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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS, SUMMARY OF ISSUES AND FUTURE WORK

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## I. Introduction

1. In the Program and Budget for the 2000-2001 biennium (documents A/34/2–WO/PBC/1/2 and A/34/2 Rev., as approved in document A/34/16, paragraph 144), provision is made for the expansion of the mandate of the Advisory Committee on Management of Copyright and Related Rights in Global Information Networks (ACMC), which, in view thereof, was renamed the Advisory Committee on Management and Enforcement of Copyright and Related Rights in Global Information Networks (ACMEC). Specifically, the text of Sub-program 10.3, “Copyright and Related Rights and Digital Technology,” in the Program and Budget for the 2000-2001 biennium lists the following activity:

“[T]o discuss the issues of the exercise, management and enforcement of rights in the digital environment, particularly in global networks, including the practical application of technological measures of protection, rights management information systems and new methods for management of rights.”

2. In the “Summary by the Chair” adopted at the first session of the Advisory Committee on Enforcement of Industrial Property Rights (ACE/IP) on October 19 and 20, 2000, the ACE/IP recommended that it meet jointly with the ACMEC once in 2001 specifically with regard to the enforcement of all intellectual property rights. See document ACE/IP/1/3, paragraphs 5 and 9.

3. The present document contains proposals concerning organizational and procedural matters for consideration at this Joint Meeting on enforcement; summarizes, in general terms, the issues presently pending before the ACE/IP, including a brief observation regarding possible future work on the enforcement of copyright and related rights.

4. The present document also proposes an expansion of the capabilities and scope of the electronic forum envisioned for the ACE/IP in order to provide, on an ongoing basis, an efficient mechanism for carrying out the above-mentioned work in the context of Sub-Program 10.4, “Intellectual Property Enforcement Issues and Strategies,” of the Draft Revised Program and Budget for the 2002-2003 biennium, as approved by the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO held from September 24 to October 3, 2001 (documents A/36/2 and A/36/15).

## II. Organizational and Procedural Matters

5. *Rules of Procedure: ACE/IP and ACMEC.* At its first session, the ACE/IP adopted the same rules of procedure adopted for WIPO bodies, namely the WIPO General Rules of Procedure (Publication No. 399 (FE) Rev. 3). The ACE/IP also exercised its option to adopt two special rules of procedure which departed from those General Rules of Procedure. The two special rules of procedure are: (1) that membership in the ACE/IP is extended to Member States of the Paris Union that are not Member States of WIPO, and that observer status is extended to Member States of the United Nations that are not Member States of WIPO or the Paris Union; and (2) that the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs shall serve a term of one year and shall immediately be eligible for re-election to the offices which they have held at the expiration of that term (document ACE/IP/1/2, paragraphs 4 and 5 and document ACE/IP/1/3, paragraph 2).

6. The two prior sessions of the ACMC on December 14 and 15, 1998 and on December 8 and 9, 1999, were informal. The deliberations and/or conclusions of the ACMC were not recorded in a summary by the Chair or a formal report.<sup>1</sup>

7. It is proposed, therefore, that no changes be made to the rules of procedure for the ACE/IP, and that, for purposes of consistency, the same rules of procedure as were adopted by the ACE/IP at its first session now be adopted, *mutatis mutandis*, by the ACMEC.

8. *Rules of Procedure: Joint Meeting.* The WIPO General Rules of Procedure provide for the possibility of joint meetings “when two or more bodies of the Organization or of the Unions must examine questions of common interest to them.” See Rule 42 of the WIPO General Rules of Procedure (Publication No. 399 (FE) Rev. 3).

9. *Membership and observers.* Pursuant to the adoption by the ACE/IP, at its first session, of certain working arrangements with regard to membership and observers (document ACE/IP/1/2, paragraphs 6 and 7, and document ACE/IP/A/3, paragraph 2), all Member States of WIPO and/or the Paris Union have been invited as members of the ACE/IP, and as observers of the ACE/IP, Member States of the United Nations that are not members of WIPO or the Paris Union, and certain intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations accredited with observer status with WIPO have been invited. Pursuant to Rules 7 and 8 of the General Rules of Procedure, and in the interests of consistency, all Member States of WIPO and/or the Berne Union have been invited as members of the ACMEC, and as observers of the ACMEC, Member States of the United Nations that are not members of WIPO or the Berne Union and certain intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations accredited with observer status with WIPO have been invited. In addition, a number of non-governmental organizations have been invited as ad hoc observers.

10. In order to most effectively represent its position, each delegation, which within WIPO traditionally consists of representatives from an intellectual property office, might find it advantageous to consult its agencies which are responsible for the enforcement of industrial property rights and copyright and related rights,<sup>2</sup> and, if practicable, to include those agencies in the delegation. The Joint Meeting might thereby facilitate communication and networking among such agencies at the national and international levels.

11. *Languages.* Pursuant to the recommendation of the ACE/IP, simultaneous interpretation will be provided from and into English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish at the Joint meeting. The working documents for the Joint Meeting have been prepared in English, French and Spanish.

