

Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

First Session

Geneva, October 25 to 29, 2010

REPORT

adopted by the Committee

INTRODUCTION

1. The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) held its first session from October 25 to 29, 2010.
2. The following Member States of WIPO and/or the Paris Union were represented at the session: Afghanistan; Algeria; Argentina; Australia; Austria; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Brazil; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Egypt; El Salvador; Finland; France; Germany; Haiti; India; Indonesia; Iran, Islamic Republic of; Iraq; Italy; Japan; Lithuania; Morocco; Namibia; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Poland; Republic of Korea; Romania; Russian Federation; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Saudi Arabia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sweden; Switzerland; Thailand; Turkey; Ukraine; United Kingdom; United States of America; Zimbabwe (53).
3. In their capacity as members of the CWS, the representatives of the following organizations took part in the session: the Council of the European Union (Consilium), the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP), the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC), the European Patent Office (EPO), the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) (OHIM) (6).
4. The Ibero-Latin-American Federation of Performers (FILAIE), and the Third World Network (TWN) took part in the session in an observer capacity.
5. The list of participants appears as Annex I to this report.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the session

6. The session was opened by Mr. Yo Takagi, Assistant Director General, Global Infrastructure Sector, who welcomed the participants on behalf of the Director General.

Agenda Item 2: Election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs

7. The CWS unanimously elected Mr. Gunnar LINDBOM (Sweden) as Chair and Ms. Oksana Parkheta (Ukraine) and Mr. Yoshihiko YOSHIDA (Japan) as Vice-Chairs. As Mr. Gunnar Lindbom had to leave Geneva early on October 28, Ms. Oksana Parkheta acted as Chair on October 29, 2010.
8. Mr. Angel López Solanas, Head, WIPO Standards Section, acted as Secretary of the session.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the agenda

9. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/1 Prov, which appears as Annex II to this report.
10. The draft agenda was not adopted, since there was no agreement on whether and how the CWS should deal with the decision of WIPO General Assembly with regard to coordination mechanism principles concerning Development Agenda (Annex II to document WO/GA/39/7). The CWS proceeded to discussions on items 4 to 17 with the draft agenda pending. (See paragraphs 58 and 59.)

DISCUSSIONS, CONCLUSIONS, AND DECISIONS

11. As decided by the Governing Bodies of WIPO at their tenth series of meetings held from September 24 to October 2, 1979 (see document AB/X/32, paragraphs 51 and 52), the report of this session reflects only the conclusions of the CWS (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 CWS was expressed or repeated after the conclusion was reached.

PRESENTATIONS

12. The presentations given at this session of the CWS and working documents are available on the WIPO website at: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=20212.

Agenda Item 4: Organizational matters and special rules of procedure

13. Discussions were based on documents CWS/1/2.
14. The CWS reached a provisional agreement on the Organizational Matters and Special Rules of Procedure as reproduced in the Annex to documents CWS/1/2, with the exception of paragraphs 3, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21, 22, and 28. The CWS also agreed that the word "detailed" should be inserted in between the first two words of paragraph 23, which should begin as follows: "The detailed report of a CWS session will reflect..."
15. Following discussions, the CWS amended paragraphs 3, 13, 21, 22, and 28 to read as follows:

