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REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.60 (TASK No. 33/2)

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1. The Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT), at its fifth session in November 2004, agreed to create a task for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.60 (Task No. 33/2) and to establish the ST.60 Task Force to handle such revision. (See document SCIT/SDWG/5/13, paragraphs 11 to 20.)
2. In accordance with the above-mentioned decision by the SDWG, the International Bureau (IB) issued circular C.SCIT 2603, dated December 8, 2004, inviting those Offices wishing to participate actively in the discussions to nominate a representative to the ST.60 Task Force.
3. Following the set-up of the corresponding electronic forum, the Task Force started its discussions on the basis of an initial proposal presented by the IB, as Leader of the Task Force, with a view to making a final proposal concerning the revision of WIPO Standard ST.60 referred to in paragraph 1, above. The results of the said discussions are contained in the report of the Task Force Leader, which is reproduced as Annex I to this document. The agreement reached by the Task Force on the proposed revision of the Standard for consideration by the SDWG is contained in Annex II.

4. The report of the Leader of the ST.60 Task Force also includes a suggestion, addressed to the SDWG, concerning the establishment of a new Task Force to carry out a further revision of WIPO Standard ST.60, as proposed by some Task Force members during the discussions. It should be noted that if the SDWG expands the scope of the current Task No. 33/2 in order to have another revision of the Standard, a new Task Force, with its corresponding Task Force Leader, to handle such revision should be established.

5. *The SDWG is invited:*

(a) to note the report of the Leader of the ST.60 Task Force reproduced in Annex I to this document;

(b) to consider and adopt the proposal concerning the revision of WIPO Standard ST.60 reproduced in pages 5, 6 and 9 of Annex II to this document; and

(c) to consider and, if deemed appropriate, to take a decision on the need for the establishment of a new Task Force, including the appointment of its Leader, for another revision of WIPO Standard ST.60, as referred to in paragraph 4, above, and having it reported by the Leader of the current ST.60 Task Force.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEX I

REPORT OF THE WIPO STANDARD ST.60 TASK FORCE LEADER

1. The creation of the WIPO Standard ST.60 Task Force (ST.60 Task Force) was requested by the Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications Sector of the International Bureau (IB). As explained in the project brief (see document SCIT/SDWG/5/2), the objective of the task was to expand the (800) series INID codes (codes specific to the Madrid Agreement and Madrid Protocol) to address the existing deficiencies, and to allow clear publication of data in the *Gazette*, ROMARIN and Madrid Express. At its fifth session, the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) agreed to set up a Task Force to study the revision of WIPO Standard ST. 60.¹
2. Following the establishment of the electronic forum for the discussions of the Task Force on February 8, 2005, the Task Force Leader issued, for the latter's consideration, a basic proposal of items to be added to WIPO Standard ST.60. This was based on the International Bureau's needs for the publication of data specific to the Madrid Agreement and Madrid Protocol.
3. Comments were received from a number of the 16 Task Force members. On the basis of these comments, in May 2005, the Task Force Leader sent an expanded list of items, together with proposals for the numbering of these new items. During the course of discussions a number of Offices expressed a desire to update other sections of WIPO Standard ST.60. Since this was outside the remit of this Task Force, it was decided to request SDWG to create a new Task Force to perform these updates.
4. Following further email exchanges, the new elements of WIPO Standard ST.60 were numbered and where appropriate, explanatory notes were added.

Conclusions

5. In reply to the request of the SDWG, the Task Force hereby:
 - (a) proposes additions to the (800) series INID codes, the corresponding text of which is provided in Annex II;
 - (b) draws the attention of the Working Group that other sections of ST.60 would also benefit from revision, and suggests that a new Task Force be created to perform this task.

[Annex II follows]

¹ The full current versions of all WIPO Standards are available at <http://www.wipo.int/scit> : WIPO Standards and Other Documentation/List of WIPO Standards.