12. *Summary by the Chair and/or Report.* At its first session, the ACE/IP recommended that a formal report be produced at subsequent sessions. However, due to constraints of time, it will not be possible to prepare and adopt a report during the course of a three-day meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> The documents for each prior session of the ACMC, now ACMEC, are available under “Conferences, Meetings and Seminars” on the WIPO Web site at <http://www.wipo.int/> or upon request. The documents relate to matters of management of copyright and related rights and electronic commerce rather than to enforcement *per se*.

<sup>2</sup> They could include, for example, one or more of the following: judiciary/judicial service; customs; police; prosecutors (in lower and higher courts); and ministries responsible for law/legal affairs.

It is proposed, therefore, that the Chair provide a summary of the conclusions at the close of the Joint Meeting, as was the case at the first session of the ACE/IP, and that a formal report for the Joint Meeting be prepared after the adjournment of the Joint Meeting. A preliminary draft of the formal report could be mailed to all members and observers and posted on the Electronic Forum. Members and observers could then submit corrections to the report either by mail or via the Electronic Forum. After an appropriate amount of time, such as two months, the report would be deemed adopted as amended. The final document could then be distributed to all members and observers.

13. *Establishment of an Electronic Forum with Regard to the Enforcement of all Intellectual Property Rights.* At its first session, the ACE/IP recommended that an electronic forum be established with regard to the enforcement of industrial property rights (herein referred to as "Electronic Forum"). However, as originally conceived, the Electronic Forum merely would have provided a means for members and observers to comment on drafts of working documents later distributed in final form at regularly-held meetings of the ACE/IP.

14. In accordance with the adoption of Sub-program 10.4, "Intellectual Property Enforcement Issues and Strategies," of the Revised Draft Program and Budget for the 2002-2003 biennium, it is proposed that the capabilities and scope of the Electronic Forum be expanded so as to better carry out the priorities set by the ACE/IP and the ACMEC within the context of Sub-program 10.4.

15. Specifically, it is proposed that the capabilities and scope of the Electronic Forum be expanded to support at least four activities whereby enforcement issues or strategies of interest to the ACE/IP or the ACMEC, or to a similar forum convened pursuant to Sub-Program 10.4 of the Program and Budget for the 2002-2003 biennium, may be explored on an on-going basis: (1) to provide, primarily for the benefit of enforcement and intellectual property office officials, an opportunity for informal discussion by means of an electronic discussion group, namely, an e-mail mailing list to which users of the Electronic Forum may subscribe; (2) to provide an electronic means whereby enforcement and intellectual property office officials can share information as to their respective national experiences (e.g., relevant legislation, case law, technical papers, proposals, etc); (3) to facilitate the collection of information related to work undertaken by WIPO by providing for the electronic distribution of requests for information (e.g., surveys, questionnaires, etc) and response thereto; and (4) to facilitate the preparation of working documents related to work undertaken by WIPO by providing for electronic distribution of preliminary drafts of those working documents for review and comment. For those who wish to participate directly in activities (2) through (4) but do not have full access to e-mail and/or the Internet, alternative means of participation would be provided (e.g., by facsimile transmission or post).

16. It is believed that an Electronic Forum with such capabilities is necessary to allow discussion, the gathering and sharing of information, and the creation of tools - be they in the form of documents or information technology products - to continue with regard to the enforcement of all intellectual property rights on an ongoing basis in the coming biennium.

17. The Electronic Forum would be open for participation by all States members of the ACE/IP and the ACMEC and to representatives of all interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which have observer status with WIPO. The Electronic Forum would require the use of a unique user name and a password. The International Bureau would provide administrative support for the maintenance of the Electronic Forum.

18. A registration form will be made available at the Joint Meeting. Each participant will be invited to provide new or update existing general contact information and preferences with regard to the distribution, by electronic means or by post, of notifications and documents. A similar registration form will later be made available to all invitees who do not attend the Joint Meeting.

*19. The ACE/IP and the ACMEC, individually and with regard to the Joint Meeting, are invited to adopt the special rules of procedure proposed in paragraphs 5 to 8, above, and to note the working arrangements described in paragraphs 9 to 18, above.*

### III. Matters Concerning the Enforcement of Industrial Property Rights

20. At the first session of the ACE/IP, the members and observers of the ACE/IP discussed the issues which were raised in separate proposals by the Delegation of Japan and the Delegation of the United States of America. After the close of the first session, the proposals of Japan and the United States of America were distributed as formal working documents along with the “Summary by the Chair” (documents ACE/IP/1/4, ACE/IP/1/5, and ACE/IP/1/3).<sup>3</sup>

21. In its “Summary by the Chair” (document ACE/IP/3), the ACE/IP recommended that work with regard to certain issues, which were identified as priorities, be initiated by the Secretariat of WIPO. The ACE/IP also recommended that the remaining issues, which were raised at the first session but not otherwise discussed in detail, be placed on the agenda of the second session of the ACE/IP (document ACE/IP/1/3, paragraph 8(d)).

22. Attached as Annex I to this document is a chart which sets forth, in general terms, all of the issues raised at the first session of the ACE/IP (first column); cites the relevant paragraphs of documents ACE/IP/4 and ACE/IP/5 where a more detailed explanation of each issue, as proposed, may be found (second and third columns); and cites the relevant paragraphs, if any, in document ACE/IP/1/3 where the ACE/IP expressed consensus on the future work to be taken with regard to each issue (fourth column).