- Paragraph 3: Recommendations and proposals from the CWS may be passed either to the WIPO General Assembly, Program and Budget Committee, or directly to the Director General, as needed, according to the General Rules of Procedure of WIPO.
- Paragraph 13: The CWS will have a Chair and two Vice-Chairs and will elect them for a term of two consecutive ordinary sessions. Any outgoing Chair or Vice-Chair may be immediately re-elected to office for one more consecutive term only.
- Paragraph 21: The authority for approving the creation of new WIPO Standards or for the revision of existing WIPO Standards belongs to the CWS. The CWS may, however, establish a mechanism for reaching an agreement by electronic means, which may be delegated to its task forces as required.
- Paragraph 22: A Chair's summary will be adopted at the end of each session of the CWS. It will only refer to the decisions made by the CWS and the status of tasks. A detailed report of the session of the CWS will be posted on the WIPO website for comments after closing the session. The adoption of the detailed report may take place through electronic means. If it should not be possible to reach an agreement on the detailed report via the electronic means, then the adoption of the said report would be included in the agenda of the next session of the CWS.
- Paragraph 28: Task forces will carry out their work in a dynamic and flexible environment. Electronic working via e-forums will be their normal work framework, but they may also hold meetings as needed. The information discussed and the work done by a task force at a meeting will be posted on the e-forum in order to allow those task force members who could not attend the meeting to express their views.
16. Two different views were primarily expressed with regard to the mandate of the CWS (paragraphs 9 to 11 of the Annex to document CWS/1/2). Referring to paragraphs 238 and 249 of document WO/GA/38/20, one view considered that the said decision clearly implied that the mandate of the CWS should, along with the revision and development of WIPO Standards, also include follow-up of the implementation of WIPO Standards, the provision of technical advice and assistance for capacity building, the support of IP Offices in undertaking projects regarding dissemination of IP information and the provision of IP services to SMEs. The other view, was that the reference to the amendment by Argentina in paragraph 249 of document WO/GA/38/20 was not sufficiently clear on how it precisely amended the mandate of the CWS; therefore clarification concerning the possible implementations of the components included in the mandate of the CWS should be requested from the WIPO General Assembly. Discussions on the agenda item 4 were adjourned until the last day and informal consultation started.
17. No agreement was reached on organizational matters and special rules of procedures.

Agenda Item 5: ST.10/C Task Force (Task No. 30)

18. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/3, concerning the proposal by the ST.10/C Task Force on a questionnaire to survey industrial property offices (IPOs) regarding application and priority application numbering systems currently used. The CWS noted the oral report by the ST.10/C Task Force Leader.
19. After considering the proposal by the ST.10/C Task Force, the CWS approved the questionnaire on application numbering systems as reproduced in the Annex to

document CWS/1/3, with an amendment in Example 1 (page 2 of the Annex to document CWS/1/3), where the explanation for example “14 2008 987654” should read as follows:

14 2008 987654 PCT international application filed in 2008 that has entered the national phase with serial number 987654

20. With the clarification that the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* should be replaced with WIPO STAD and the timing for conducting the Survey would be determined by the implementation of WIPO STAD, the CWS requested the Secretariat to carry out the following actions:
 - to prepare and issue an invitation to IPOs to complete the questionnaire using the WIPO STAD survey tool;
 - to prepare the summary of responses to the questionnaire and the collated results of the survey; and
 - to publish the finalized results of the survey in WIPO STAD.
21. The CWS also agreed that Task No. 30 be re-worded to read as follows:

“Survey industrial property offices on application and priority application numbers used.”
22. The CWS requested the ST.10/C Task Force to prepare, within the framework of Task No. 30 once the survey on current practices is finalized, a questionnaire for conducting a new survey on application and priority application numbers used by the industrial property offices (IPOs) in the past.

Agenda Item 6: Proposal on the revision of WIPO Standards ST.8 and ST.10/C (Task No. 33)

23. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/4, containing proposals to revise WIPO Standards ST.8 and ST.10/C.
24. The CWS adopted the proposals concerning the revision of both WIPO Standards ST.8 and ST.10/C as reproduced in Annexes I and II to document CWS/1/4, with the following amendments:
 - including one example of a classification at the subclass level in the said two standards; and
 - replacing the term “Group” with “Main Group” in paragraphs 4 and 7 of WIPO Standard ST.8.
25. The CWS noted that WIPO Standard ST.10/C referred to the use of italics or bold font style, in addition to the regular font style, for the presentation, in specific cases, of IPC symbols in printed or formatted display form. This presentation had some advantages, e.g., saving of print space usage. However, the presentation demanded complex data functionality in order to control the text style, and this was not always applicable. This problem related to both templates for patent documents and, perhaps more important, to computer presentation layers. An additional disadvantage of the current recommendations provided by WIPO Standard ST.10/C was the lack of accessibility of this information for people with disabilities. It would also be easier for a non IPC expert to explain those indicators to the public if the indicators were more clearly displayed. An alternative to the current recommendation could, for instance, be similar to display/print of

the parameters by clear text (e.g., by a print of the parameter behind a slash separated from the IPC symbol, but on the same line).

