

Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

**Second Session
Geneva, April 30 to May 4, 2012**

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

INTRODUCTION

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the session

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

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

2. The CWS unanimously elected Mr. Gunnar LINDBOM (Sweden) as Chair, and Ms. Oksana PARKHETA (Ukraine) and Mr. Eiichi YAMAMOTO (Japan) as Vice-Chairs.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the agenda

3. The CWS adopted the agenda as proposed in document CWS/2/1 PROV. Some delegations stated that the adoption of the agenda was without prejudice to the right of delegations to propose an agenda item on coordination mechanism in the agendas of the next sessions of the CWS.

Agenda Item 4: Adoption of the report of the First Session

4. The CWS unanimously adopted the report of the first session of the CWS as reproduced in document CWS/1/10 Prov. Rev. with the inclusion of a new paragraph 17, which should read as follows: “No agreement was reached on organizational matters and special rules of procedures.”

Agenda Item 5: Organizational matters and special rules of procedure

5. Following consultation with some Ambassadors, the Chair of the WIPO General Assemblies stated that:

“At an informal consultation held this morning at the ambassadorial level, it was agreed to propose through the Chair of the General Assemblies, to the Committee of WIPO Standards (CWS) the following:

The Committee adopts a draft agenda as initially proposed;

The Chair's summary records conclusions of the technical work done at the present session;

The Chair's summary also records differences of views expressed in regard to the coordination mechanism, the mainstreaming of the Development Agenda recommendations and expression thereof in the special rules of procedure;

Under the facilitation of the Chair of the WIPO General Assemblies, informal consultations on the coordination mechanism, the mainstreaming of the Development Agenda recommendations and expression thereof in the special rules of procedures will be conducted after the second session of CWS in order to reach an understanding preferably before the forthcoming autumn session of the General Assemblies.”

6. The CWS agreed to follow the suggestion made by the Chair of the General Assemblies. Some delegations made statements expressing different views concerning the issues mentioned above for the informal consultations. One view expressed the understanding that the recommendations of the Development Agenda should form an integral part of the work of the CWS, and the importance of coordination mechanism to mainstream Development Agenda in all WIPO bodies. The other view expressed the understanding that the CWS should focus on developing WIPO standards and leave the other issues to the Secretariat as agreed on in the clarification of the CWS mandate by the General Assembly in 2011, and considered that the CWS should therefore fall outside of the coordination mechanism. It was noted that these statements should be reflected in the draft report of the second session of the CWS. Consequently, no agreement was reached on organizational matters and special rules of procedure.

7. General Rules of Procedure of WIPO will apply to the CWS until an agreement can be reached on the CWS organizational matters and special rules of procedure.

Agenda Item 6: Roadmap for the development of WIPO Standards dealing with eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

8. Discussions on the Roadmap for the development of WIPO Standards dealing with XML were based on document CWS/2/3. The CWS approved the Roadmap with paragraph 2 as amended.

Agenda Item 7: Proposal for new WIPO Standard ST.96

9. Discussions on the proposal for the new WIPO Standard ST.96 were based on document CWS/2/4. The CWS adopted WIPO Standard ST.96 – “Recommendation for the processing of industrial property information using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)”, along with its Annexes I to IV. The CWS also noted that Annexes V and VI to the said Standard were presented as draft documents and needed to be further tested by industrial property offices (IPOs) in order to prepare a proposal for adoption at the third session of the CWS. The CWS requested its members to participate in the said test. The CWS approved the proposals concerning the modification of Task No. 41 and the fast-track procedure for the continuous revision and update of WIPO Standard ST.96.

Agenda Item 8: Report on the preparation of a new WIPO standard on the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings using eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

10. Discussions were based on document CWS/2/5. The CWS noted the progress report by the Leader of the SEQL Task Force. The SEQL Task Force Leader informed the CWS that the proposal on the new standard should be finalized by the end of October 2012.

Agenda Item 9: Proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.14

11. Discussions were based on document CWS/2/6. The CWS noted the request made by the International Bureau on the revision of WIPO Standards ST.14. It was decided to establish a Task Force to carry out the task proposed in paragraph 19(a) of document CWS/2/6. The Task Force should finalize the first component of the task, concerning category codes, and, as far as possible, also the second component, regarding the identification of cited non-patent-literature, for consideration and approval by the CWS at its session to be held in 2013. The International Bureau was designated as the Task Force Leader.

Agenda Item 10: Oral report, by the Task Leader of the ST.36 Task Force, on the proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36

12. The CWS noted the progress report on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 and the pending issues on the proposal for revision PFR ST.36/2009/007.

Agenda Item 11: Report by the Task Leader of the ST.66 Task Force on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.66

13. The CWS noted the progress report on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.66 and plans for future changes to this Standard, as reproduced in document CWS/2/7.

Agenda Item 12: Electronic management of the figurative elements of trademarks: Revision of WIPO Standard ST.67; Supplementary information about color management and online publication

14. Discussions on the electronic management of figurative elements of trademarks were based on document CWS/2/8. The CWS adopted the revision of WIPO Standard ST.67, as well as the inclusion of the proposed materials in the Glossary. The CWS agreed that Task No. 20 should be considered as completed and removed from the CWS Task List. The CWS also agreed to postpone any activity on the preparation of recommendations regarding images contained in patent and industrial design documents until completion of ongoing PCT discussions on this matter. The CWS approved the continuation of activities of the Trademark Standards Task Force as proposed in a new task presented in paragraph 8 of document CWS/2/8.

Agenda Item 13: Information on the entry into national (regional) phase of published PCT international applications

15. Discussions were based on document CWS/2/9. The CWS noted the progress report by the European Patent Office and the International Bureau, concerning 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. The CWS emphasized the high importance of that information for patent information users and encouraged IPOs that did not yet provide their information to participate in this project.

Agenda Item 14: Oral progress report, by the International Bureau, on the development of WIPOSTAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database)

16. The CWS noted the progress report made by the International Bureau on the development of the WIPO Standards Administration Database (WIPOSTAD).

Agenda Item 15: Survey on the implementation and promotion of WIPO Standard ST.22

17. The CWS noted the results of the survey on the implementation and promotion of WIPO Standard ST.22 contained in the Annex to document CWS/2/10, and approved the publication of the Survey Report in WIPOSTAD as amended after the clarification provided by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

Agenda Item 16: Report, by the International Bureau, on the provision of technical advice and assistance for capacity building to industrial property offices in connection with the mandate of the CWS

18. The CWS noted the report (see document CWS/2/11), providing information on highlights of activities of the International Bureau related to providing technical advice and assistance to capacity building to IPOs undertaken during the year 2011 as requested by the WIPO General Assembly at its 40th session held in October 2011. Document CWS/2/11 will serve as a basis of the relevant report to be presented to the WIPO General Assembly to be held in October 2012.

Agenda Item 17: Consideration of the Tasks List of the Committee on WIPO Standards

19. Discussions were based on document CWS/2/12. The CWS considered the proposed Task List of the CWS and agreed on its final version as presented in the Annex to document CWS/2/12.

Agenda Item 18: Schedule of activities

20. The Secretariat announced that the dates of next session of CWS will be communicated later by CWS mail.

Agenda Item 19: Summary by the Chair

21. The Summary by the Chair was prepared and distributed for information purposes. The CWS noted this Summary by the Chair.

Agenda Item 20: Closing of the session

22. The meeting was closed by the Chair on May 4, 2012.

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