

## **Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)**

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### CONSIDERATION OF THE TASKS LIST OF THE CWS

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1. In order to update the CWS Work Program, on the basis of the agreements reached by the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) at its first session in October 2010, the Secretariat has prepared a new revised Task List for consideration by the CWS. This list is reproduced in the Annex to this document. (See documents CWS/1/9 and CWS/1/10 Prov.)
2. For each Task, the Annex includes the following information: description, task leader/task force leader, scheduled actions to be carried out, remarks and, where appropriate, proposals for consideration and approval by the CWS.
3. It should be noted that the information about certain tasks as provided in the Annex may have to be reviewed and updated in order to reflect the agreements that the CWS may reach at its second session.
4. *The CWS is invited to consider the Task List reproduced in the Annex to this document and to agree on its final version for incorporation in the CWS Work Program.*

[Annex follows]

## TASK LIST OF THE COMMITTEE ON WIPO STANDARDS (CWS)

### TASK NO. 15

*Description:*

Study the consequences of e-filing on the production of certified office copies with particular reference to those used for priority purposes.

The CWS, at its first session in October 2010, agreed that Task No. 15 should be considered as completed and removed from the CWS Task List.

(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

Consequently, this will be the last occurrence of Task No. 15 on the CWS Task List.

### TASK NO. 17

*Description:* Ongoing electronic data processing and exchange standards activities.

The CWS, at its first session in October 2010, agreed that Task No. 17 should be discontinued.

(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

Consequently, this will be the last occurrence of Task No. 17 on the CWS Task List.

### TASK NO. 18

1. *Description:*

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.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

The International Bureau should coordinate reporting on developments relating to standardization and/or the presentation of proposals to the CWS as necessary.

4. *Remarks:*

Task No. 18 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity.

(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

### TASK NO. 19

*Description:*

Elaborate a WIPO standard concerning making patent documents available on mixed-mode media.

The CWS, at its first session in October 2010, agreed that Task No. 19 should be discontinued.

(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

Consequently, this will be the last occurrence of Task No. 19 on the CWS Task List.

TASK NO. 20

1. *Description:*  
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.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The Task Leader is the Leader of the Trademark Standards Task Force, i.e., the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO).
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The Trademark Standards Task Force will present a proposal on digital image formats, as well as color management and online publication, as referred to in paragraph 5 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/9, for consideration by the CWS at its second session.
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) At its fourth session in January 2004, the SDWG decided that further attention should be given to the standardization of trademark information and agreed on a list of 13 trademark standard items that had been identified by the Trademark Standards Task Force. The SDWG agreed to give first priority to the development of two standards, namely the current WIPO Standards ST.66 and ST.67. With regard to the revision or, if necessary, the creation of 11 other standards for trademarks, the CWS, at its first session, decided that work should be held in abeyance until Task No. 20 is completed. (See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.; Annex II to document SCIT/SDWG/4/4; paragraphs 34 to 44 of SCIT/SDWG/4/14.)
  - (b) On different occasions, the SDWG considered whether or not a new task should be established to discuss the expansion of WIPO Standard ST.67 to include the recommendations for images, photographs and drawings related to patent and industrial design documents. The SDWG consistently agreed that the decision to create such a task should be postponed until completion of the recommendations for trademarks in order to gain knowledge and experience resulting from the work by the Trademark Standards Task Force. Active discussions regarding the possible use of color drawings and photographs in international applications currently take place within the framework of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA) and PCT Working Group (PCT/WG). At its third session in June 2010, the PCT/WG agreed that further study was required on the technical and legal issues which would be involved in permitting the filing and processing of such drawings, as part of international applications for progressing on this matter. The nineteenth session of PCT/MIA affirmed the importance of this work, while recognizing the time, cost and legal issues which would be involved. (See paragraphs 63 and 64 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/14; 63 to 65 of SCIT/SDWG/10/12; 73 of SCIT/SDWG/8/14; 38 of SCIT/SDWG/4/14; 197 of PCT/WG/3/14 Rev; 36 of PCT/MIA/19/13 and document PCT/MIA/19/9; and 71 of PCT/WG/1/16.)
  - (c) With regard to the creation of a task to prepare recommendations for images, photographs and drawings related to patent and industrial design documents referred to in paragraph 4(c), above, the CWS, at its first session, decided that the decision to create such a task should be postponed until completion of Task No. 20. Until then, the developments undertaken by the PCT Working Group on this matter should be monitored. (See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

5. *Proposal:*  
See document CWS/2/8 for proposals on the following issues related to Task No. 20: the revision of WIPO Standard ST.67 and the publication of materials related to this Standard, the completion of the mandate, the postponement of any CWS activity on the preparation of recommendations for images contained in patent and industrial design documents, and further standardization of trademark information.

