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**ВСЕМИРНАЯ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЯ  
ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

C. SCIT 2460  
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August 19, 1999

Re: Unique identification of a patent document (Task No. 39)

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Madam,  
Sir,

At its first session, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) discussed a suggestion made by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with Task No. 7(b) (Inclusion of supplementary correction codes in WIPO Standard ST.14). The USPTO proposed to review certain WIPO Standards in view of the need for a unique identification of a patent document when applying supplementary correction codes. The SDWG agreed to recommend to the SCIT Plenary the creation of a new task regarding this proposal. (See document SCIT/WG/1/12, paragraph 28.)

In accordance with the above-mentioned recommendation by the SDWG, the SCIT Plenary, at its second session, agreed to create Task No. 39 with the following wording:

“Investigate, in the light of the revised Standard ST.14, whether any other WIPO Standard, such as ST.6, ST.10/B, ST.11, ST.12, ST.16, ST.19, ST.30, ST.32, ST.35 and ST.40, requires revision in order to clarify how a patent document should be uniquely identified”

and to assign it to the SDWG. (See paragraph 14 of document SCIT/2/8.)

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As a follow-up to this decision, the International Bureau has prepared a Questionnaire to gather information on the views of industrial property offices concerning the need for revising WIPO Standards to clarify how a patent document, particularly when it has been corrected, should be uniquely identified.

./ The said Questionnaire is given as an Annex to this Circular.

The International Bureau would appreciate your kind cooperation in providing, before October 30, 1999, the information requested in the said Questionnaire. Your reply should be sent preferably by e-mail to our address "scit.mail@wipo.int"; please indicate the number of this Circular in your reply.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.-P. Wittig', with a large, stylized initial 'W'.

K.-P. Wittig  
Deputy Director  
Inter-Office Information Services Department

QUESTIONNAIRE RELATED TO TASK No. 39\*

The purpose of this Questionnaire is to gather information on the views of industrial property offices as to whether and how certain WIPO Standards should be revised in order to determine the unique identification of any patent document.

Reporting Office .....  
or Organization: .....

Name of person to be contacted (in case of need): .....

E-mail address: .....

Fax: .....

Telephone: ... ..

1. Does your Office see a need for revision of certain WIPO Standards in connection with the application of supplementary correction codes?

Yes

No

2. (a) Which WIPO Standards, among those listed in Task No. 39, are considered by your Office as needing revision in order to clarify how a patent document should be uniquely identified?

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(b) Should any other WIPO Standard be added to those listed in your answer to question 2(a)? If so, please list them.

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3. For each of the WIPO Standards given in your answers to questions 2(a) and 2(b), please list the specific part(s) which may require revision and/or further provisions with respect to this matter.

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QUESTIONNAIRE (cont'd)

4. If your Office has any proposals concerning revision of, and/or further provisions to be inserted in, any of the items listed in your answer to question 3, please indicate.

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[End of Questionnaire and of Circular]

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\* Task No. 39 reads as follows:

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