23. The chart in Annex I of this document is also divided into Part I (upper half) and Part II (lower half). The issues falling under Part I are issues which have been addressed in the paragraphs cited in document ACE/IP/3. In other words, a consensus has been reached with regard to the issues falling under Part I. The issues falling under Part II are issues which were merely introduced or about which little was said during the first session of the ACE/IP. In other words, since no consensus has been reached with regard to the issues falling under Part II, they remain outstanding.

24. With regard to certain issues set forth in Part I of the chart in Annex I of this document, the Secretariat has submitted an ongoing “Request for Information” to members (Requests I to

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<sup>3</sup> These documents were mailed after the close of the first session of the ACE/IP. All are available on the WIPO Web site under “Conferences, Meetings, and Seminars” and “Past Events.” See <http://www.wipo.int>. Additional paper copies are available upon request.

IV therein) and to all observers (Request IV therein) of the ACE/IP.<sup>4</sup> The four requests in the “Request for Information” correspond to paragraphs 8(a)(i) to (iv) of document ACE/IP/1/3. A copy of the “Request for Information” is attached to this document as Annex II.

25. As stated in its introduction, the aforementioned “Request for Information” is ongoing in that it is anticipated that members and observers will continue to submit supplemental responses as long as information with regard to each of the four requests becomes available. For example, difficulties with regard to the enforcement of industrial property rights, as well as the best practices in responding to those difficulties, may well change over time. The same may be said of the requirements and needs for training and development, and certainly of the availability of external resources for training and cooperation. The Secretariat, nonetheless, requested that initial responses be submitted by the end of September 2001.

26. It is suggested, therefore, that the issues in Part I of the chart in Annex I to this document will be addressed with regard to the work initiated by the Secretariat, and that some or all of the issues in Part II will constitute the remainder of the discussion, at least with regard to future work in the area of industrial property law.

#### IV. Matters Concerning the Enforcement of Copyright and Related Rights

27. In accordance with the adoption of Sub-program 10.4, “Intellectual Property Enforcement Issues and Strategies,” of the Revised Draft Program and Budget for the 2002-2003 biennium, it is proposed that the priorities and activities already initiated with regard to industrial property rights be extended to copyright and related rights (see Part I of the chart in Annex I). There may well be additional or special issues with regard to copyright and related rights that Member States may wish to consider and discuss. As a formal meeting of Member States, the ACMEC may address any enforcement issue with regard to copyright and related rights that it deems appropriate.

*28. The ACE/IP and the ACMEC, each as far as it is concerned, are invited to consider and discuss the enforcement issues to be addressed.*

[Annex I follows]

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<sup>4</sup> The “Request for Information” was mailed as an attachment to Circulars C 6561 (ministries of foreign affairs), C 6562 (industrial property offices) and C 6563 (intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations).

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ANNEX I

<b><u>ACE/IP ISSUES</u></b>	<b><u>ACE/IP/4</u></b> Japan	<b><u>ACE/IP/5</u></b> US	<b><u>ACE/IP/3</u></b> Summary by the Chair
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**Part I: Issues Raised at the 1<sup>st</sup> Session**

Consideration of the enforcement of copyright and related rights as well as industrial property rights; coordination of work of ACE/IP and ACMEC	General Issues: ¶1	Admin. Matters: ¶1	¶5, ¶9
Participation of enforcement officials in sessions and/or work of ACE/IP		Admin. Matters: ¶2	¶2
Relation of work to TRIPS Agreement and its implementation	General Issues: ¶2		¶5, ¶6
Identification of difficulties in enforcement of industrial property rights		Short Term Proposals: ¶1, ¶2	¶8(a)(i)
Identification of best practices for enforcement of industrial property rights	Specific Issues: ¶1	Short Term Proposals: ¶2	¶8(a)(ii)
Identification of existing requirements and needs for training and development of enforcement strategies		Short Term Proposals: ¶1, ¶2	¶8(a)(iii)
Identification of external resources for training and cooperation, including private sector and other multilateral and regional organizations	Specific Issues: ¶6	Short Term Proposals: ¶2	¶8(a)(iv)
Creation of a list agencies and contact points for the purposes of ACE/IP meetings	Specific Issues: ¶5	Admin. Matters: ¶3	¶8(b)
Investigation of new possibilities to increase the awareness of the public, as well as administrative and judicial agencies	Specific Issues: ¶7, ¶8	Long Term Proposals: ¶3	¶8(c)

**Part II: Issues Deferred until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session**

Collaboration with other organizations to avoid duplication of effort and to share expertise and experiences; collaboration with enforcement organizations in the field of information exchange	General Issues: ¶4	Admin. Matters: ¶4	
Consideration of guidelines, guiding principles, model standards, model provisions, or model laws for the enforcement of IP rights.	Specific Issues: ¶1	Long Term Proposals: ¶1, ¶2	
Information exchange for reporting infringements of rights registered in multiple countries, e.g., among contracting parties to the PCT, Madrid Agreement/Protocol, etc.	Specific Issues: ¶2		
Certification system for distributors, manufacturers, and exhibition sponsors regarding, e.g., steps taken to minimize infringement or counterfeiting	Specific Issues: ¶3		
“White paper” on status of counterfeiting: compilation of reports by governments, private organizations, and international organizations on damages caused and anti-counterfeiting measures taken	Specific Issues: ¶4		
Education of industrial property right holders via seminars and publication of enforcement manuals for each member State	Specific Issues: ¶8		
Enforcement of trademarks in the digital, borderless Internet environment		Long Term Proposals: ¶4	