#### TASK NO. 23

1. *Description:*  
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.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The International Bureau is requested to report at meetings of the CWS every second year on the progress of the Task (see document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.). A new report will be presented at the second session of the CWS.
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) Task No. 23 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.).
  - (b) Access to PCT national (regional) information of PCT international applications is available through Patentscope (<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/en/search.jsf>) and the PRS database (<http://www.european-patent-office.org/inpadoc>).
  - (c) The SDWG, at its eleventh session in October 2009, noted the status reports given by the European Patent Office and the International Bureau.  
(See paragraphs 54 and 55 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/14.)

#### TASK NO. 24

1. *Description:*  
Collect and publish Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities of the CWS Members (ATR/PI, ATR/TM, ATR/ID).
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The International Bureau should collect the information prepared by industrial property offices on their information activities in the patent, trademark and industrial design areas on an annual basis, and then proceed to publish the ATRs on the website of WIPO.
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) Task No. 24 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

(b) The CWS, at its first session, approved the revised recommended contents of ATRs on patent, trademark, and industrial design information activities as reproduced in Annexes I, II, and III to document CWS/1/8, respectively. The said revised contents should be used when ATRs are published under WIPOSTAD.  
(See paragraphs 46 to 48 of document CWS/1/10 Prov.)

#### TASK NO. 26

1. *Description:*  
Report on activities regarding the migration of data from WIPO Handbook into WIPOSTAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database)..
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The International Bureau will report to the CWS, once a year, on the progress of the development and use of WIPOSTAD.
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) Task No. 26 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)
  - (b) WIPOSTAD was deployed on the WIPO website for test purposes in July 2011 at: <http://www.wipo.int/wipostad/en/>.

#### TASK NO. 30

1. *Description:*  
Survey industrial property offices on application and priority application numbers used.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The Japan Patent Office (JPO) is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*
  - (a) Taking into consideration that the timing for conducting the survey on application and priority application numbers currently used would be determined by the implementation of WIPOSTAD, the Secretariat should:
    - (i) prepare and issue an invitation to IPOs to complete the questionnaire using the WIPOSTAD survey tool;
    - (ii) prepare the summary of responses to the questionnaire and the collated results of the survey; and
    - (iii) publish the finalized results of the survey in WIPOSTAD.

(See paragraphs 18 and 19 of document CWS/1/10 Prov.)

  - (b) Once the survey on current practices is finalized, the ST.10/C Task Force should prepare a questionnaire for conducting a new survey on application and priority

application numbers used by the industrial property offices in the past.  
(See paragraph 21 of document CWS/1/10 Prov.)

4. *Remarks:*

(a) The Task, which has led to the revision of WIPO Standards ST.10/C and ST.13, was created to improve the quality of patent family data and to avoid confusion in the presentation of priority application numbers.  
(See paragraphs 34 and 35 of document SCIT/SDWG/1/9, 25 to 27 of SCIT/7/17, and 22 of SCIT/SDWG/11/14.)

(b) The SDWG, at its tenth session, in November 2008, agreed that at first the Task Force should focus on finalizing the revision of WIPO Standard ST.10/C only for the recommendations concerning patents. The preparation of similar recommendations for trademarks and industrial designs was postponed.  
(See paragraphs 18 and 19 of document SCIT/SDWG/10/12.)

(c) With regard to the preparation of recommendations similar to WIPO Standard ST.10/C for trademarks and industrial designs, the CWS, at its first session, decided that this work should still be postponed until the CWS considers it to be an appropriate moment (e.g., once Task No. 20 is completed) to create the corresponding new task(s) and to establish the task force(s) to handle the task(s).  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

#### TASK NO. 33

1. *Description:* Ongoing revision of WIPO Standards.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader. The CWS will further consider the appointment of Task Leaders upon specific requests for the revision of standards.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

The revision of standards is considered an ongoing activity. As a means of expediting the standards revision process, the Secretariat may pass requests received for the revision of standards directly to an existing Task Force Leader, or present the request beforehand for consideration by the CWS at its next session. In the latter case, the CWS will be able to decide either on the adoption of the requested revision, or the creation of a new task, or whatever it considers appropriate. The Secretariat will inform the CWS of any revision request passed directly to a task force at its next session. If a specific request to revise a particular standard should be sent directly to an existing Task Force Leader, as long as it is possible, the Task Force would start work on it immediately; otherwise, the Task Force Leader would refer the request to the next session of the CWS for consideration.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

4. *Remarks:*

(a) Task No. 33 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

(b) The CWS, at its first session, agreed to request the Committee of Experts of the International Patent Classification Union (IPC/CE) 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/CE for a future collaboration on this issue. The IPC/CE, at its forty-third session in February 2011, took note of the said request by the CWS. However, in the absence of clear evidence that the current presentation created an accessibility problem, the IPC/CE agreed that there was no immediate need for amending ST.10/C. The IPC/CE further invited the CWS to submit, if needed, a concrete proposal to amend WIPO Standard ST.10/C that could be examined at its next session.  
(See paragraphs 24 and 25 of document CWS/1/10 Prov., and 30 and 31 of IPC/CE/43/2.)

