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### CONSIDERATION OF THE WORK PROGRAM AND TASKS LIST OF THE CWS

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1. In order to update the CWS Work Program, on the basis of the agreements reached by the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) at its reconvened fourth session in March 2016, the Secretariat prepared a new revised Task List for consideration by the CWS (see document CWS/4BIS/14 and paragraphs 111 to 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16). The revised Task List is reproduced in Annex I to this document.
2. For each Task, Annex I includes the following information: description, task leader/task force leader, scheduled actions to be carried out, remarks and, where appropriate, proposals for consideration and decision by the CWS. It should be noted that the information about certain tasks as provided in Annex I may have to be reviewed and updated in order to reflect the agreements that the CWS may reach at its fifth session.
3. It should be recalled that the CWS requested the Secretariat to present a proposal for improving the structure of the CWS Task List for consideration at its fifth session (see paragraphs 120 and 121 of document CWS/4BIS/16). Following the request by the CWS mentioned above, the Secretariat prepared a proposal for a simplified structure of the Work Program, named as 'CWS Work Program Overview'; the template of CWS Work Program Overview with examples is reproduced in Annex II to the present document for consideration by the CWS.
4. The Secretariat proposes that the Work Program Overview contain only active Tasks with the following information: Task No., description, leader of Task/ Task Force and scheduled actions. On the condition that the template is approved by the CWS, the Secretariat proposes to complete it with all active Tasks on the basis of agreements reached by the CWS and publish the completed Work Program Overview on WIPO website in six WIPO official languages.

5. The Secretariat also proposes that the CWS continue, for a while, the current practice regarding “Work Program and Tasks List of the CWS” in reviewing and updating the full list of Tasks at its each session; in parallel, after that session, the “CWS Work Program Overview” be prepared on the basis of agreements reached by the CWS and published on WIPO’s web site for providing up-to-dated information on CWS Work Program in simplified manner.

6. *The CWS is invited to*  
*(a) note information and plan*  
*contained in this document;*

*(b) consider the Task List*  
*reproduced in the Annex I to this*  
*document and to agree on its final*  
*version for incorporation in the CWS*  
*Work Program; and*

*(c) consider and decide on*  
*the proposal for CWS Work Program*  
*Overview as referred to in paragraphs*  
*4 and 5 above and reproduced in*  
*Annex II to the document; and request*  
*the Secretariat to publish the*  
*completed CWS Work Program*  
*Overview on WIPO’s web site.*

[Annex I follows]

## WORK PROGRAM AND TASK LIST OF THE COMMITTEE ON WIPO STANDARDS (CWS)

### TASK NO. 18

1. *Description:*  
Identify *areas* for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Five IP Offices (IP5), the Five Trademark Offices (TM5), the Industrial Design 5 Forum (ID5), ISO, IEC and other well-known industry standard-setting bodies.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The International Bureau should coordinate reporting on developments relating to standardization and/or the presentation of proposals to the CWS as necessary.
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) Task No. 18 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity (see paragraph 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
  - (b) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, revised the description of Task No. 18 to include two new references, i.e. the Five Trademark Offices (TM5) and the Industrial Design 5 Forum (ID5) (see paragraph 112 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
5. *Proposal:*  
Document CWS/5/15 contains a proposal to create a new Task regarding web services on IP information and documentation.

### TASK NO. 23

1. *Description:*  
Monitor the inclusion, in databases, of information about the entry, and, where applicable, the non-entry into the national (regional) phase of published PCT international applications.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*
  - (a) The International Bureau is requested to report at meetings of the CWS every second year on the progress of the Task.
  - (b) A new report will be presented at the six session of the CWS (see paragraph 113 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) Task No. 23 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity (see paragraph 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
  - (b) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, noted the status reports given by the European Patent Office and the International Bureau (see paragraphs 77 to 80 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

