corres Benignos (Mexico) as Chair and Mrs. Veneta Shamandura (Bulgaria) and Mrs. Katrien Bakker (Luxembourg) as Vice-Chairs.
5. Mr. Jean-Paul Hoebreck (WIPO) acted as Secretary of the session.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. The Committee unanimously adopted the agenda, which appears as Annex II to this report.

#### CONCLUSIONS, DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

7. As decided by the Governing Bodies of WIPO at their tenth series of meetings, held from September 24 to October 2, 1979 (see paragraphs 51 and 52 of document AB/X/32), the report of this session reflects only the conclusions of the Committee (decisions, recommendations, opinions, etc.) and does not, in particular, reflect the statements made by any participant, except where a reservation in relation to any specific conclusion of the Committee was expressed or repeated after the conclusion was reached.

#### ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE VIENNA CLASSIFICATION

8. Discussions were based on paragraph 1 of document VA/CE/5/2.
9. The Committee agreed that amendments and additions to the fifth edition of the Vienna Classification should enter into force on January 1, 2008, which meant that, in accordance with Article 6(1) of the Vienna Agreement, the notification containing the decisions of the Committee should be sent by the International Bureau at the latest on July 1, 2007.
10. The Committee noted that the International Bureau would prepare and publish the new (sixth) edition of the Vienna Classification, in English and in French, in autumn 2007.

#### LENGTH OF THE NEXT REVISION PERIOD

11. Discussions were based on paragraphs 2 and 3 of document VA/CE/5/2.
12. The Committee noted that the next revision period would be five years in the same way as the preceding four.

NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

13. Discussions were based on paragraph 4 of document VA/CE/5/2.

14. The Committee agreed that its next (sixth) session would be held in Geneva in the second half of 2011.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE FIFTH EDITION OF THE VIENNA CLASSIFICATION

15. Discussions were based on documents VA/CE/5/3 to 6, which contained proposals for amendments and additions to the fifth edition of the Vienna Classification.

16. The Committee discussed the above-mentioned proposals and, in the light of the observations made during the session, adopted the amendments and additions as contained in Annex III to this report.

*17. This report was unanimously adopted by the Committee at its closing session on November 9, 2006.*

[Annexes follow]