#### TASK NO. 33/3

1. *Description:* Ongoing revision of WIPO Standard ST.3.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The revision of WIPO Standards ST.3 is considered an ongoing activity. As a means of expediting the revision process, the International Bureau should follow the specific procedure adopted at the eleventh session of the SDWG.  
(See paragraph 35 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/14.)
4. *Remarks:*  
Task No. 33/3 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

#### TASK NO. 35

*Description:*

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.

The CWS, at its first session in October 2010, agreed that Task No. 35 should be considered as completed and removed from the CWS Task List.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

Consequently, this will be the last occurrence of Task No. 35 on the CWS Task List.

#### TASK NO. 36

*Description:*

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.

The CWS, at its first session in October 2010, agreed that Task No. 36 should be considered as completed and removed from the CWS Task List.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

Consequently, this will be the last occurrence of Task No. 36 on the CWS Task List.

TASK NO. 37

1. *Description:*  
Carry out a survey on the use and implementation of WIPO Standard ST.22.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
See document CWS/2/10 with regard to the survey conducted by the International Bureau in 2011 and the subsequent publication of the Survey Report.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)
4. *Remarks:*  
The SDWG, at its tenth session, adopted the revision of WIPO Standard ST.22. Within the framework of the said revision, at its eleventh session, the SDWG approved a questionnaire to conduct a survey on the implementation and promotion of WIPO Standard ST.22 in 2011.  
(See paragraphs 27 to 30 of document SCIT/SDWG/10/12, and 50 to 53 of SCIT/SDWG/11/14.)

TASK NO. 38

1. *Description:* Ensure continuous revision and updating of WIPO Standard ST.36.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*
  - (a) The task is of a continuous nature.
  - (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.  
(See paragraph 4, below.)
  - (c) Revisions of Annex A (Model DTD:xx-patent-document.dtd) and Annex C (International Common Elements) to WIPO Standard ST.36 will be published twice per year, i.e., in March and September, if necessary.  
(See paragraph 37 of document SCIT/SDWG/10/12.)
4. *Remarks:* As a means of ensuring a continuous maintenance of WIPO Standard ST.36:
  - (a) any proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.36 presented to the Secretariat will be forwarded directly to the ST.36 Task Force for consideration and approval;
  - (b) the ST.36 Task Force is temporarily authorized to adopt revisions of WIPO Standard ST.36;
  - (c) a proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.36 will be forwarded to the CWS for its consideration whenever a proposed revision becomes controversial, i.e., whenever it is not possible to reach consensus among the ST.36 Task Force members; and



(d) the ST.36 Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 adopted by the Task Force at the next meeting of the CWS.

(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov., and 58 and 60 of SCIT/SDWG/8/14.)

#### TASK NO. 39

1. *Description:* Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.66.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau, which will work in collaboration with the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) (OHIM), is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out* (see paragraph 4, below):
  - (a) The Task is of a continuous nature.
  - (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.66 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.  
(See paragraph 4, below.)
4. *Remarks:* As a means of ensuring continuous maintenance of WIPO Standard ST.66:
  - (a) any proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.66 presented to the Secretariat will be forwarded directly to the ST.66 Task Force for consideration and approval;
  - (b) the ST.66 Task Force is temporarily authorized to adopt revisions of WIPO Standard ST.66;
  - (c) a proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.66 will be forwarded to the CWS for its consideration whenever a proposed revision becomes controversial, i.e., whenever it is not possible to reach consensus among the ST.66 Task Force members; and
  - (d) the ST.66 Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.66 adopted by the Task Force at the next meeting of the CWS.

(See document CWS/1/9, paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov., and 56 of SCIT/SDWG/8/14.)

#### TASK NO. 41

1. *Description:* 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 cycles of patents, trademarks and industrial designs.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The XML4IP Task Force will present a proposal for new WIPO Standard ST.96 for consideration and approval at the second session of the CWS.  
(See paragraph 38 of document CWS/1/10 Prov.)

4. *Remarks:*

(a) The CWS, at its first session, decided that the name of the XML4IP standard that was under preparation would be WIPO Standard ST.96 and agreed that Task No. 41 be re-worded as indicated in paragraph 1, above.

(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraphs 39, 40 and 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

(b) The need to establish a set of International Common Elements (ICEs) for patents, trademarks, and industrial designs was highlighted, at the eighth session of the SDWG, during a discussion on methods to ensure harmony among XML resources for all three types of industrial property sufficient for the needs of WIPO's Member States.