26. The CWS agreed to request the Committee of Experts of the International Patent Classification (IPC) Union to comment on the possibility of revising WIPO Standard ST.10/C for the presentation of IPC symbols, or of including an alternative method of presentation, when applicable, allowing functional and technical advantages. The CWS invited the IPC Committee of Experts for a future collaboration on this issue.

Agenda Item 7: Proposal for the preparation of a new WIPO standard on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings using eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

27. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/5, which contained a proposal for a new standard on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings based on eXtensible Markup Language (XML). The CWS noted the request made by the EPO on the preparation of the said new WIPO standard. For a number of technical and practical reasons, WIPO Standard ST.25 should be replaced, or at least supplemented, by a new standard based on XML format. Such new standard would mitigate the shortcomings of WIPO Standard ST.25 and provide additional advantages for both applicants and IPOs since the drafting and submission of high quality sequence listings would enable more efficient downstream processes.
28. The CWS also noted that WIPO Standard ST.25 recommended that, mutatis mutandis, offices should apply the provisions set out in the Annex C to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. Therefore, when discussing the proposal for a new standard, due consideration should be given to the impact of the future standard on the current WIPO Standard ST.25, entailing changes to WIPO Standard ST.25 and Annex C to the PCT Administrative Instructions.
29. The CWS agreed to:
 - (a) create the following Task: "Prepare a recommendation on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings based on eXtensible Markup Language (XML) for adoption as a WIPO standard. The proposal of the new WIPO standard should be presented along with a report on the impact of the said standard on the current WIPO Standard ST.25, including the proposed necessary changes to Standard ST.25";
 - (b) establish a Task Force to handle the Task;
 - (c) request the Task Force to liaise with the appropriate PCT body with regard to the possible impact of such standard on Annex C to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT; and
 - (d) request the Task Force to present the proposal of the new WIPO standard and necessary changes to Standard ST.25 for consideration and approval by the CWS at its session to be held in 2011.
30. The CWS welcomed the offer of the EPO, which was designated as the Task Force Leader.

Agenda Item 8: Progress report, by the Task Leader of the ST.36 Task Force, on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36

31. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/6, which contained a progress report by the ST.36 Task Force Leader on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36, and other activities carried out by the Task Force.

32. The CWS noted that the ST.36 Task Force had completed the discussions on two Proposals For Revision (PFRs), namely, PFR ST.36/2009/005 (digital library for priority documents) and PFR ST.36/2009/006 (payment mode), and that two more PFRs, namely PFR ST.36/2009/007 (amendments in patent documents) and PFR ST.36/2010/001 (supplementary search reports), were still under discussion.
33. The CWS also noted that the agreement reached on the PFR ST.36/2009/005 and PFR ST.36/2009/006 had been subsequently reflected in the corresponding revisions of Annexes A and C to WIPO Standard ST.36 that were published in March 2010. The CWS was informed that the said latest version, 2.3, of Annexes A and C to WIPO Standard ST.36 was available on the WIPO's website at: http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/xml_material/st36/, and the previous versions and revision history of Annexes A and C were also available on the WIPO's website at: http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/xml_material/st36/revision-history/index.html. The CWS was also informed that the PFR files which had been submitted and agreed on were available on the ST.36 Task Force's website at: <http://www.wipo.int/cws/en/taskforce/st36/pfr-intro.html>.
34. Regarding the modifications to mark up corrections or changes in patent documents, i.e., PFR ST.36/2009/007, the CWS advised the ST.36 Task Force to postpone the discussion on the said PFR until the PCT and other IPOs resolve and harmonize their business rules for paragraph amendment.

