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Sixth Session
Geneva, March 12 to 16, 2001

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Session

1. The session was opened by Mr. Shozo Uemura, Deputy Director General, who welcomed the participants. Mr. Denis Croze (WIPO) acted as Secretary to the Standing Committee.

Agenda Item 3: Election of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs

2. Ms. Debbie RØNNING (Norway), was elected as Chair. Mrs. María Teresa YESTE (Spain) and Mrs. Graciela ROAD D'IMPERIO (Uruguay) were elected as Vice-Chairs.

Agenda Item 4: Adoption of the Draft Agenda

3. The Draft Agenda (document SCT/6/1) was adopted, with a change of order such that item 5 was renumbered as item 2, and items 2, 3 and 4 were renumbered as items 3, 4 and 5.

Agenda Item 5: Adoption of the Draft Report of the Fifth Session

4. The Draft Report of the fifth session (document SCT/5/6 Prov.) was adopted without modification.

Agenda Item 2: Draft Provisions Concerning Protection of Marks, and Other Industrial Property Rights in Signs, on the Internet (see document SCT/6/2)

5. The SCT agreed that the Chair of the previous session (Mrs. Lynne Beresford (USA)) should continue to preside over the discussion on this item in an *ad hoc* capacity.

6. The proposed Joint Recommendation and the draft provisions were adopted by a consensus of the SCT, subject to reservations by Brazil with regard to Articles 7, 8, 9 and 15(2) and by the European Communities with regard to Article 9. The Republic of Korea stated that it could not join the consensus on Article 15(2) at this time pending further discussion and instruction from its capital. The text of the provisions and the explanatory notes will be revised by the International Bureau and circulated on paper and on the SCT electronic forum for comments.

7. The SCT decided that the proposed Joint Recommendation Concerning the Protection of Marks, and Other Industrial Property Rights in Signs, on the Internet be presented for adoption to the Paris Union Assembly and the WIPO General Assembly at the Thirty-Sixth Series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (September-October 2001).

Agenda Item 6: Geographical Indications (see document SCT/6/3)

8. The Chair concluded that it was not possible to reach a consensus on how to proceed with this item after an extended discussion. Therefore, the item was continued on the Agenda for the seventh session of the SCT, and the Chair asked the International Bureau to undertake informal consultations with the members of the SCT in preparation for that session.

Agenda Item 7: Future work (see document SCT/6/4)

9. The SCT agreed that its seventh session would tentatively be held from September 10 to 14, 2001, in Geneva, and would last five full days. The SCT agreed that the agenda of the seventh session would consist of the following substantive items:

- Revision of the Trademark Law Treaty
- Substantive harmonization of trademark law
- Geographical indications.

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