(See paragraphs 63 and 64 of document SCIT/SDWG/8/14.)

(c) The SDWG, at its eighth session, agreed to recommend to the SCIT Plenary that harmonization in the field of industrial property information be included in the SCIT strategic plan, e.g., XML technology. The SDWG also requested the SCIT Plenary to consider the review of a change management procedure for WIPO Standards where XML elements were concerned and to define a method for the management of such changes with respect to related procedures (e.g., WIPO Standard ST.36 and Annex F).

(See paragraph 68 of document SCIT/SDWG/8/14.)

5. *Proposal:*

See documents CWS/2/3 and CWS/2/4 for proposals on the roadmap for the development of WIPO Standards dealing with XML, the adoption of new WIPO Standard ST.96 and subsequent follow-up maintenance and tasks.

TASK NO. 42

1. *Description:* Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.86.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out* (see paragraph 4, below):

(a) The Task is of a continuous nature.

(b) The Task Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.86 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS. (See paragraph 4, below.)

4. *Remarks:* As a means of ensuring continuous maintenance of WIPO Standard ST.86:

(a) any proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.86 presented to the Secretariat will be forwarded directly to the ST.86 Task Force for consideration and approval;

(b) the ST.86 Task Force is temporarily authorized to adopt revisions of WIPO Standard ST.86;

(c) a proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.86 will be forwarded to the CWS for its consideration whenever a proposed revision becomes controversial, i.e., whenever it is not possible to reach consensus among the ST.86 Task Force members; and

(d) the ST.86 Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.86 adopted by the Task Force at the next meeting of the CWS.

(See document CWS/1/9, paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov., and 50 of SCIT/SDWG/9/12.)

#### TASK NO. 43

1. *Description:*

Prepare guidelines, for implementation by industrial property offices, regarding paragraph numbering, long paragraphs, and consistent rendering of patent documents.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

Task No. 43 is held in abeyance (see paragraph 4, below).

4. *Remarks:*

(a) At its ninth session, the SDWG requested the ST.36 Task Force to review the points elaborated by the Citation Practices Task Force in paragraph 12 of document SCIT/SDWG/9/3. At its eleventh session, after considering the review carried out by the ST.36 Task Force regarding the recommendations of the Citation Practices Task Force described in the Annex to document SCIT/SDWG/11/6, the SDWG agreed that there was a need for guidelines to uniquely identify the different parts of a patent document across different publication platforms and agreed to create the Task.  
(See paragraph 35 of document SCIT/SDWG/9/12, and 45 to 47 of SCIT/SDWG/11/14.)

(b) In November 2009, the European Patent Office (EPO), JPO and USPTO presented the proposal PFR ST.36/2009/007 (Corrections and Changes in Patent Documents) for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 that is under discussion by the ST.36 Task Force at present. Certain aspects of this new Task are quite similar to some of the issues raised by the ST.36 Task Force during the discussion of PFR ST.36/2009/007 (at the moment of preparing this document, lack of business consensus has halted the discussion, see paragraph 5 of document CWS/1/6). There are also ongoing discussions on paragraph numbering, which includes business issues of amendment processing and the preferred paragraph numbering method within the framework of the PCT (e.g., in the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Authorities under the PCT in February 2010; see documents PCT/MIA/17/9 and 11, and paragraphs 83 to 88 of PCT/MIA/17/12), and of the Trilateral/IP5.

(c) In view of paragraph 4(b), above, the Secretariat, after consulting the two Offices which had expressed the most interest in the Task, namely the EPO and the USPTO, considered that it would be premature to set up a Task Force to deal with this Task as the discussion on business issues has not progressed enough yet within individual offices. Therefore, it would be convenient to give more time to the IP5 to reach an agreement on harmonizing their business requirements for paragraph amendment and numbering. This task should also wait for further developments on these issues related to paragraphs in patent documents within the PCT framework before getting under way.

(d) The CWS, at its first session, agreed that Task No. 43 should be held in abeyance, subject to review in the light of progress made by the IP5 in harmonizing business requirements relating to the issues referred to in the Task description and in the light of

developments of PCT discussions in this domain.  
(See document CWS/1/9, paragraph 52 of CWS/1/10 Prov.)

#### TASK NO. 44

1. *Description:*  
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.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The European Patent Office (EPO) is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The Task Leader will present a progress report on work undertaken by the Task Force at the second session of the CWS.
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) Task No. 44 was created by the CWS at its first session. The CWS also established a Task Force (the SEQL Task Force) to handle the Task. The CWS requested 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.  
(See paragraphs 26 to 29 of document CWS/1/10 Prov.)
  - (b) The SEQL Task Force should present a proposal on 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. The proposal is still under consideration by the Task Force, which started its discussions in February 2011, and will be presented at a later session.

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