Key: ¶ = paragraph

[Annex II follows]

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

### INTRODUCTION

1. In their efforts to effectively enforce industrial property rights many States (industrialized countries, developing countries and countries in transition alike) have encountered difficulties. With the convening of its first session, the Advisory Committee on the Enforcement of Industrial Property Rights (ACE/IP) initiated a forum for collectively enhancing communication among States and between intellectual property and enforcement agencies within States, to increase cooperation for effective enforcement. In so doing the ACE/IP indicated a desire to collectively focus on the challenges faced in implementing practical procedures regarding enforcement, and to investigate best practices and procedures that could be used to effectively enforce industrial property rights while keeping the time and cost burden on administrative infrastructures to a minimum. Its first action in this regard was to prioritize the initiation of four studies which are set forth in subsections (i) to (iv) of paragraph 8 of WIPO document ACE/IP/1/3 (Summary by the Chair). The four requests for information herein are based on those proposed studies.

2. By their nature, Requests I, II, and III are directed to the members of the ACE/IP (members), while Request IV is directed to members and to observers of the ACE/IP (observers).<sup>1</sup> Nonetheless, in responding to Request I in particular, members may have the opportunity to create “public-private partnerships” with interested non-governmental organizations, many of which are observers of the ACE/IP.<sup>2</sup>

3. Although the International Bureau will continue to gather relevant information, most of the studies will depend greatly on information which can only be provided by the members.

4. Each of the requests for information may be considered as ongoing. Members and observers are invited, as appropriate, to make an initial response followed by supplemental responses. However, in order to adequately prepare a summary of the responses to this Request for information for a subsequent meeting of the ACE/IP, it would be of great assistance to the International Bureau if initial responses were received by September 30, 2001.

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<sup>1</sup> The ACE/IP consists of members and observers. Members include Member States of WIPO and/or the Paris Union. Observers include Member States of the UN who are not Member States of WIPO and/or the Paris Union and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations accredited with observer status in WIPO. See WIPO document ACE/IP/1/2 (Organizational Matters and Future Work to be Considered by the Advisory Committee on Enforcement of Industrial Property Rights), paragraph 15, as adopted by the ACE/IP in WIPO document ACE/IP/1/3 (Summary by the Chair), paragraph 2.

<sup>2</sup> See paragraph 7 of this document.



## I. DIFFICULTIES IN ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING TRIPS IMPLEMENTATION AND *EX OFFICIO* ENFORCEMENT

5. Please provide information relevant to the study proposed by the members in WIPO document ACE/IP/1/3, paragraph 8(a)(i):

*“(i) identify difficulties in enforcement of industrial property in all Member States (industrialized countries, developing countries and countries in transition), including difficulties in implementation of the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement on enforcement of industrial property and questions related to ex officio enforcement procedures.”*

6. The purpose of this request for information is to have each member identify those difficulties of which it is aware, and which it believes would benefit from consideration and discussion in an international forum such as the ACE/IP.

7. Although this first request for information is directed specifically to members, it is suggested that the intellectual property officials and, in particular, the enforcement officials of each member consider consulting the relevant private sector interests—including non-governmental organizations—when identifying difficulties in the enforcement of industrial property rights. It is believed that such participation, *inter alia*, would encourage the type of “public-private partnerships” that are generally viewed as necessary to the efficient and effective functioning of an enforcement system. By way of information, a list of all intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations invited to attend the ACE/IP as observers is attached as an Annex to this document.

8. It is suggested that an appropriate response to this request for information might be to provide one or more case studies, in the non-judicial sense, regarding the practical problems it faces and which it would like the ACE/IP to consider. Of course, any reports, administrative decisions, judicial opinions or other formal documents which illustrate or further explain the problem would be welcome. Otherwise, it would suffice to provide a description of any scenarios, real or hypothetical, which clearly illustrate the difficulties encountered. If relevant, members may wish to classify any difficulties as being of short-term, medium-term, or long-term importance.

## II. BEST PRACTICES

9. It would be appreciated if information could be provided relevant to the study proposed by the members in WIPO document ACE/IP/1/3, paragraph 8(a)(ii):

*“(ii) identify effective or best practices for enforcement of industrial property in Member States, including effective practices for implementation of the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement on enforcement of industrial property, in particular, less costly and time-consuming practices for effectively enforcing rights.”*

10. The purpose of this request for information is for members to share their successes in enforcing industrial property rights. It is upon these successes that a compilation of “best practices” may be based. It is anticipated that such a compilation of experience will encourage further discussion regarding the enforcement of industrial property rights.

