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Re. Questionnaire on Correction Procedures in Patent Offices  
(SDWG Task No. 35)

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Madam,  
Sir,

At its fifth session, held from November 8 to 11, 2004, the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) approved a Questionnaire on Correction Procedures in Patent Offices for its distribution for completion by industrial property offices. This questionnaire is to be utilized in carrying out the survey concerning SDWG Task No. 35, which reads as follows:

“Task No. 35: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey on the implementation of WIPO Standard ST.50 and on the status of the correction procedures in the industrial property offices. Prepare a proposal regarding this matter for consideration by the SDWG”.

The Task Force established by the SDWG to handle this Task will analyze the replies to the questionnaire and prepare the proposal for consideration by the Working Group.

(See paragraphs 71 to 75 of document SCIT/SDWG/4/14; and 66 to 71, and 81 of SCIT/SDWG/5/13.)

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The guidelines given by WIPO Standard ST.50 aim at providing guidance to industrial property offices and other suppliers of patent information on how to issue corrections, alterations and supplements relating to patent information published in paper form or on machine-readable media, for the purpose of promoting an unambiguous and uniform presentation of such corrections, alterations and supplements. This Standard is available on WIPO's website (<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/pdf/03-50-01.pdf>).

Further background information concerning the questionnaire can be found in documents SCIT/SDWG/4/9 and SCIT/SDWG/5/7, which are available on WIPO's website ([http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group\\_id=120](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=120)).

An electronic form containing the questionnaire is being sent to you along with the electronic copy of this Circular, which will be available on paper only on request. The electronic form can also be downloaded from WIPO's website (<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/mastcirc.htm>).

It would be appreciated if your Office/Organization could complete and return to the International Bureau, by February 11, 2005, the electronic form containing the questionnaire, by e-mail to [scit.mail@wipo.int](mailto:scit.mail@wipo.int). Please refer to this SCIT circular number in your reply and do not submit a paper copy of the questionnaire (unless you are unable to send it by e-mail).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Wilson', with a large, stylized initial 'N'.

Neil Wilson  
Director and Chief Information Officer  
IT Division