Agenda Item 9: Oral report by the Task Leader of the ST.66 Task Force

35. The ST.66 Task Force Leader provided an oral progress report on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.66 and other activities carried out by the ST.66 Task Force.
36. The CWS noted that WIPO Standard ST.66 had not been revised since its last revision in December 2007. However, as a follow-up to the adoption of WIPO Standard ST.67 by the former Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) in October 2009, it was necessary to include a reference to the new standard in WIPO Standard ST.66. In order to do so, the International Bureau had recently posted the proposal PFR ST.66/2010/001 in the Wiki forum for consideration and adoption by the ST.66 Task Force.
37. The CWS was also informed on two more PFRs being in preparation at the moment. One PFR intended to reflect the changes in WIPO Standard ST.3 adopted at the eleventh session of former SDWG, as well as in International Standards ISO 3166-1 and 4217, regarding country codes and currency codes respectively. The objective of the other proposal was to reflect business-driven changes that had been requested by the OHIM.

Agenda Item 10: Progress report, by the Task Leader of the XML4IP Task Force, on the preparation of the XML4IP WIPO Standard

38. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/7, which contained a progress report by the XML4IP Task Force Leader on the preparation of the XML4IP standard and other activities carried out by the Task Force.
39. The CWS noted that, during the last year, the XML4IP Task Force had held two meetings, one in October 2009 and the other in May 2010. Since the eleventh session of the former SDWG, the XML4IP Task Force had been discussing business case, objectives, scopes, provisional contents, design rules and conventions, XML schemas, and other Annexes of the proposal for the XML4IP standard. The CWS also noted that the XML4IP Task Force had a tentative plan to submit a final draft proposal of the XML4IP standard for consideration and approval by the CWS at the meeting to be held

in 2011. Detailed information about the meetings held by the XML4IP Task Force, including the minutes and copies of presentations, is available at the XML4IP Task Force's website at: <http://www.wipo.int/cws/en/taskforce/xml4ip/background.htm>.

40. Taking into account the proposal presented in paragraph 16 of document CWS/1/7, the CWS decided that the name of the XML4IP standard that was under preparation would be WIPO Standard ST.96.
41. After discussing the proposal presented in paragraph 29 of document CWS/1/7, the CWS agreed that Task No. 41 be re-worded to read as follows:

“Prepare, for adoption as WIPO Standard ST.96, a recommendation for the XML (eXtensible Markup Language) resources to be used for filing, processing, publication, and exchange of information regarding all life cycles of patents, trademarks and industrial designs.”

Agenda Item 11: Oral report by the Task Leader of the Trademark Standards Task Force

42. The CWS noted the oral report by the Leader of the Trademark Standards Task Force, who referred to the status of the discussions by the Trademark Standards Task Force regarding the preparation of a proposal related to digital image formats, as well as color management and online publication in the trademark domain, as referred to in paragraph 5 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/9.

Agenda Item 12: Oral report, by the International Bureau, on the use of Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs) in the industrial property domain

43. The CWS noted the oral report by the International Bureau regarding the question of possible use of Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs) in the IP domain, which had already been considered by the former SDWG at its tenth and eleventh sessions in November 2008 and October 2009, respectively. The International Bureau remarked that no IPO had expressed any interest in the implementation of URIs or Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) since discussions on this matter had started in 2008; and that, at the eleventh session of the SDWG, delegations had not expressed any enthusiasm towards the idea of using such identifiers either. Consequently, the International Bureau considered that, contrary to its offer to prepare a new paper on this matter at the eleventh session of the SDWG, it was not presently worthwhile to devote resources to prepare such a new paper on the use of such identifiers in order to discuss this matter further. The CWS noted and agreed that, if the opinion of IPOs on this matter changed in the future and it was considered convenient by the CWS, a new discussion on this matter would be reopened at that time.

