

## **Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications**

**Thirty-Fifth Session  
Geneva, April 25 to 27, 2016**

### **SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSION**

1. Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), opened the thirty-fifth session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) and welcomed the participants.
2. Mr. Marcus Höpperger (WIPO) acted as Secretary to the SCT.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND TWO VICE-CHAIRS**

3. Mr. Adil El Maliki (Morocco) was elected Chair. Mr. Imre Gonda (Hungary) and Mr. Alfredo Carlos Rendón Algara (Mexico) were elected Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4. The SCT adopted the draft Agenda (document SCT/35/1 Prov.).

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE REVISED DRAFT REPORT OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION**

5. The SCT adopted the revised draft Report of the thirty-fourth session (document SCT/34/8 Prov.2).

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

6. The Chair noted that the SCT had been working throughout the session with the objective to finalize the basic proposal for the DLT as requested by the WIPO General Assembly decision with a view to convene a diplomatic conference for the adoption of a Design Law Treaty at the end of the first half of 2017. To that end, the Chair has presented a number of proposals to the SCT.

7. The Chair concluded that a number of delegations were of the opinion that the work of the SCT was sufficient to consider that the basic proposal was finalized. Other delegations considered that the work of the SCT constituted a sufficient ground for finalizing the basic proposal and that a few elements needed further work. Other delegations considered that the work of the SCT was not sufficient to finalize the basic proposal.

8. An exchange of views took place on the proposal by the Delegations of the United States of America, Japan and Israel, contained in document SCT/35/6.

9. The Chair requested the Secretariat to prepare a Questionnaire, based on document SCT/35/6, to be addressed to all Member States of WIPO. He further requested the Secretariat to prepare a document containing the replies to that Questionnaire, to be presented at the next session of the SCT.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: TRADEMARKS**

*Protection of Country Names Against Registration and Use as Trademarks: Practices, Approaches and Possible Areas of Convergence* (document SCT/35/4) and *Revised Proposal by the Delegation of Jamaica* (document SCT/32/2)

10. The Chair noted that all statements concerning documents SCT/35/4 and SCT/32/2 would be recorded in the Report.

11. The Chair concluded that this item would remain on the Agenda and that the SCT would revert to it at its next session with sufficient time to enable a full discussion.

*Update on Trademark-related Aspects of the Domain Name System*

12. The SCT considered document SCT/35/5 and the Secretariat was requested to keep Member States informed of future developments in the Domain Name System.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS**

13. The Chair noted that all statements concerning this Agenda item would be recorded in the Report.

14. The Chair concluded that all points in this item would remain on the Agenda and that the SCT would revert to this item at its next session, with sufficient time to enable a full discussion on a work program on geographical indications at the Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

15. The SCT approved the Summary by the Chair as contained in the present document.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: CLOSING OF THE SESSION**

16. The Chair closed the session on April 27, 2016.

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