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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE LAW OF TRADE MARKS, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

Tenth Session
Geneva, April 28 to May 2, 2003

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Session

1. Mr. Shozo Uemura, Deputy Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), opened the session and welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Director General of WIPO.

Agenda Item 2: Election of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs

2. Mr. Li-Feng Schrock (Germany), was elected as Chair of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT). Mrs. Graciela Road D'Império (Uruguay) and Mrs. Valentina Orlova (Russian Federation) were elected as Vice-Chairs.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Draft Agenda

3. The SCT adopted the Draft Agenda (document SCT/10/1Prov) with modifications to the order of Agenda item 4, Adoption of the Draft Report of the Ninth Session.

Agenda Item 4: Adoption of the Draft Report of the Ninth Session

4. The SCT adopted the Draft Report (document SCT/9/9Prov.3) with minor modifications.

Agenda Item 5: Internet Domain Names

5. The SCT decided to revert to the issues considered in paragraphs 13 and 18 of document SCT/10/5 (The Protection of Country Names in the Domain Name System) at the next meeting of the SCT. In respect of the question of sovereign immunity, it was agreed that a short description of how a *denovo* arbitration mechanism might work should be prepared by the International Bureau. With respect to the issues contained in paragraph 15 of document SCT/10/5, it was agreed that no further actions should be taken.

6. With regard to the issue of Domain Names and Geographical Indications, the SCT took note of the content of document SCT/10/6.

Agenda Item 6: Geographical Indications

7. The SCT took note of the content of document SCT/10/4.

Agenda Item 7: Trademarks

Draft Revised Trademark Law Treaty

8. The SCT decided that the International Bureau should revise Articles 8, 13 *bis*, 13 *ter* and related rules according to the comments made by SCT members at the tenth session and would submit for the next meeting a new document containing the full text of the TLT, including provisions on trademark licenses and the establishment of an Assembly.

Further development of international trademark law and convergence of trademark practices

9. The SCT decided that the International Bureau shall finalize the questionnaire contained in document SCT/10/3Prov. and circulate it for reply before the end of 2003. Replies to the questionnaire will be discussed at a meeting of the SCT in 2004.

Agenda Item 8: Other Matters

10. The SCT took note of the explanation given by the Secretariat regarding the protection provided under Article 6 *ter* of the Paris Convention.

11. The SCT took note of the explanations provided by the Secretariat regarding SCT/9/6 Industrial Designs and their relation with Works of Applied Art and Three-Dimensional Marks.

AgendaItem9:FutureWork

12. TheSCTdecidedthatpriorityshouldbegiventotherevisionoftheTLT. TheSCT furtheragreedthatitseleventhsessionwouldlastfivefullworkingdaysandthattheagenda ofthatsessionwoulddevotefourfulldaystoworkontheTLT,leavingthelastdayflexible forconsiderationofotherissuesincludingGeographicalI ndications,GeographicalIndications andDomainNames,andCountryNamesandDomainNames.Thedateofthenextsession willbeannouncedbytheSecretariatinduecourse.

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