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REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.36

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1. The International Bureau was requested by the Trilateral-WIPO Standards Working Group (TWSWG) to present, for consideration and adoption by the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT), a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36, as indicated in the document reproduced in the Annex to this document. The revision refers to a subparagraph that was missing in the proposal for the new WIPO Standard ST.36 that was considered and adopted by the SDWG at its fifth session, held in November 2004.

2. On May 24, 2005, the above-mentioned document was posted on the Electronic Data Processing and Exchange Standards Task Force (EDPES TF) web board for comments to be submitted by the Task Force members by June 15, 2005. One comment was received from the representative of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), who agreed on the proposed change.

3. The SDWG is invited to consider and adopt the proposal concerning the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 which is presented in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

TRILATERAL-WIPO STANDARDS WORKING GROUP
(TWSWG)

WIPO STANDARD ST.36 REVISION PROPOSAL

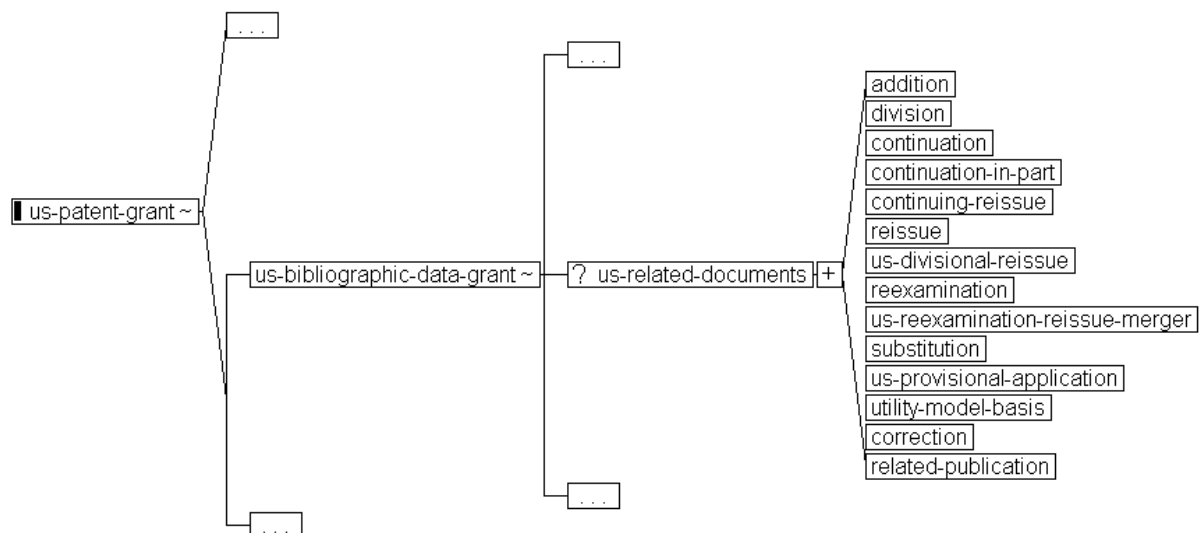
Introduction

1. WIPO Standard ST.36 was published in March 2005. The development and maintenance of this Standard falls within the mandate of the EDPES Task Force which is comprised of technical experts from Member State offices. This document proposes the correction of an omission in the original proposal and has been prepared by the TWSWG for subsequent consideration for approval by the SDWG.
2. The proposed change is the addition of an omitted paragraph 13(d). This correction will ensure that the published standard reflects the intentions of the TWSWG, and makes the adoption of WIPO Standard ST.36 compliant implementations more achievable.

Change Proposal

3. The TWSWG reviewed the version of WIPO Standard ST.36 as posted by WIPO on the Internet. It was found that the paragraph, which describes the current practice of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO), was missing. Without this paragraph, the impression is given that those two Offices do not conform to the Standard, contrary to the intentions of the TWSWG. Therefore, WIPO is requested to insert paragraph 13(d) in WIPO Standard ST.36, as a text correction.

- “13. Office-specific information may be treated as follows.
- (a) ...
 - (b) ...
 - (c) ...
 - (d) Mix office-specific elements with international common elements. For example, in the publishing DTD fragment below, office-specific elements are added to the content model of the `related-documents` element. For further details, see *DTD Conventions* below.”



4. The TWSWG recommends that this paragraph be considered and approved urgently to enable early dissemination. There are a number of implementations that may require this paragraph that will be in production in January 2006.

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