11. It is suggested that an appropriate response to this request for information might be to provide a detailed explanation of a “best practice,” be it legal or administrative, substantive or procedural, including documentation or citations to such documentation.<sup>3</sup> If relevant, the explanation could also describe the context in which such success has been achieved, e.g., any unique social or cultural as well as business or legal conditions.

### III. REQUIREMENTS AND NEEDS FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

12. It would be appreciated if information could be provided relevant to the study proposed by the members in WIPO document ACE/IP/1/3, paragraph 8(a)(iii):

*“(iii) identify existing requirements and needs for training and development of enforcement strategies for industrial property in Member States.”*

13. The purpose of this request for information is to identify the training requirements and needs of members. It is anticipated that, for the most part, the needs identified in this request for information will be met by the external resources for training and cooperation to be identified in the study that is the subject of the fourth request for information set forth herein.<sup>4</sup>

14. The information compiled in response to this request will be shared with the relevant sectors within WIPO.

15. It is suggested that an appropriate response to this request for information might be to provide not only a general explanation of the requirement or need (e.g., understanding enforcement requirements, drafting laws, operational training) but also specific examples of who would benefit and why. For example, a general reference to the need to receive operational training could be prefaced by an explanation of the underlying problem encountered by those individuals who would benefit, directly or indirectly, from such assistance, and, perhaps more important, the specific improvements expected with regard to the performance of their duties after the receipt of such assistance.

### IV. EXTERNAL RESOURCES FOR TRAINING AND COOPERATION

16. Please provide information relevant to the study proposed by the members in WIPO document ACE/IP/1/3, paragraph 8(a)(iv):

*“(iv) identify external resources for training and cooperation in enforcement of industrial property, including private sector resources and other multilateral and regional organizations.”*

17. The purpose of this request for information is to identify external resources for training and cooperation in enforcement of industrial property. “External,” in this context, refers to entities, other than WIPO, that are willing to provide technical assistance or training or the funds therefore. Such entities could include, *inter alia*, the

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<sup>3</sup> For example, a member might cite the relevant laws or regulations that are available on the WIPO Collection of Laws for Electronic Access (CLEA) database. See <http://www.wipo.int/clea/en/index.html>.

<sup>4</sup> See paragraphs 16 to 19 of this document.

different offices within the national, regional, or local governments of a member, intergovernmental organizations of any type or geographic scope (e.g., reciprocal free trade areas, customs unions or common markets), non-governmental organizations of any type or geographic scope (e.g., local or regional bar or business associations) or even business entities (e.g., local businesses or multinational corporations).

18. It is anticipated that the results of this compilation would be made available to members as a database accessed via an Electronic Forum<sup>5</sup> as well as to the relevant sectors within WIPO.

19. It is suggested that an appropriate response to this request for information might include sufficient contact information regarding the resource provider and a very brief description of the assistance provided. Of course, more detailed information, including literature, would be welcome. Upon receipt of such information, WIPO will contact each resource identified in an attempt to obtain more complete information on the technical assistance, training or funding available.

[Appendix to Annex II follows]

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<sup>5</sup> See WIPO document ACE/IP/1/2 (Organizational Matters and Future Work to be Considered by the Advisory Committee on Enforcement of Industrial Property Rights), paragraph 15, as adopted by the ACE/IP in WIPO document ACE/IP/1/3 (Summary by the Chair), paragraph 2.

## APPENDIX

## LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE ACE/IP

## IGOs

UN ONU	United Nations (UN) Organisation des Nations Unies (ONU) Naciones Unidas (ONU)
WHO OMS	World Health Organization (WHO) Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)
WTO OMC	World Trade Organization (WTO) Organisation mondiale du commerce (OMC) Organización Mundial del Comercio (OMC)
OAPI OAPI	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (OAPI) Organización Africana de la Propiedad Intelectual (OAPI)
ARIPO ARIPO	African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO) Organización Regional Africana de la Propiedad Industrial (ARIPO)
ANDEAN COMMUNITY Communauté Andine	Andean Community Communauté Andine Comunidad Andina
BBM BBM	Benelux Trademark Office (BBM) Bureau Benelux des marques (BBM) Oficina Benelux de Marcas (BBM)
SIECA SIECA	Central American Economic Integration Secretariat (SIECA) Secrétariat d'intégration économique Centraméricaine (SIECA) Secretaría de Integración Económica Centroamericana (SIECA)
CIS CEI	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Communauté des Etats indépendants (CEI) Comunidad de Estados Independientes (CEI)
CEMAC (ex UDEAC)	Communauté économique et monétaire de l'Afrique centrale (CEMAC)
CE CE	Council of Europe (CE) Conseil de l'Europe (CE) Consejo de Europa (CE)
ECOWAS CEDEAO	Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Communauté économique des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO) Comunidad Económica de los Estados de Africa Occidental (CEDEAO)
EAPO OEAB	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) Organisation eurasiennne des brevets (OEAB)
EC CE	European Commission (EC) Commission européenne (CE) Comisión Europea (CE)
EPO OEB	European Patent Organisation (EPO) Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) Organización Europea de Patentes (OEP)
UNIDROIT UNIDROIT	International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) Institut international pour l'unification du droit privé (UNIDROIT) Instituto Internacional para la Unificación del Derecho Privado (UNIDROIT)
IWO OIV	International Vine and Wine Office (IWO) Office international de la vigne et du vin (OIV) Oficina Internacional de la Viña y el Vino (OIV)