Agenda Item 13: Progress report, by the International Bureau, on the development of WIPO STAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database)

44. The CWS noted the presentation and demonstration provided by the IB on WIPO STAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database). The WIPO STAD project was launched by the IB in November 2008 to meet the requests made by the former SDWG. The CWS also noted that WIPO STAD would include WIPO Standards, Surveys on Examples and IPO Practices, and Glossary of terms, i.e. Parts 3, 7 and 8.1, respectively, of the WIPO Handbook. The CWS further noted that two more survey types would be added to WIPO STAD, namely, Use of WIPO Standards and Annual Technical Reports (ATRs).

45. The CWS was informed that future surveys would be conducted via WIPO STAD using an online survey tool. The new survey tool should facilitate the preparation of questionnaires, IPO's responses and collating survey results.
46. The CWS also noted that the Renewal of the WIPO Handbook Task Force was involved in a test exercise of WIPO STAD *Beta* 1.0 during the period June to September 2010. The CWS also noted that the International Bureau would continue working on fine-tuning functions regarding WIPO Standards to reflect comments provided by the members of the Renewal of the WIPO Handbook Task Force and developing other functions regarding Surveys and the Glossary sections. The International Bureau informed the CWS that, after completing the development of WIPO STAD in 2011 and before moving it into production, the Renewal of the WIPO Handbook Task Force would be invited to test WIPO STAD again.

Agenda Item 14: Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark, and Industrial Design Information Activities (Task No. 24)

47. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/8, which related to the Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on patent, trademark and industrial design information activities. The CWS noted that the ATRs constituted a source of information on the IPOs' practices which could be maintained in a similar way as the surveys of Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook, and that, consequently, the International Bureau intended to publish the ATRs, accordingly modified, under the WIPO STAD platform.
48. The CWS approved the revised recommended contents of ATRs on patent, trademark, and industrial design information activities to be used in WIPO STAD as reproduced in Annexes I, II, and III to document CWS/1/8, respectively.
49. The CWS also noted the intention of the International Bureau to publish the ATRs under the WIPO STAD platform in 2011. If this was not possible, then the implementation of the new recommended contents using WIPO STAD would be postponed to 2012.

Agenda Item 15: Exchange of information: Presentation, by the International Bureau, on the last developments of PATENTSCOPE®

50. The International Bureau presented an overview of the latest developments of the PATENTSCOPE® Search system. The CWS noted that the coverage of the system had been increased in 2010 by adding the patent collections of Argentina, Morocco and Spain; the collections of Brazil, the European Patent Office and Colombia were being processed. It was also noted that the PATENTSCOPE® Search system presented new functionalities like stemming, keywords weighting, relevance ranking, clustering of search results, cross lingual search and machine translation. The new cross lingual search capacity of the system was presented in detail with some examples.

Agenda Item 16: Consideration of the SDWG Task List

51. Discussions were based on document CWS/1/9, which contained, in its Annex, a List of Tasks to establish the work program of the CWS. The list had been prepared taking into account the list of tasks and projects as agreed on by the former SDWG at its eleventh session in October 2009. The CWS noted the List of Tasks reproduced in the said Annex.
52. The CWS approved the proposals for each task presented in the Annex to document CWS/1/9 with the following amendments with respect to Tasks Nos. 18, 26, and 41:

- The description of Task No. 18 should read:
“Identify areas for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Five IP Offices (IP5), ISO, IEC and other well-known industry standard-setting bodies.”
 - The scheduled actions to be carried out regarding Task No. 26 should be:
“The International Bureau will report to the CWS, once a year, on the progress of the development and use of WIPO STAD.”
 - The description of Task No. 41 should read:
“Prepare, for adoption as WIPO Standard ST.96, a recommendation for the XML (eXtensible Markup Language) resources to be used for filing, processing, publication and exchange of information regarding all life cycle of patents, trademarks and industrial designs.”
53. After updating the information regarding the Tasks that had been discussed during the first session, including the decisions under this agenda item 16, the status of task was as follows:
- (a) Tasks considered completed at this session:
- Task No. 15: Study the consequences of e-filing on the production of certified office copies with particular reference to those used for priority purposes.
- Task No. 35: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey on the implementation of WIPO Standard ST.50 and on the status of the correction procedures in the industrial property offices. Prepare a proposal regarding this matter for consideration by the SDWG.
- Task No. 36: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey in order to clarify the different practices by industrial property offices regarding the difficulties in citing specific parts of the description of the invention text in a patent document. Prepare a proposal regarding this matter for consideration by the SDWG.
- (b) Tasks discontinued at this session:
- Task No. 17: Ongoing electronic data processing and exchange standards activities.
- Task No. 19: Elaborate a WIPO standard concerning making patent documents available on mixed-mode media.
- (c) Tasks on which work remains to be done:
- Task No. 20: Discuss the issues related to digital image formats, as well as color management and online publication in the trademark domain as referred to in paragraph 5 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/9, and prepare a subsequent proposal.
- Task No. 30: Survey industrial property offices on application and priority application numbers used.
- Task No. 37: Carry out a survey on the use and implementation of WIPO Standard ST.22.

- Task No. 41: Prepare, for adoption as a WIPO Standard ST.96, a recommendation for the XML (eXtensible Markup Language) resources to be used for filing, processing, publication and exchange of information regarding all life cycle of patents, trademarks and industrial designs.
- (d) Tasks to ensure continuous maintenance of WIPO Standards:
- Task No. 38: Ensure continuous revision and updating of WIPO Standard ST.36.
- Task No. 39: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.66.
- Task No. 42: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.86.
- (e) Task on which work has not started and is held in abeyance:
- Task No. 43: Prepare guidelines, for implementation by industrial property offices, regarding paragraph numbering, long paragraphs, and consistent rendering of patent documents.
- (f) Task created at this session and on which work has not started:
- Task No. 44: Prepare a recommendation on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings based on eXtensible Markup Language (XML) for adoption as a WIPO standard. The proposal of the new WIPO standard should be presented along with a report on the impact of the said standard on the current WIPO Standard ST.25, including the proposed necessary changes to Standard ST.25.
- (g) Tasks of continuing activity and/or information nature:
- Task No. 18: Identify areas for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Trilateral Offices, ISO, IEC and other well-known industry standard-setting bodies.
- Task No. 23: Monitor the inclusion, in databases, of information about the entry, and, where applicable, the non-entry into the national (regional) phase of published PCT international applications.
- Task No. 24: Collect and publish Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities of the SCIT Members (ATR/PI, ATR/TM, ATR/ID).
- Task No. 26: Report on activities regarding the migration of data from WIPO Handbook into WIPO STAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database).
- Task No. 33: Ongoing revision of WIPO Standards.
- Task No. 33/3: Ongoing revision of WIPO Standard ST.3.

Agenda Item 17: Schedule of activities

54. The Secretariat announced that the second session of the CWS was tentatively scheduled to be held from November 9 to 11, 2011.

SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING

Agenda Item 4: Organizational matters and special rules of procedure (resumed discussions)

55. Informal consultations open to all interested delegations were organized to agree on the issue regarding the agenda item 4. Following these informal consultations, the Delegation of Canada presented, for consideration by the CWS, a new proposal based on an amendment of the Organizational Matters and Special Rules of Procedure of the CWS as presented in the Annex to document CWS/1/2. The discussion of the proposal by the Delegation of Canada focused mainly on the mandate of the CWS. Although there were some delegations that supported the proposal by the Delegation of Canada, there were other delegations which did not support the proposal. No agreement was reached on organizational matters and special rules of procedures.
56. The Delegation of Brazil, speaking on behalf of the Development Agenda Group (DAG), requested that the session of the CWS be suspended.
57. The proposal of suspending the session was put to the vote by the Chair under Rule 19 of the WIPO General Rules of Procedure. Following the request of the Delegation of Egypt, supported by the Delegation of India, the vote was by roll-call. The result of the vote was the following: 11 votes for the suspension of the meeting, 1 vote against the suspension, 22 abstained. The detailed list of results of the vote is reproduced in Annex III to this report. As a result of the vote the meeting was suspended by the Chair.

