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Subject: C.SCIT 2605

Madam,
Sir,

Referring to the Circular C.SCIT 2605/03 of December 14, 2004 concerning Questionnaire on the harmonization and identification of the parts of patent specifications (SDWG Task No.36), please, find attached herewith the mentioned Questionnaire with information from the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks of the Russian Federation (ROSPATENT).

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
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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:

<u>Contact details of the Reporting Office:</u>	
Name of the Reporting Office	<u>RU</u> (ST.3 two-letter country/organization code) <i>Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (ROSPATENT)</i>
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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?

Our Office is planning to introduce such practice but the date of its implementation is not settled yet.

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: *According to the the internal regulations the only document with citations of specific parts of patent documents is a search report made by the examiner to be sent to the applicant and saved in the application file. According to current practice search reports are not published. For the purpose of citation in search reports every 5-th line of a patent document published on paper is marked with its corresponding number: 5, 10, 15 etc. Found patent documents of prior art are cited on a published patent document without indicating their parts.*

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:

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)?

In future for citing claims our Office plans to indicate only the respective claim number as it is made now for citations in search reports.

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:

Our Office plans to count other parts of the specification apart from textual parts.

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:

No, this option would not be provided.

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: *At present e-filing procedure is under development in our Office. The principles of citation would be the same as planned in relation to the published documents.*

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

Long paragraphs – Comments, if necessary:

Other –Please specify: *No particular difficulties have been revealed yet.*

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

Instructions to the applicant

Other –Please specify: *Nothing particular is planned now. Some public announcements could be issued by means of official and special publications including those on official Web-site.*

[End of Annex and Questionnaire]