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ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

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February 28, 2003

Re: Revision of WIPO Standard ST.3

Madam,
Sir,

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) entrusted its Maintenance Agency (ISO 3166/MA) with the management of International Standard ISO 3166 -1:1997, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes." Changes to this part of ISO 3166 are announced in ISO 3166 Newsletters.

The following changes to International Standard ISO 3166 -1:1997, which are relevant for WIPO Standard ST.3, have recently been announced:

- ISO 3166 -1 Newsletter No. V -6, dated November 15, 2002, announced the change of the country name East Timor (English)/Timor Oriental (French) to Timor -Leste (English and French);
- ISO 3166 -1 Newsletter No. V -5, dated May 20, 2002, announced the change of the ISO Alpha -2 code for East Timor from TP to TL;
- ISO 3166 -1 Newsletter No. V -4, dated May 20, 2002, announced the change of the country name Macau (English) to Macao (English); (the country name in French remains unchanged (Macao)).

In accordance with the above -mentioned changes announced by the ISO 3166/MA and with the request by the Standards and Documentation Working Group of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT/SDWG) at its second session in December 2002 (see paragraph 11 of document SCIT/SDWG/2/14 Prov.), the International Bureau would like to propose, for the consideration of your Office, the following changes in WIPO Standard ST.3:

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1. The current entry for East Timor (English)/Timor Oriental (French and Spanish) and its two -letter code TP should be changed to Timor -Leste (English, French and Spanish) and TL, respectively; the current name of this entry is no longer provisional.
2. The current entry for Macau (English)/Macao (French and Spanish) should be changed to Macao (English, French and Spanish); the two -letter code MO remains unchanged.
3. The following two entries to Annex B, Section I should be added:

East Timor (see Timor -Leste)	-	-
Timor-Leste	TP	TL ⁽⁸⁾

A new note 8 would read "Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002." These new entries would be inserted at the appropriate place.

4. The following sentences should be added at the end of current paragraph 3 of the Introduction to the Standard: "It is also aligned with the announcement published in ISO 3166 -1 Newsletters."

You are kindly requested to inform the International Bureau before March 31, 2003, of your agreement to the four above -mentioned proposals to revise WIPO Standard ST.3 and their inclusion in the said Standard.

Unless comments to the contrary are received, the International Bureau will consider that your Office has no objection to the said proposals.

Sincerely yours,



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Director, IT Projects Division