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Subject: KIPO's responses to circular 2604 and 2605

Dear Wilson,

The attached files contain KIPO's reponses to circular 2604 and 2605.

Thans for your cooperation.

Best regards,

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Questionnaire on the Harmonization and Identification
of the Parts of Patent Specifications

*approved by the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group
at its fifth session on November 11, 2004*

Task No. 36: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey in order to clarify the different practices by industrial property offices regarding difficulties in citing specific parts of the description of the invention text in a patent document. 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

1. Does your Office use any practices to make citing of specific parts of patent documents possible independent of the media and formats on which the document is stored or published?

YES NO

2. In the light of new developments in media and formats, is your Office planning to introduce new practices regarding citing of specific parts of patent documents?

YES NO

3. If your Office is planning to introduce those practices, when will they be introduced?

N/A

4. In WIPO Standard ST.36 paragraph numbering in patent document is foreseen. If your Office is using or planning to use practices for unambiguous citing of the text, which practices are or will be used?

- Paragraph numbering
- Sentence counting
- Word Counting
- Other – Please specify:

5. If paragraph numbering is done or foreseen by your Office, who defines or will define the paragraphs to be numbered?

- (a) Basically the applicants
- (b) The Office, e.g. the examiners
- (c) Other –Please specify:

6. If according to 5 (a) the applicants define or will define the paragraphs, does or will your Office give guidance as to, e.g., how long a paragraph should ideally be?

YES NO

Comments, if necessary: *If an applicant presses an enter key when preparing an application, a paragraph is automatically made with a paragraph number assigned to each paragraph respectively. We don't have a rule or guideline to limit a paragraph length or size.*

7. If your Office is using or planning to use practices for unambiguous citing of the text, how are the claims treated (or how will they be treated)?

*Claim number should be assigned to each claim clause respectively.
(e.g. [Clause 1], [Clause 2], etc.)*

8. Does your Office count or intend to count other parts of the specification apart from textual parts, e.g., embedded images, tables, etc.? Please specify:

Yes, we have already count such parts using image, table, expression, and formula numbering scheme, e.g., [Image 1], [Table 1], [Expression 1], [Formular 1].

9. Do you plan to create within the user interface of your electronic patent information products or services an option to suppress the display of the numbers allotted to paragraphs, sentences, etc.? Please specify the products or services and the methods used:

Currently , our system only shows paragraph numbers of an application. However, we don't have any plan to add the function to optionally suppress the display of a paragraph number.

10. If your Office has introduced or is planning to introduce e-filing, does it intend to implement or change its practices concerning the citing of specific parts of patent documents with regard to e-filing?

YES

NO

Please elaborate: *We had already launched e-filing system in 1999 and we keep our current practices relating the citing of patent documents for a while.*

11. What are, according to the position of your Office, aspects which seem to be difficult?

Long paragraphs – Comments, if necessary:

Other –Please specify: *N/A. We have no problems .*

12. Do you intend to introduce additional measures to solve the problem of unambiguous citing?

Instructions to the applicant

Other –Please specify:

[End of Annex and Questionnaire]