

Standing Committee on the Law of Patents

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REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT SYSTEM: CERTAIN ASPECTS OF NATIONAL/REGIONAL PATENT LAWS

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1. The Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), at its nineteenth session held from February 25 to 28, 2013, in Geneva, agreed that the information concerning certain aspects of national/regional patent laws, published on the SCP electronic forum website, would be updated based on the comments received from Member States.
2. Since the nineteenth session of the SCP, information concerning the national patent laws has been received from the following Member States: Australia, Germany, India, Lithuania and Spain.
3. Pursuant to the above decision, the Secretariat updated SCP electronic forum website, which contains information concerning certain aspects of national/regional patent laws, namely, prior art, novelty, inventive step (obviousness), grace period, sufficiency of disclosure, exclusions from patentable subject matter and exceptions and limitations to the rights. It is available on the website of the SCP electronic forum at:
http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/annex_ii.html.

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