#### TASK NO. 24

1. *Description:*  
Collect and publish Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities of the CWS Members (ATR/PI, ATR/TM, ATR/ID).
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The International Bureau should collect the information prepared by industrial property offices on their information activities in the patent, trademark and industrial design areas on an annual basis, and then proceed to publish the ATRs on the website of WIPO.
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) Task No. 24 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity (see paragraph 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
  - (b) The CWS, at its first session, approved the revised recommended contents of ATRs on patent, trademark, and industrial design information activities as reproduced in Annexes I, II, and III to document CWS/1/8, respectively. The said revised contents have been used since the year 2014 (i.e., since the ATRs/2013). (See paragraphs 47 to 49 of document CWS/1/10.)
  - (c) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, noted the oral report regarding the ATRs submitted for the year 2014 (see paragraph 110 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
  - (d) Detailed information on ATRs and copies of the collection of ATRs provided by industrial property offices in electronic form since 1998 to present are available in the ATR Wiki at <https://www3.wipo.int/confluence/display/ATR/Annual+Technical+Reports+Home>.
5. *Proposal:*  
Document CWS/5/18 contains a report on the progress of Task No. 23.

#### TASK NO. 26

*Description:*

Report on activities regarding the migration of data from WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* (WIPO Handbook) into WIPOSTAD (WIPO Standards Administration Database).

The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, agreed to discontinue Task No. 26 and remove it from the CWS Task List (see paragraphs 114 to 115 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

Consequently, this will be the last occurrence of Task No. 26 on the CWS Task List.

#### TASK NO. 30

1. *Description:*  
Survey industrial property offices on application and priority application numbers used.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The Japan Patent Office (JPO) is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*  
The International Bureau will present a result of the survey on application and priority application numbers used by the industrial property offices in the past for consideration at the fifth session of the CWS.  
(See paragraph 113 of document CWS/4BIS/16.)

4. *Remarks:*

(a) The Task, which led to the revision of WIPO Standards ST.10/C and ST.13, was created to improve the quality of patent family data and to avoid confusion in the presentation of priority application numbers.

(See paragraphs 34 and 35 of document SCIT/SDWG/1/9, 25 to 27 of SCIT/7/17, and 22 of SCIT/SDWG/11/14.)

(b) The SDWG, at its tenth session, agreed that at first the Task Force should focus on finalizing the revision of WIPO Standard ST.10/C only for the recommendations concerning patents. With regard to the preparation of recommendations similar to WIPO Standard ST.10/C for trademarks and industrial designs, the CWS, at its first session, decided that this work should still be postponed until the CWS considers it to be an appropriate moment (e.g., once Task No. 20 is completed) to create the corresponding new task(s) and to establish the task force(s) to handle the task(s).

(See paragraphs 18 and 19 of document SCIT/SDWG/10/12, 52 and 53 of CWS/1/10, and 73 and 74 of CWS/3/14.)

(c) The CWS, at its third session, noted the Survey Report on Application Numbering Systems currently used by the industrial property offices contained in the Annex to document CWS/3/10 and approved its publication in Part 7.2.5 of the WIPO Handbook. The International Bureau published the Survey in June 2013. As agreed by the CWS, a document providing examples of current application and priority application numbers was published in Part 7.2.6 of the WIPO Handbook in September 2013.

(See paragraphs 18 to 22 of document CWS/1/10, document CWS/3/10, and 65 to 69 of CWS/3/14.)

(d) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, approved the questionnaire for conducting a new survey on application and priority application numbers used by the industrial property offices in the past (see paragraph 31 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

5. *Proposal:*

Document CWS/5/12 presents a result of survey on “Numbering of applications and priority applications – former practices” for consideration and approval by the CWS.

If the publication of the survey in the WIPO Handbook is approved at the CWS/5, Task No. 30 should be considered completed and removed from the CWS Task List; ST.10/C Task Force should be therefore discontinued.

#### TASK NO. 33

1. *Description:* Ongoing revision of WIPO Standards.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader. The CWS will further consider the appointment of Task Leaders upon specific requests for the revision of standards.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

The revision of standards is considered an ongoing activity. As a means of expediting the standards revision process, the Secretariat may pass requests received for the revision of standards directly to an existing Task Force Leader, or present the request beforehand for consideration by the CWS at its next session. In the latter case, the CWS will be able to decide either on the adoption of the requested revision, or the creation of a new task, or whatever it considers appropriate. The Secretariat will inform the CWS of any revision request passed directly to a task force at its next session. If a specific request to revise a particular standard should be sent directly to an existing Task Force Leader, as long as it is possible, the Task Force would start work on it immediately; otherwise, the Task Force

Leader would refer the request to the next session of the CWS for consideration.  
(See document CWS/1/9 and paragraph 53 of CWS/1/10.)

