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**PREPARATORY WORKING GROUP**

**Twenty-Second Session  
Geneva, April 8 to 12, 2002**

REPORT

*adopted by the Preparatory Working Group*

## INTRODUCTION

1. The Preparatory Working Group of the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Working Group”) held its twenty-second session in Geneva from April 8 to 12, 2002.
2. The Working Group noted that, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union, Kazakhstan, Latvia, the Republic of Korea and Slovenia had expressed the wish to become members of the Working Group.
3. The following members of the Working Group were represented at the session: Austria, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America (20). Belarus, Croatia, Iraq, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, the Benelux Trademark Office (BBM) and the Commission of the European Communities (CEC) were represented by observers.
4. The list of participants appears as Annex I to this report.

5. The session was opened by Mr. Jean-Paul Hoebreck, Head, International Trademark and Industrial Design Classifications Section, International Registrations Department, who welcomed the participants on behalf of the Director General of WIPO.

#### OFFICERS

6. The Working Group unanimously elected Miss Jessica Strand (Sweden) as Chair and Mr. Jiro Hayashi (Japan) as Vice-Chair.

7. Mr. Jean-Paul Hoebreck (WIPO) acted as Secretary of the session.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

8. The Working Group unanimously adopted the agenda, which is reproduced in Annex II to this report.

#### CONCLUSIONS, DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

9. As decided by the Governing Bodies of WIPO at their tenth series of meetings, held from September 24 to October 2, 1979 (see paragraphs 51 and 52 of document AB/X/32), the report on this session reflects only the conclusions of the Working Group (decisions, recommendations, opinions, etc.) and does not, in particular, reflect the statements made by any participant, except where a reservation in relation to any specific conclusion of the Working Group was expressed or repeated after the conclusion was reached.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE EIGHTH EDITION OF THE NICE CLASSIFICATION

10. Discussions were based on documents CLIM/GTP/21/2 to 6 and CLIM/GTP/22/2 to 4, containing proposals for changes to the Nice Classification submitted by China, the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Benelux Trademark Office (BBM).

11. The Working Group approved a number of changes to the Nice Classification, reflected in Annex III to this report, which also shows those proposed changes that were rejected by the Working Group or withdrawn by the proposing offices.

## SUBMISSION OF NEW PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE NICE CLASSIFICATION

12. In order to continue the work on the revision of the Nice Classification, the Working Group invited member States of the Nice Union and intergovernmental organizations concerned to submit to the International Bureau by November 1, 2002, any new proposals for changes to the Classification, which would then be considered by the Working Group at its next session. However, such proposals should be based on the discussions held during the current session.

## NEXT SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP

13. The Working Group noted that its next session, of one week's duration, could be held in Geneva in early spring 2003.

*14. The Working Group unanimously adopted this report at its closing session on April 12, 2002.*

[Annexes follow]