ICPIP CIPPI	Interstate Council for the Protection of Industrial Property (ICPIP) Conseil interétatique pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (CIPPI)
SELA SELA	Latin American Economic System (SELA) Système économique latinoaméricain (SELA) Sistema Económico Latinoamericano (SELA)
LAIA ALADI	Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) Association latinoaméricaine d'intégration (ALADI) Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI)
OAU OAU	Organization of African Unity (OAU) Organisation de l'unité africaine (OAU) Organización de la Unidad Africana (OUA)
GCC Patent Office	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)
SADC SADC	Southern African Development Community (SADC) Communauté pour le développement de l'Afrique australe (SADC)
MERCOSUR MERCOSUR	Southern Cone Common Market (MERCOSUR) Marché commun du Sud (MERCOSUR) Mercado Común del Sur (MERCOSUR)

## NGOs

AIPPI-Indian Group	AIPPI Indian Group (International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property)
AIPPI-Venezuela AIPPI-Venezuela	AIPPI Venezuela (International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property)
ABA	American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Intellectual Property Law
AIPLA	American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
ASPIP ASPIP	Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (ASPIP) Société arabe pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (ASPIP) Sociedad Arabe para la Protección de la Propiedad Industrial (ASPIP)
ASEAN IPA ASEAN IPA	ASEAN Intellectual Property Association (ASEAN IPA) Association de l'ANASE pour la propriété intellectuelle (ASEAN IPA)
APAA APAA	Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) Association asiatique d'experts juridiques en brevets (APAA) Asociación Asiática de Expertos Jurídicos en Patentes (APAA)
AMPPI (AIPPI-Group) AMPPI (AIPPI-Group)	Asociación Mexicana para la Protección de la Propiedad Industrial (AMPPI)
ABAPI ABAPI	Associação Brasileira dos Agentes da Propriedade Industrial (ABAPI)
ACCII	Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ACCII)
AAS	Association for the Advancement of Science (AAS), Malawi
APPIMAF APPIMAF	Association for the Protection of Industrial Property in the Arab World (APPIMAF) Association pour la protection de la propriété industrielle dans le monde arabe (APPIMAF) Asociación para la Protección de la Propiedad Industrial en el Mundo Árabe (APPIMAF)
APRAM APRAM	Association française des praticiens du droit des marques et des modèles (APRAM)
ASPI ASPI	Association française des spécialistes en propriété industrielle de l'industrie (ASPI)
ACPC	Association of Corporate Patent Counsel (ACPC), U.S.A.
MARQUES MARQUES	Association of European Trade Mark Owners (MARQUES) Association des propriétaires européens de marques de commerce (MARQUES) Asociación de Propietarios Europeos de Marcas (MARQUES)

AGESORPI AGESORPI	Association of Spanish Attorneys before International Industrial and Intellectual Property Organizations (AGESORPI) Asociación de Agentes Españoles autorizados ante Organizaciones Internacionales de Propiedad Industrial e Intelectual (AGESORPI)
AUTM	Association of University Technology Managers, U.S.A. (AUTM)
ASPII ASPII	Association sénégalaise pour la promotion des inventions et innovations (ASPII)
BC	Bar Council, United Kingdom
BMM BMM	Benelux Association of Trade Mark and Design Agents (BMM) Association Benelux des conseils en marques et modèles (BMM) Asociación Benelux de Agentes de Marcas y Modelos (BMM)
BIO	Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)
CBA CBA	Canadian Bar Association (CBA) National Intellectual Property Section Association du barreau canadien (CBA) Section nationale de propriété intellectuelle
CARIRI	Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI)
CASRIP	Center for Advanced Study and Research on Intellectual Property (CASRIP), U.S.A.
CBTT	Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT)
CEIPI CEIPI	Centre for International Industrial Property Studies (CEIPI) Centre d'études internationales de la propriété industrielle (CEIPI) Centro de Estudios Internacionales de la Propiedad Industrial (CEIPI)
CIPA	Chartered Institute of Patent Agents (CIPA), United Kingdom
CMA	Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA), U.S.A.
CPAA	China Patent Agents Association
CIPR	Coalition for Intellectual Property Rights (CIPR), Russian Federation
COVAPI COVAPI	Colegio Venezolano de Agentes de la Propiedad Industrial (COVAPI)
VNO-NCW	Committee Industrial Property of Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW)
COLC International COLC International	Committee Against Counterfeiting (COLC International) Comité pour la lutte anti-contrefaçon (COLC International) Comité para la Lucha Anti-Falsificación (COLC Internacional)
CNIPA	Committee of National Institutes of Patent Agents (CNIPA)
CONOPA	Committee of Nordic Industrial Property Agents (CONOPA)
CNCPI CNCPI	Compagnie nationale des conseils en propriété industrielle (CNCPI), France
CII	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
CEIF CIFE	Council of European Industrial Federations (CEIF) Conseil des fédérations industrielles d'Europe (CIFE) Consejo de las Federaciones Industriales de Europa (CFIE)
ASIPI-Venezuela ASIPI-Venezuela	Delegación Nacional de la Asociación Interamericana de la Propiedad Industrial (ASIPI-Venezuela)
EIA	Electronic Industries Association (EIA), U.S.A.
AIM AIM	European Brands Association (AIM) Association des industries de marque (AIM) Asociación de las Industrias de Marca (AIM)
CEFIC CEFIC	European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) Conseil européen de l'industrie chimique (CEFIC) Consejo Europeo de la Industria Química (CEFIC)
ECIS	European Committee for Interoperable Systems (ECIS)
ECTA ECTA	European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA) Association communautaire du droit des marques (ECTA) Asociación de Marcas de las Comunidades Europeas (ECTA)