4. *Remarks:*

(a) Task No. 33 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity (see paragraph 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

(b) The CWS, at its third session, noted that the second paragraph of the revised entry for SPC in the Glossary of terms concerning industrial property information and documentation (the Glossary) published in Part 8.1 of the WIPO Handbook, concerning the extension of a SPC for medicinal products for pediatric use, could be broadened in scope in a future revision of Standard ST.9 if it was considered necessary.  
(See paragraph 28 of document CWS/3/14.)

(c) The CWS, at its third session, on the basis of a proposal regarding Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPC) presented by the German Patent and Trademark Office, adopted a revision of WIPO Standard ST.9 and approved the revision of the entry on SPC in the Glossary.  
(See document CWS/3/3 and paragraphs 23 to 27 of document CWS/3/14.)

(d) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, approved the revision of WIPO Standard ST.60 (see paragraphs 60 to 65 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

TASK NO. 33/3

1. *Description:* Ongoing revision of WIPO Standard ST.3.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

The revision of WIPO Standards ST.3 is considered an ongoing activity. As a means of expediting the revision process, the International Bureau should follow the specific procedure adopted at the eleventh session of the SDWG.  
(See paragraph 35 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/14.)

4. *Remarks:*

(a) Task No. 33/3 is of an informative nature and a continuing activity (see paragraph 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

(b) On the basis of the change in the ISO Online Browsing Platform published by the Maintenance Agency for International Standard ISO 3166, the International Bureau changed the country name Cape Verde to Cabo Verde (English name) and Cap-Vert to Cabo Verde (French name) in Annex A to WIPO Standard ST.3; the two-letter code CV and the Spanish name (Cabo Verde) remained unchanged. The International Bureau informed IPOs and CWS Members about the changes on March 5, 2014.

(c) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, approved the revision of ST.3 in adding the new two-letter code "XX" and noted the revision of ST.3 in adding the new two-letter code "XV" for the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) and changing the name of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) to the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) (see paragraphs 94 to 98 of documents CWS/4BIS/16).

TASK NO. 38

1. *Description:* Ensure continuous revision and updating of WIPO Standard ST.36.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*
  - (a) The task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
  - (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.  
(See paragraph 4(a), below.)
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) As a means of ensuring a continuous maintenance of WIPO Standard ST.36:
    - (i) any proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.36 presented to the Secretariat will be forwarded directly to the ST.36 Task Force for consideration and approval;
    - (ii) the ST.36 Task Force is temporarily authorized to adopt revisions of WIPO Standard ST.36;
    - (iii) a proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.36 will be forwarded to the CWS for its consideration whenever a proposed revision becomes controversial, i.e., whenever it is not possible to reach consensus among the ST.36 Task Force members; and
    - (iv) the ST.36 Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 adopted by the Task Force at the next meeting of the CWS.  
(See paragraphs 58 and 60 of document SCIT/SDWG/8/14, 52 and 53 of CWS/1/10, and 73 and 74 of CWS/3/14.)
  - (b) The CWS, at its second session, approved the roadmap for the development of WIPO Standards dealing with XML.  
(See document CWS/2/4, and paragraphs 17 to 19 of CWS/2/14.)

TASK NO. 39

1. *Description:* Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.66.
2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*  
The International Bureau, which will work in collaboration with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), is designated as the Task Leader.
3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*
  - (a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
  - (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.66 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.  
(See paragraph 4(a), below.)
4. *Remarks:*
  - (a) As a means of ensuring continuous maintenance of WIPO Standard ST.66:
    - (i) any proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.66 presented to the Secretariat will be forwarded directly to the ST.66 Task Force for consideration and approval;
    - (ii) the ST.66 Task Force is temporarily authorized to adopt revisions of WIPO Standard ST.66;
    - (iii) a proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.66 will be forwarded to the CWS for its consideration whenever a proposed revision becomes controversial, i.e.,

whenever it is not possible to reach consensus among the ST.66 Task Force members; and

(iv) the ST.66 Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.66 adopted by the Task Force at the next meeting of the CWS.