RESUMED FIRST SESSION OF THE CWS

58. The first session of the CWS was resumed on April 30, 2012, chaired by Mr. Gunnar Línbom (Sweden). Mr. Yo Takagi, Assistant Director General, Global Infrastructure Sector, welcomed the participants on behalf of the Director General.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the agenda

59. The Chair invited the CWS to consider the pending adoption of the agenda (see paragraph 11, above, and document CWS/1/1 Prov.).
 60. Following discussions, the agenda was unanimously adopted by CWS and appears as Annex II to this report.
61. The Delegation of Algeria, speaking on behalf of the DAG, indicated that DAG was happy to see CWS resume its work. However, DAG took that opportunity, presented by the resumption of the first session of CWS, to make the following comments to the Committee:
 - “Firstly: the suspension of the first session of CWS was requested owing to a disagreement regarding the interpretation of our Committee’s mandate, as entrusted to it by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, in September 2009. The differences in interpretations gave rise to differences of opinion concerning the items for inclusion in the agenda and the issues of the Committee’s organization and rules of procedure.
 - Secondly: further to the suspension of the previous session and in the absence of agreement on the mandate of CWS, it was clear to members of DAG that the Committee should not continue with its work, technical though it might be, on the basis of an interpretation of the mandate that did not enjoy consensus among Member States. Therefore, no decision, recommendation or conclusion of the Committee, discussed or approved at that session, was to be implemented, in particular item 16 relating to the examination of the list of tasks of CWS.

- Thirdly: DAG had expressed its deep concern when a summary by the Chair was circulated for information, without a request for comments by Member States. The liberty taken to publish a summary by the Chair, which was not discussed in plenary, created confusion among members of DAG, who submitted to the Secretariat a note verbale in which they clearly requested the Secretariat to postpone circulation of the Chair's summary as well as the implementation of certain decisions, including the launch of the work of the XML4IP Task Force.”

Despite all these elements, DAG agreed to resume the first session for the sake of being constructive. However, DAG emphasized that the decisions taken at the first session did not constitute a precedent and did not prejudge its position on the items included in the agenda for forthcoming sessions, in particular the matters relating to the adoption of the agenda and the rules of procedure.

Agenda Item 18: Closing of the Session

62. The meeting was closed on April 30, 2012.

Adoption of the Report of the Session

63. This report was adopted by the participants to the second session of the CWS on May 4, 2012.

[Annexes follow]

LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS/LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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[L'annexe II suit/Annex II follows]

AGENDA

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs
3. Adoption of the agenda
See document CWS/1/1.
4. Organizational matters and special rules of procedure
See document CWS/1/2.
5. ST.10/C Task Force
 - (a) Oral report by the Task Leader
 - (b) Survey on application and priority application numbering systems currently used by industrial property offices
See document CWS/1/3.
6. Proposal on the revision of:
 - (a) WIPO Standard ST.8
 - (b) WIPO Standard ST.10/C
See document CWS/1/4.
7. Proposal for the preparation of a new WIPO standard on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings using eXtensible Markup Language (XML)
See document CWS/1/5.
8. Progress report, by the Task Leader of the ST.36 Task Force, on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36
See document CWS/1/6.
9. Oral report by the Task Leader of the ST.66 Task Force
10. Progress report, by the Task Leader of the XML4IP Task Force, on the preparation of the XML4IP WIPO Standard
See document CWS/1/7.
11. Oral report by the Task Leader of the Trademark Standards Task Force
12. Oral report, by the International Bureau, on the use of Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs) in the industrial property domain
13. Progress report, by the International Bureau, on the development of WIPOSTAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database)
14. Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on patent, trademark and industrial design information activities in the context of WIPOSTAD
See document CWS/1/8.
15. Exchange of information: Presentation, by the International Bureau, on the last developments of PatentScope
16. Consideration of the pending tasks of the Standards and Documentation Working Group and of future work of the CWS
See document CWS/1/9.
17. Schedule of activities
18. Closing of the session

