

Working Group on Reform of the PCT

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REVISED PROPOSED DISCUSSION TIMETABLE

This paper, prepared by the Secretariat, sets out a revised proposed discussion timetable for the session, taking into account suggestions made by delegations to the Secretariat on the basis of the original version made available on WIPO's website (see [http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/reform\\_wg/reform\\_wg5.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/reform_wg/reform_wg5.htm)). The order in which topics are discussed remains a matter for the Working Group, but it is hoped that the paper will be a useful aid. The topics listed in former Group C have now been included with those in Group A. The revised list includes two further documents (PCT/R/WG/5/9 Corr. and PCT/R/WG/5/12). Attention is also drawn to comments submitted to the PCT Reform Electronic Forum accessible on the website.

As indicated in the original version of this paper, it is suggested that discussion of the topics in Group B not take place until Thursday, noting that some delegates wish to take part in both that discussion and the meeting of the World Trade Organization's Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Council) that is scheduled for November 18 to 21. The Secretariat will be consulting the TRIPS Council Secretariat in order to ensure proper coordination.

The order in which discussions will proceed is expected to be addressed at the beginning of the session. The timing suggested below is, of course, necessarily tentative, as are the indications of a possible orientation for the discussions.

GROUP A: STREAMLINING AND OTHER CHANGES IN PROCEDURES

1. Late furnishing fee for late submission of sequence listings *[Monday]*  
PCT/R/WG/5/1, Annex I (EPO proposal)  
*[For finalization of draft Rule changes]*
2. Simplified protest procedure in case of non-unity of invention  
PCT/R/WG/5/1, Annex II (EPO proposal)  
*[For finalization of draft Rule changes]*
3. Further consequential amendments  
PCT/R/WG/5/10  
*[For finalization of draft Rule changes]*
4. Publication of translation furnished by the applicant  
PCT/R/WG/5/1, Annex III  
*[For agreement as to further work]*
5. International form for national phase entry  
PCT/R/WG/5/1, Annex IV  
*[For agreement as to further work]*
6. Formalities checking under the PCT  
PCT/R/WG/5/4  
*[For agreement as to further work]*

7. Central electronic deposit system for sequence listings *[Tuesday]*  
PCT/R/WG/5/3  
*[For discussion of principles, drafting (as necessary) and further work]*
8. Restoration of the right of priority  
PCT/R/WG/5/7  
*[For discussion of principles, drafting (as necessary) and further work]*
9. Changes related to the Patent Law Treaty (PLT): “Missing part” requirements  
PCT/R/WG/5/8  
*[For discussion of principles, drafting (as necessary) and further work]*
10. Rectification of clear mistakes (obvious errors) *[Wednesday]*  
PCT/R/WG/5/2  
*[For discussion of principles, drafting (as necessary) and further work]*
11. Aspects of copyright and other rights in non-patent literature  
made available by intellectual property Offices  
PCT/R/WG/5/5  
*[For discussion as to scope and forum for further work]*
12. Divisional applications under the PCT  
PCT/R/WG/5/6  
*[For discussion of principles, drafting (as necessary) and further work]*

GROUP B: WIDER ISSUES

1. Options for future development of international search and examination: *[Thursday]*  
Making greater use of international reports  
PCT/R/WG/5/9 and 9 Corr.  
*[For discussion of options and next steps]*
2. Proposals by Switzerland regarding the declaration of the source of  
genetic resources and traditional knowledge in patent applications  
PCT/R/WG/5/11  
*[For discussion of options and next steps]*

GROUP C: WORKING METHODS AND FURTHER WORK

1. PCT reform: Fast track (EPO proposal) *[Friday a.m.]*  
PCT/R/WG/5/12  
*[For agreement as to future approach]*
2. Other matters
3. Further work

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