

## Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

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### STATUS REPORT ON THE REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.66

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1. The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS), at its second session, adopted the new WIPO Standard ST.96 and approved the document “Roadmap for the Development of WIPO Standards dealing with XML (eXtensible Markup Language)”. Due to the co-existence of two XML-based Standards for each industrial property right, i.e., patents, trademarks and industrial designs, the roadmap highlights the importance of keeping compatibility between the two Standards and provides strategy on how to revise the Standards in the future. (See paragraphs 17 to 19 of document CWS/2/14.)
2. A combined meeting of the Task Forces dealing with ST.36, ST.66, ST.86 and ST.96 took place during the second session of the CWS in order to discuss how to revise ST.36, ST.66 and ST.86 in the light of the strategy recommended in the roadmap. With regard to the revision of ST.66, participants at the meeting agreed to revise the main body of ST.66 in line with the design rules and naming conventions of ST.96, to keep existing Schema components as “they are” and to refer to the ST.96 XML Schema components in developing new components. Detailed information on the discussions is available in the meeting report published in the website of WIPO at: <http://www.wipo.int/cws/en/taskforce/st66/background.htm>.
3. Based on the discussions and agreements at the combined meeting above, the International Bureau, as the leader of the ST.66 Task Force, prepared a draft proposal for the revision of ST.66. The ST.66 Task Force discussed the proposal via its Wiki e-forum. The proposal was also reviewed by delegations to the XML4IP Task Force meeting which was held in Canberra, Australia in October 2012. Further information on the proposal and comments is available in the report of the Canberra meeting published in the website of WIPO at: <http://www.wipo.int/cws/en/taskforce/xml4ip/background.htm>.

4. Taking into account comments on the draft proposal, the International Bureau prepared a proposal for revision (PFR), i.e., PFR ST.66/2013/001, entitled “compatibility with ST.96”, for consideration and adoption by the ST.66 Task Force. The PFR is currently under discussion by the Task Force.

*5. The CWS is invited to note the report by the leader of the ST.66 Task Force, as set out in this document.*

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