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1. The WIPO General Assembly, at its thirty-eighth session, considered a proposal submitted by the International Bureau (see document WO/GA/38/10) to replace the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) by the following two bodies as of the beginning of the next biennium 2010-11:
  - (a) Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS); and
  - (b) Committee on Global IP Infrastructure (CGI).
2. These Committees should work independently and, where appropriate, should prepare proposals and/or activity reports for the consideration of the WIPO General Assembly or relevant Assemblies.
3. The mandate of the CWS would be to continue to work on the revision and development of WIPO standards relating to intellectual property information. The CWS would, in effect, perform the same work as the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG), but under a different name.

4. The mandate of the CGI would be to discuss matters concerning global intellectual property infrastructure that do not fall into the mandate of the CWS. Such matters include development of good practices, common tools and coherent approaches to various projects for strengthening international cooperation and interchange of data and information of intellectual property.

5. The SCIT working methods and procedures (document SCIT/7/14) would be applied *mutatis mutandis* to the new Committees.

6. The CWS would be convened in principle once a year and the CGI would meet whenever necessary. For the next biennium 2010-11, resources required for convening up to two sessions of CWS and one session of CGI are proposed in the draft Program and Budget under Programs 12, 14 and 15.

7. The General Assembly approved the creation of the CWS, which would replace the SDWG. However, concerning the creation of the CGI, the SDWG is requested to discuss the proposal of the International Bureau as reproduced in paragraphs 2, 4, 5 and 6, above, and to make a recommendation to the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, to be convened in 2010.

8. It is intended that the CGI should deal with a number of matters that no longer have a home amongst the various committees of Member States. These matters include questions of patent information, the policy of offices with respect to the commercial or free availability of patent information, machine-assisted translation and software tools for digitization of industrial property information. In view of the rapid adoption of electronic environments in Patent Offices throughout the world, and with the new strategic goal of the Organization of coordinating and developing global IP infrastructure, these matters are assuming increased importance. The CGI will not deal in any way with legal norms.

*9. The SDWG is requested to consider the proposal for the creation of the CGI, as described in this document, and to make a recommendation to the General Assembly on whether this Committee should be created.*

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