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DETAILED LIST OF RESULTS OF THE VOTE ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

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Afghanistan	Absent
Albania	Absent
Algeria	Yes
Andorra	Absent
Angola	
Antigua and Barbuda	Absent
Argentina	Absent
Armenia	Absent
Australia	Abstention
Austria	Abstention
Azerbaijan	Absent
Bahamas	Absent
Bahrain	Absent
Bangladesh	Absent
Barbados	Absent
Belarus	Abstention
Belgium	Abstention
Belize	Absent
Benin	Absent
Bhutan	Absent
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Absent
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Absent
Botswana	Absent
Brazil	Yes
Brunei Darussalam	Absent
Bulgaria	Absent
Burkina Faso	Absent
Burundi	Absent
Cambodia	Absent
Cameroon	Absent
Canada	Abstention
Cape Verde	Absent
Central African Republic	Absent
Chad	Absent
Chile	Absent
China	Yes
Colombia	Absent
Comoros	Absent
Congo	Absent
Costa Rica	Absent
Côte d'Ivoire	Absent
Croatia	Absent
Cuba	Absent
Cyprus	Absent
Czech Republic	Abstention
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Abstention
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Absent

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Denmark	Absent
Djibouti	Absent
Dominica	Absent
Dominican Republic	Absent
Ecuador	Absent
Egypt	Yes
El Salvador	Absent
Equatorial Guinea	Absent
Eritrea	Absent
Estonia	Absent
Ethiopia	Absent
Fiji	Absent
Finland	Absent
France	Abstention
Gabon	Absent
Gambia	Absent
Georgia	Absent
Germany	Absent
Ghana	Absent
Greece	Absent
Grenada	Absent
Guatemala	Absent
Guinea	Absent
Guinea-Bissau	Absent
Guyana	Absent
Haiti	Absent
Holy See	Absent
Honduras	Absent
Hungary	Absent
Iceland	Absent
India	Yes
Indonesia	Yes
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Yes
Iraq	Absent
Ireland	Absent
Israel	Absent
Italy	Absent
Jamaica	Absent
Japan	Abstention
Jordan	Absent
Kazakhstan	Absent
Kenya	Absent
Kuwait	Absent
Kyrgyzstan	Absent
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Absent
Latvia	Absent
Lebanon	Absent
Lesotho	Absent
Liberia	Absent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Absent
Liechtenstein	Absent

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Lithuania	Abstention
Luxembourg	Absent
Madagascar	Absent
Malawi	Absent
Malaysia	Absent
Maldives	Absent
Mali	Absent
Malta	Absent
Mauritania	Absent
Mauritius	Absent
Mexico	Absent
Monaco	Absent
Mongolia	Absent
Montenegro	Absent
Morocco	Abstention
Mozambique	Absent
Myanmar	Absent
Namibia	Absent
Nepal	Absent
Netherlands	Absent
New Zealand	Absent
Nicaragua	Absent
Niger	Absent
Nigeria	Absent
Norway	Abstention
Oman	Absent
Pakistan	Yes
Panama	Absent
Papua New Guinea	Absent
Paraguay	Absent
Peru	Absent
Philippines	Absent
Poland	Abstention
Portugal	Abstention
Qatar	Absent
Republic of Korea	Non/No
Republic of Moldova	Absent
Romania	Abstention
Russian Federation	Abstention
Rwanda	Absent
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Absent
Saint Lucia	Absent
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Absent
Samoa	Absent
San Marino	Absent
Sao Tome and Principe	Absent
Saudi Arabia	Absent
Senegal	Absent
Serbia	Absent
Seychelles	Absent
Sierra Leone	Absent

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Slovenia	Abstention
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Sudan	Absent
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Sweden	Abstention
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Thailand	Absent
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Absent
Togo	Absent
Tonga	Absent
Trinidad and Tobago	Absent
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Turkey	Absent
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