(See paragraph 56 of document SCIT/SDWG/8/14, 52 and 53 of CWS/1/10, and 73 and 74 of CWS/3/14.)

(b) The CWS, at its second session, approved the roadmap for the development of WIPO Standards dealing with XML.

(See document CWS/2/4, and paragraphs 17 to 19 of CWS/2/14.)

(c) The CWS, at its third session, noted the status report, by the Task Force Leader, on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.66 and the discussion on PFR ST.66/2013/001/Rev.1.

(See document CWS/3/9 and paragraph 63 of CWS/3/14.)

#### TASK NO. 41

1. *Description:* Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.96.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

(a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

(b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.96 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.

(See paragraph 4(a), below.)

4. *Remarks:*

(a) As a means of ensuring continuous maintenance of WIPO Standard ST.96:

(i) any proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.96 presented to the Secretariat will be forwarded directly to the XML4IP Task Force for consideration and approval;

(ii) the XML4IP Task Force is temporarily authorized to adopt revisions of WIPO Standard ST.96;

(iii) a proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.96 will be forwarded to the CWS for its consideration whenever a proposed revision becomes controversial, i.e., whenever it is not possible to reach consensus among the XML4IP Task Force members; and

(iv) the XML4IP Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.96 adopted by the Task Force at the first available session of the CWS.

(See paragraph 24 of document CWS/2/14.)

(b) The CWS, at its second session, approved the roadmap for the development of WIPO Standards dealing with XML.

(See document CWS/2/3, and paragraphs 17 to 19 of CWS/2/14.)

(c) The CWS, at its second session, adopted the new WIPO Standard ST.96, entitled "Recommendation for the processing of industrial property information using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)", along with its Annexes I to IV, and agreed that Task No. 41 be re-worded as indicated in paragraph 1, above.

(See paragraphs 20 to 23 of document CWS/2/14.)

(d) The CWS, at its third session, noted the result of the work of the XML4IP Task Force and the report of the Task Force Leader. In particular, the CWS noted that the XML4IP Task Force planned to submit, for consideration and adoption at that session,



proposals of Annexes V and VI which would refer to ST.96 XML Schema, version 1.0, which had been adopted at the second session of the CWS. However, considering the ongoing discussions on the revision of the XML Schema with potential major changes, the Task Force agreed to prepare the two Annexes based on the next version of the XML Schema instead of the version 1.0. Therefore, the finalization of the Annexes will depend on the progress on the revision of XML Schema, as well as available resources in the Task Force Member Offices and the International Bureau.

(See paragraph 22 of document CWS/2/14, 3 of CWS/3/5, and 42 of CWS/3/14.)

(e) The CWS, at its third session, agreed that the work for the mapping and development of tools for the bi-directional transformation between WIPO Standards ST.96 and ST.36, ST.66 or ST.86 should continue. The work should be primarily carried out by the XML4IP Task Force along with ST.36, ST.66 and ST.86 Task Forces. The tools should be owned and maintained by the International Bureau with the assistance of the XML4IP Task Force, and ST.36, ST.66 and ST.86 Task Forces. The CWS welcomed the offer of the Delegation of the United States of America to assist in the development of the tools for bi-directional transformation. The CWS also agreed that this arrangement for assistance should be revisited at its next session.

(See paragraph 43 of document CWS/3/14.)

(f) With regard to the statement provided in paragraphs 18 and 19 of document CWS/3/5, the CWS, at its third session, agreed that, for the time being, the Task Forces dealing with XML should not be reorganized.

(See paragraph 45 of document CWS/3/14.)

(g) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session noted the progress reports presented by the Leader of XML4IP Task Force (see documents CWS/4/6 and CWS/4BIS/4) and adopted new Annexes V and VI. The CWS also approved the modification of Task No. 41 to read "Task No. 41: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.96". The CWS assigned the modified Task No. 41 to the XML4IP Task Force.

(See paragraph 99 to 103 of document CWS/4BIS/16.)

5. *Proposal:*

Document CWS/5/5 contains a progress report on this Task.

TASK NO. 42

1. *Description:* Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.86.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

(a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 122 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

(b) The Task Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.86 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.