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ECMA ECMA	European Computer Manufacturers Association (ECMA) Association européenne de constructeurs de calculateurs électroniques (ECMA) Asociación Europea de Fabricantes de Ordenadores (ECMA)
ECACC ECACC	European Council of American Chambers of Commerce (ECACC) Conseil européen des chambres de commerce américaines (ECACC) Consejo Europeo de Camaras de Comercio Americanas (ECACC)
ECPA	European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)
FEMIP FEMIP	European Federation of Agents of Industry in Industrial Property (FEMIP) Fédération européenne des mandataires de l'industrie en propriété industrielle (FEMIP) Federación Europea de Representantes de la Industria para la Propiedad Industrial (FEMIP)
EFPIA EFPIA	European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries' Associations (EFPIA) Fédération européenne des associations de l'industrie pharmaceutique (EFPIA) Federación Europea de Asociaciones de la Industria Farmacéutica (EFPIA)
EIRMA EIRMA	European Industrial Research Management Association (EIRMA) Association européenne pour l'administration de la recherche industrielle (EIRMA) Asociación Europea para la Administración de la Investigación Industrial (EIRMA)
EICTA (ex EUROBIT)	European Information and Communications Technology Industry Association (EICTA)
FCPA FCPA	Federal Chamber of Patent Attorneys (FCPA), Germany Chambre fédérale des conseil en brevets (FCPA), Allemagne
BDI BDI	Federation of German Industry (BDI) Fédération de l'industrie allemande (BDI)
FICCI	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
FIEO	Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)
DVGR DVGR	German Association for Industrial Property and Copyright (DVGR) Association allemande pour la propriété industrielle et le droit d'auteur (DVGR)
GACG	Global Anti-Counterfeiting Group (GACG), UK
GCPF	Global Crop Protection Federation (GCPF)
IDMA	Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association (IDMA)
IDC-(TT)	Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), Trinidad & Tobago
INFOTEC INFOTEC	Información Tecnológica y Consultoría (INFOTEC), Mexico
ITAC ACTI	Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC) Association canadienne de la technologie de l'information (ACTI)
IdM	Ingénieurs du Monde (IdM), Switzerland
IDPA	Institute of Dutch Patent Agents (IDPA)
IIP	Institute of Intellectual Property (IIP), Japan
IPTMA	Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Agents (IPTMA), Malawi
EPI EPI	Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (EPI) Institut des mandataires agréés près l'Office européen des brevets (EPI) Instituto de Representantes Profesionales ante la Oficina Europea de Patentes (EPI)
ITMA	Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA), United Kingdom
INPI INPI	Instituto Nacional de Propiedad Intelectual (INPI), Venezuela
ABPI ABPI	Intellectual Property Brazilian Association (ABPI)
IPI - CLIP	Intellectual Property Institute (IPI-CLIP), United Kingdom
IPIC (former PTIC) IPIC	Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) Institut de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada (IPIC)
IPLAC	Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC)

IPLA (ex PSA)	Intellectual Property Lawyers Association (IPLA), United Kingdom
IPO	Intellectual Property Owners (IPO), U.S.A.
ASIPI ASIPI	Inter-American Association of Industrial Property (ASIPI) Association interaméricaine de propriété industrielle (ASIPI) Asociación Interamericana de la Propiedad Industrial (ASIPI)
IATA IATA	International Air Transport Association (IATA) Association de transport aérien internationale (IATA) Asociación de Transporte Aéreo Internacional (IATA)
IACC	International Anti-counterfeiting Coalition, Inc. (IACC)
ATRIP ATRIP	International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP) Association internationale pour la promotion de l'enseignement et de la recherche en propriété intellectuelle (ATRIP) Asociación Internacional para el Progreso de la Enseñanza y la Investigación de la Propiedad Intelectual (ATRIP)
AIPPI AIPPI	International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI) Association internationale pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (AIPPI) Asociación Internacional para la Protección de la Propiedad Industrial (AIPPI)
IBA IBA	International Bar Association (IBA) Association internationale du barreau (IBA)
ICC CCI	International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Chambre de commerce internationale (CCI) Cámara de Comercio Internacional (CCI)
ICFTU CISL	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) Confédération internationale des syndicats libres (CISL) Confederación Internacional de Organizaciones Sindicales Libres (CIOSL)
CITI CITI	International Confederation of Professional and Intellectual Workers (CITI) Confédération internationale des travailleurs intellectuels (CITI) Confederación Internacional de Trabajadores Intelectuales (CITI)
ICSU ICSU	International Council for Science (ICSU) Conseil international pour la science (ICSU) Consejo Internacional para la Ciencia (ICSU)
FID FID	International Federation for Information and Documentation (FID) Fédération internationale d'information et de documentation (FID) Federación Internacional para la Información y la Documentación (FID)
IFCAI IFCAI	International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI) Fédération internationale des institutions d'arbitrage commercial (IFCAI)
IFCLA	International Federation of Computer Law Associations (IFCLA)
FICPI FICPI	International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI) Fédération internationale des conseils en propriété industrielle (FICPI) Federación Internacional de Agentes de Patentes (FICPI)
IFIA IFIA	International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) Fédération internationale des associations d'inventeurs (IFIA) Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Inventores (IFIA)
IFPMA FIIM	International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations (IFPMA) Fédération internationale de l'industrie du médicament (FIIM) Federación Internacional de la Industria del Medicamento (FIIM)
IFPI IFPI	International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) Fédération internationale de l'industrie phonographique (IFPI) Federación Internacional de la Industria Fonográfica (IFPI)
IFA	International Franchise Association (IFA)
IIPA-AIPPI	International Intellectual Property Association (IIPA-AIPPI) (US AIPPI Group)



