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SEARCH GUIDANCE IPDL:
STATUS REPORT

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SUMMARY

1. This document summarizes the actions taken with regard to the development of a Search Guidance Intellectual Property Digital Library (SGIPDL) since the twelfth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT held in Geneva from December 12 to 16, 2005. The Meeting is invited to take note of the progress made.

BACKGROUND

2. At its twelfth session, the Meeting received information on the establishment of the SGIPDL task force, the development and issue of Version 1 of the SGIPDL prototype, feedback subsequently received and plans relating to the release of Version 2 of the prototype and further work (see documents PCT/MIA/12/7 and PCT/MIA/12/10).

ACTION TAKEN

3. Since the meeting in December, 2005, further feedback has been received from the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with regard to the further development of the SGIPDL prototype. A collated feedback document, drawing on details of all comments received together with an indication where subsequent changes have as a result been implemented in Version 2 of the prototype, has been produced and distributed to the task force. Version 2 of the prototype was made available on February 9, 2006 and comments from Authorities requested.

4. In response to feedback requested from task force members on the recent publication of search templates on the web site of the USPTO (see document PCT/MIA/12/10, paragraph 64) and the potential interaction with the SGIPDL project comments were received from IP Australia and the European Patent Office. The USPTO has indicated that these comments will be taken into consideration in the further development of the templates. The templates were not considered to be a substitute for, or invalidate the work being undertaken on, the SGIPDL development.

NEXT STEPS

5. Further development of the SGIPDL prototype will be undertaken following the receipt of feedback on Version 2.

6. The Meeting is invited to note the progress made in the development of the Search Guidance IPDL.

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