(See paragraph 4(a), below.)

4. *Remarks:*

(a) As a means of ensuring continuous maintenance of WIPO Standard ST.86:

(i) any proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.86 presented to the Secretariat will be forwarded directly to the ST.86 Task Force for consideration and approval;

(ii) the ST.86 Task Force is temporarily authorized to adopt revisions of WIPO Standard ST.86;

(iii) a proposal to revise WIPO Standard ST.86 will be forwarded to the CWS for its consideration whenever a proposed revision becomes controversial, i.e.,

whenever it is not possible to reach consensus among the ST.86 Task Force members; and

(iv) the ST.86 Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.86 adopted by the Task Force at the next meeting of the CWS. (See paragraph 50 of document SCIT/SDWG/9/12, 52 and 53 of CWS/1/10, and 73 and 74 of CWS/3/14.)

(b) The CWS, at its third session, noted the oral report, by the Task Force Leader, on the revision of WIPO Standard ST.86 and the discussion on the proposal for revision PFR ST.86/2013/001.

(See paragraph 64 of document CWS/3/14.)

#### TASK NO. 43

1. *Description:*

Prepare guidelines, for implementation by industrial property offices, regarding paragraph numbering, long paragraphs, and consistent rendering of patent documents.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

Task No. 43 is held in abeyance (see paragraph 4, below).

4. *Remarks:*

(a) At its ninth session, the SDWG requested the ST.36 Task Force to review the points elaborated by the Citation Practices Task Force in paragraph 12 of document SCIT/SDWG/9/3. At its eleventh session, after considering the review carried out by the ST.36 Task Force regarding the recommendations of the Citation Practices Task Force described in the Annex to document SCIT/SDWG/11/6, the SDWG agreed that there was a need for guidelines to uniquely identify the different parts of a patent document across different publication platforms and agreed to create the Task. (See paragraph 35 of document SCIT/SDWG/9/12, and 45 to 47 of SCIT/SDWG/11/14.)

(b) In November 2009, the European Patent Office (EPO), JPO and USPTO presented the proposal PFR ST.36/2009/007 (Corrections and Changes in Patent Documents) for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 that is under discussion by the ST.36 Task Force at present. Certain aspects of this new Task are quite similar to some of the issues raised by the ST.36 Task Force during the discussion of PFR ST.36/2009/007 (at the moment of preparing this document, lack of business consensus has halted the discussion, see paragraph 5 of document CWS/1/6). There are also ongoing discussions on paragraph numbering, which includes business issues of amendment processing and the preferred paragraph numbering method within the framework of the PCT (e.g., in the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Authorities under the PCT in February 2010; see documents PCT/MIA/17/9 and 11, and paragraphs 83 to 88 of PCT/MIA/17/12), and of the Trilateral/IP5.

(c) In view of paragraph 4(b), above, the Secretariat, after consulting the two Offices which had expressed the most interest in the Task, namely the EPO and the USPTO, considered that it would be premature to set up a Task Force to deal with this Task as the discussion on business issues has not progressed enough yet within individual offices. Therefore, it would be convenient to give more time to the IP5 to reach an agreement on harmonizing their business requirements for paragraph amendment and numbering. This task should also wait for further developments on these issues related to paragraphs in patent documents within the PCT framework before getting under way.

(d) The CWS, at its first session, agreed that Task No. 43 should be held in abeyance, subject to review in the light of progress made by the IP5 in harmonizing business requirements relating to the issues referred to in the Task description and in the light of developments of PCT discussions in this domain.

(See paragraphs 52 and 53 of document CWS/1/10, and 73 and 74 of CWS/3/14.)

(e) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, agreed to keep Task No. 43 in the CWS Task List for future discussion taking into account the proposal by the Secretariat as to whether to remove Task No. 43 from the CWS Task List or to revive the discussion on Task No. 43 (see paragraphs 116 and 117 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

#### TASK NO. 44

1. *Description:*

Prepare recommendations for the transition provisions from WIPO Standard ST.25 to ST.26; and a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.26, if needed.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The European Patent Office (EPO) is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

The SEQL Task Force will present a proposal for the transition provisions from WIPO Standard ST.25 to ST.26 for consideration and approval at the fifth session of the CWS.