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IIPS	International Intellectual Property Society (IIPS)
ILA ILA	International Law Association (ILA) Association du droit international (ILA) Asociación de Derecho Internacional (ILA)
LIDC LIDC	International League of Competition Law (LIDC) Ligue internationale du droit de la concurrence (LIDC) Liga Internacional del derecho de la competencia (LIDC)
ISO ISO	International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Organisation internationale de normalisation (ISO) Organización Internacional de Normalización (ISO)
INTA	International Trademark Association (INTA)
IVF IVF	International Video Federation (IVF) Fédération internationale de la vidéo (IVF)
AIDV AIDV	International Wine Law Association (AIDV) Association internationale des juristes du droit de la vigne et du vin (AIDV)
JIII	Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation (JIII), Japan
JIPA	Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA)
JPAA	Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA)
JTA	Japan Trademark Association (JTA)
KPAA	Korea Patent Attorneys Association (KPAA), Republic of Korea
ALIFAR ALIFAR	Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR) Association latino-américaine des industries pharmaceutiques (ALIFAR) Asociación Latinoamericana de Industrias Farmacéuticas (ALIFAR)
ILATID ILATID	Latin American Institute for Advanced Technology, Computer Science and Law (ILATID) Institut latino-américain de haute technologie, d'informatique et de droit (ILATID) Instituto Latinoamericano de Alta Tecnología, Informática y Derecho (ILATID)
LAWASIA LAWASIA	Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA) Association juridique de l'Asie et du Pacifique (LAWASIA) Asociación de Derecho para Asia y el Pacífico (LAWASIA)
LES-Venezuela LES-Venezuela	LES - Capítulo Nacional de LES Internacional, Venezuela
LES	Licensing Executives Society (International) (LES)
MLS	Malawi Law Society (MLS)
MPI MPI	Max-Planck-Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law (MPI) Institut Max-Planck de droit étranger et international en matière de brevets, de droit d'auteur et de la concurrence Instituto Max Planck para el Derecho Extranjero e Internacional sobre Patentes, Derecho de Autor y Competencia
NAM	National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), U.S.A.
NYIPLA	New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA)
PIPA	Pacific Intellectual Property Association (PIPA)
PDG PDG	Patent Documentation Group (PDG) Groupe de documentation sur les brevets (PDG) Grupo de Documentación en Materia de Patentes (PDG)
PHD-CCI	PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHD-CCI), India
TMPDF	Trade Marks, Patents and Designs Federation (TMPDF), United Kingdom
TPCA	Trademark, Patent and Copyright Association of Thailand (TPCA)
TTMA	Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association (TTMA)
UNIFAB UNIFAB	Union des fabricants pour la protection internationale de la propriété industrielle et artistique (UNIFAB), France

UNAI UNAI	Unión Nacional de Asociaciones de Inventores e Investigadores (UNAI), Mexico
UEPIP (union) UPEPI (union)	Union of European Practitioners in Industrial Property (UEPIP) Union des praticiens européens en propriété industrielle (UPEPI) Unión de Profesionales Europeos en Propiedad Industrial (UPEPI)
UNICE UNICE	Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe (UNICE) Union des confédérations de l'industrie et des employeurs d'Europe (UNICE) Unión de las Confederaciones de la Industria y de los Empleadores de Europa (UNICE)
USTA	United States Telephone Association (USTA)
UCAB UCAB	Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (UCAB), Venezuela Cátedra de Propiedad Intelectual
UCVC UCVC	Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCVC) Cátedra sobre Derechos Intelectuales, Propiedad Industrial y Derechos de Autor
UWI	University of West Indies (UWI)
WASME	World Association for Small & Medium Enterprises (WASME)
WFEO FMOI	World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) Fédération mondiale des organisations d'ingénieurs (FMOI) Federación Mundial de Organizaciones de Ingenieros (FMOI)
WUP UMPL	World Union of Professions (WUP) Union mondiale des professions libérales (UMPL) Unión Mundial de las Profesiones Liberales (UMPL)
ZIPA	Zimbabwe Institute of Patent Agents (ZIPA)

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