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Subject: C.SCIT 2604 and C.SCIT 2605 Questionnaires

Dear Madams/ Sirs,

Regarding the circulars C.SCIT 2604 and C.SCIT 2605 please find attached complete questionnaires.

Sincerely yours,

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(See attached file: 2604a_e.doc)(See attached file: 2605a_e.doc)

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Questionnaire on Correction Procedures in Patent Offices

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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.

Please provide the following contact information in order for us to contact the person responsible for the Questionnaire in case of need:

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Q U E S T I O N N A I R E

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1. Does your Office use these guidelines?

(a) Guidelines for corrections (paragraphs 7 - 32)

ALL

PARTLY

NO

(i) If your answer was “PARTLY”, which parts of WIPO Standard ST.50 are used?

- Kind-of-document codes according to WIPO Standard ST.16, e.g., A8, A9, etc.
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(ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

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- the publication number of the patent application by using INID code (21) and/or
- the publication number of previously published patent document by using INID code (11);
- the corrected version of information provided by using respective INID code;
- the issue number of the Patent Gazette, in which the publication of the original version of the document had been announced and the location of the previously published (erroneous) information by using the respective code of heading according to ST.17.

b) Guidelines for alterations (paragraphs 33 – 36) ?

ALL PARTLY NO

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- the publication number of previously published patent document by using INID code (11);
- the replaced information provided by using the respective INID code;
- the date of the entry of the alteration of original information into the Register.

(ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

Comments, if necessary:

c) Guidelines for supplements (paragraphs 37 – 44) ?

ALL PARTLY NO

(i) If your answer was “PARTLY” please specify the practice of your Office:

(ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to ST.50? If so, when?

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When?

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(ii) Patent gazettes: *Guidelines for issuing corrections and alterations*

(b) CD-ROMs/DVDs:

(i) Patent documents:

(ii) Patent gazettes:

(c) Machine-readable carriers other than CD-ROMs/DVDs:

(i) Patent documents:

(ii) Patent gazettes:

3. Does your Office use other correction procedures than provided in WIPO Standard ST.50?

Paper Patent Documents: *Please see question No. 1.(a)*

Patent Documents on CD-ROMs/DVDs:

Patent Gazettes/Bulletins (please specify media used): *In paper form; please see question No. 1.(a)*

Machine-readable carriers other than CD-ROMs/DVDs

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IPO SR will fully harmonize its correction procedures with WIPO Standard ST.50 in the future.

6. Do you see a necessity to update or amend WIPO Standard ST.50? In which area(s)?

At the present time, we do not see a necessity to update WIPO Standard ST.50.

TYPE AND CAUSE OF ERRORS

7. Is the origin of errors leading to corrections mainly due to the applicant or to the internal processes of your Office?

- More from the applicant side
- More from the Patent Office side
- About equally from applicant and Patent Office

Comments, if necessary: *An application for correction of previously published data may be filed by an owner, an assignee or an attorney and may ensue from the court decision as well .*

8. What is the number of corrections published by your Office every year, in absolute values and/or percentage of the overall publication volume?

IPO SR publishes in relating to patent information on average 40 corrections every year.

9. Has a significant change occurred in the number of corrections issued in the past years?

- More corrections
 Stable
 Fewer corrections

Comments, if necessary:

10. Who makes the final decision of publishing a correction?

- The examiner
 The formality officer
 The publication department
 All, in cooperation
 Other – Please specify:

Comments, if necessary:

11. Is a request for correction from an applicant usually granted?

YES NO

Comments, if necessary:

12. How long, on average, does your Office take to publish a correction once an error becomes known?

Correction of erroneous information is usually published in the subsequent issue of the Patent Gazette along with publication of the corrected version of the patent document.

Comments, if necessary:

[End of Annex and Questionnaire]