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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 thirty-second session held in a hybrid format from December 7 to 10, 2020, agreed that the information concerning certain aspects of national/regional patent laws, published on the SCP electronic forum website, would be updated based on input received from Member States.
2. Consequently, the Secretariat updated the SCP electronic forum website, which contains information concerning certain aspects of national/regional patent laws, namely, prior art, novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness), grace period, sufficiency of disclosure, exclusions from patentable subject matter and exceptions and limitations to the rights. The information is available at: https://www.wipo.int/scp/en/annex_ii.html. The website was updated based on the information received from Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, China (and Hong Kong, China), Croatia, Ethiopia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.
3. If Member States and regional patent offices so wish, under agenda item 5 entitled "Report on the international patent system: Certain aspects of national/regional patent laws", they may share information on recent developments of national/regional patent laws with respect to the aspects mentioned above or various aspects of patent law in general.

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