4. *Remarks:*

(a) Task No. 44 was created by the CWS at its first session. The CWS also established a Task Force (the SEQL Task Force) to handle the Task. The CWS requested the Task Force to liaise with the appropriate PCT body with regard to the possible impact of such standard on Annex C to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

(See paragraphs 27 to 30 of document CWS/1/10.)

(b) The CWS, at its third session, noted the progress report by the Leader of the SEQL Task Force, including a roadmap to prepare the new standard.

(See paragraphs 47 to 49 of document CWS/3/14.)

(c) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, noted progress report on this Task and approved the new WIPO Standard ST.26 (see documents CWS/4/7 and CWS/4/7 ADD. and paragraphs 49 to 53 of document CWS/4BIS/16). The CWS also noted further progress report on this Task and revised the Task's description and requested the SEQL Task Force to present a proposal for the transition provisions from ST.25 to ST.26.

(See paragraphs 82 to 84 of document CWS/4BIS/16.)

5. *Proposal:*

Document CWS/5/6 containing a proposal for revision of ST.26 and CWS/5/7 containing a proposal for transition provision from Standard ST.25 to ST.26 for consideration and decision on the transition.

If the proposed transition provision is approved by the CWS, it is proposed to modify the Task description as follows: "Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.26; participate in ST.26 Software Development Project that the International Bureau carries out; and support the International Bureau for the consequential revision of the PCT Administrative Instructions based on ST.26."

#### TASK NO. 45

*Description:*

Revision of WIPO Standard ST.14:

- (i) Prepare a proposal for the revision of category codes provided in paragraph 14 of WIPO Standard ST.14 taking into account comments and draft proposals stated in paragraphs 7 and 10 to 14 of document CWS/2/6.
- (ii) Study the convenience of revising the recommendations for the identification of non-patent literature citations in order to bring WIPO Standard ST.14 in line with the International Standard ISO 690:2010 (Information and documentation – Guidelines for bibliographic references and citations to information resources). If the revision is considered convenient, prepare the corresponding proposal.

The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, agreed that Task No. 45 should be considered as completed and removed from the CWS Task List (see paragraph 44 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

Consequently, this will be the last occurrence of Task No. 45 on the CWS Task List.

#### TASK NO. 47

1. *Description:*

Prepare a proposal to establish a new WIPO standard for the exchange of patent legal status data by industrial property offices. Once this task is completed, the corresponding proposal should be extended to trademarks and industrial designs.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

The Legal Status Task Force will present a final proposal for a new WIPO standard on patent legal status data for consideration and adoption at the fifth session of the CWS.

4. *Remarks:*

(a) Task No. 47 was created by the CWS at its third session. The CWS also established a Task Force (the Legal Status Task Force) to handle the Task (see paragraphs 52 and 54 of document CWS/3/14).

(b) At its third session, the CWS also agreed that the development of the recommendations should initially be prepared by a platform-independent task force, as the recommendations should be independent of the format to be used. Then, on the basis of the outcome of that initial discussion, the existing Task Forces dealing with XML should be invited to implement the said result in XML.  
(See paragraphs 50 to 54 of document CWS/3/14.)

(c) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, noted status report on this Task presented by the Legal Status Task Force (see paragraphs 54 to 59 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

5. *Proposal:*

Documents CWS/5/8 contains a final proposal for a new WIPO standard on patent legal status data for consideration and adoption.

#### TASK NO. 48

*Description:*

Prepare a recommendation for the electronic management of sound marks for adoption as a WIPO standard.

The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, agreed to consider Task No.48 completed and to remove it from the CWS Task List (see paragraphs 85 to 87 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

Consequently, this will be the last occurrence of Task No. 48 on the CWS Task List.

#### TASK NO. 49

1. *Description:*

Prepare a recommendation for the electronic management of motion or multimedia marks for adoption as a WIPO standard.

2. *Task Leader / Task Force Leader:*

The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.

3. *Scheduled actions to be carried out:*

A progress report on the work carried out will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its fifth session (see paragraphs 88 to 89 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

4. *Remarks:*

(a) Task No. 49 was created by the CWS at its third session. The CWS also established a Task Force (the Trademark Standardization Task Force) to handle the Task. (See paragraphs 60 and 61 of document CWS/3/14.)

