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DRAFT PROPOSAL ON AN APPLICATION NUMBER FORMAT

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1. The Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT), at its sixth session, held in September 2005, approved the proposal by the ST.10/C Task Force on further actions regarding the preparation, within the framework of Task No. 30, of a proposal on the application number prototype format for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.13. (See document SCIT/SDWG/6/11, paragraphs 12 to 18.)
2. In accordance with the above-mentioned decision by the SDWG, the ST.10/C Task Force continued its discussions and prepared, for consideration by the SDWG, a revised draft proposal on the application number prototype format that could be used for all modalities of industrial property rights.
3. Following the invitation by the ST.10/C Task Force and the SDWG to industrial property offices (IPOs) to provide updated information on application number formats, and on the basis of the information received, the International Bureau (IB) published an updated version of the Appendix to WIPO Standard ST.10/C under the SCIT section of WIPO's website on January 13, 2006.

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4. On April 18, 2006, the Japan Patent Office, as Leader of the ST.10/C Task Force, submitted a progress report by the Task Force, including three appendices thereof. This report contains information on the progress made concerning Task No. 30, proposals made by the Task Force and remaining work to be completed by the Task Force and the SDWG. The report is reproduced as the Annex to this document for consideration by the SDWG. An oral report on the status of Task No. 30 will also be presented at the seventh session of the SDWG.

5. Appendix 1 of the Annex contains a revised draft of the proposal on the application number prototype format for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.13. This proposal is still a work in progress and is accompanied by a list of issues to be considered during the remaining discussions. The said issues are divided into two groups (see paragraph 7 of Appendix 1). The first group of items (“Items to be agreed first”) refers to those issues that are considered as less controversial by the Task Force. The issues listed in the second group (“Items to be discussed further”) require further discussion by both the SDWG and the Task Force.

6. Appendix 2 of the Annex provides a revised analysis of WIPO standards, as well as other documents and current practices by IPOs, relating to application number formats. Appendix 3 of the Annex contains a revised table of breakdown of the application number formats taken from the Appendix to WIPO Standard ST.10/C.

7. The ST.10/C Task Force, in paragraph 15 of the Annex (see step 1), invites the SDWG to discuss the revised draft of the proposal on the application number prototype format for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.13. The Task Force also invites the SDWG to reach agreement, in particular, on the group of “Items to be agreed first” referred to in sections (a) to (f) of paragraph 7 of Appendix 1.

8. Finally, the ST.10/C Task Force, in paragraph 15 of the Annex (see steps 2 and 3), presents a proposal on further actions for the completion of the proposal on an application number prototype format for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.13, as well as the corresponding time frames, for consideration and approval by the SDWG.

9. *The SDWG is invited:*

(a) *to note the report of the ST.10/C Task Force and the oral report referred to in paragraph 4, above;*

(b) *to consider the proposal on the application number prototype format referred to in paragraph 7, above, and reproduced in Appendix 1 of the Annex;*

(c) *to approve, in particular, the proposals listed in the group of “Items to be agreed first” referred to in sections (a) to (f) of paragraph 7 of Appendix 1; and*

(d) to consider and approve the proposal on further actions (namely, steps 2 and 3) referred to in paragraph 8, above, and in paragraph 15 of the Annex.

[Annex follows]