(b) At its third session, the CWS noted the survey results provided in the Annex to document CWS/3/8, including the list of 12 candidates proposed by the former Trademark Standards Task Force for further standardization. The CWS agreed to select the first two candidates from the said list for further standardization, namely:

- (i) Recommendation for the electronic management of sound marks.
- (ii) Recommendation for the electronic management of motion or multimedia marks.

The CWS also agreed that the work for the other 10 candidates, which are listed in the Annex to document CWS/3/8, should be held in abeyance until the standardization of the two selected candidates is completed.

(See paragraphs 55 to 62 of document CWS/3/14.)

(c) The CWS, at its reconvened fourth session, noted a status report and a calendar on the preparation of the new WIPO standard(s) regarding Task No.49 (see paragraphs 88 to 89 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

5. *Proposal:*

Document CWS/5/10 contains information on the status of Task No.49.

#### TASK NO. 50

1. **Description:**  
Ensure the necessary maintenance and update of surveys published in Part 7 of the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*.
2. **Task Leader / Task Force Leader:**  
The International Bureau is designated as the Task Leader.
3. **Scheduled actions to be carried out:**  
A progress report on the work carried out will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its fifth session (see paragraphs 71 to 76 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
4. **Remarks:**  
(a) Task No. 50 was created by the CWS at its reconvened fourth session. The CWS also established a Task Force (the Part 7 Task Force) to handle the Task. (See paragraph 73 of document CWS/4BIS/16.)
5. **Proposal:**  
Document CWS/5/11 contains information on the status of Task No.50.

#### TASK NO. 51

1. **Description:**  
Prepare a recommendation for an authority file of patent documents issued by a national or regional patent office to enable other patent offices and other interested parties to assess the completeness of their collections of published patent documents.
2. **Task Leader / Task Force Leader:**  
The European Patent Office (EPO) is designated as the Task Leader.
3. **Scheduled actions to be carried out:**  
A proposal for a new WIPO standard or the revision of existing WIPO Standard(s) will be presented for consideration and approval by the CWS at its fifth session (see paragraph 109 of document CWS/4BIS/16).
4. **Remarks:**  
(a) Task No. 51 was created by the CWS at its reconvened fourth session. The CWS also established a Task Force (the Authority File Task Force) to handle the Task. (See paragraph 108 of document CWS/4BIS/16.)
5. **Proposal:**  
Document CWS/5/9 contains a proposal for a new WIPO standard on authority file.

[Annex II follows]

## TEMPLATE FOR CWS WORK PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### INTRODUCTION

The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS), at its [fifth] session, reviewed and approved its Tasks described below (see documents [CWS/5/20] and [CWS/5/22]). In order to deal with Tasks, the CWS also established corresponding Task Forces. All Task Forces are listed on WIPO web site at: <http://www.wipo.int/cws/en/taskforce/index.html>.

Each Task Force has its own electronic forum (Wiki) for carrying out corresponding Task(s); further information on the Wikis is available [here](#).

### ACTIVE CWS TASKS

Following is the list of active CWS Tasks after the [fifth] session of the CWS.

*Note: Two active Tasks are listed below for examples; once the template is approved by the CWS, this section would be completed on the basis of agreements reached by the CWS.*

#### Task No. 18

*Description:* Identify areas for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Five IP Offices (IP5), the Five Trademark Offices (TM5), the Industrial Design 5 Forum (ID5), ISO, IEC and other well-known industry standard-setting bodies.

*Leader of Task / Task Force:* the International Bureau.

*Scheduled actions:* The International Bureau should coordinate reporting on developments relating to standardization and/or the presentation of proposals to the CWS as necessary.

#### Task No. 51

*Description:* Prepare a recommendation for an authority file of patent documents issued by a national or regional patent office to enable other patent offices and other interested parties to assess the completeness of their collections of published patent documents.

*Leader of Task / Task Force:* the European Patent Office (EPO) / Authority File Task Force

*Scheduled actions:*

A proposal for a new WIPO standard or the revision of existing WIPO Standard(s) will be presented for consideration and approval by the CWS at its fifth session.

[End of Annex II and of document]