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November 6, 2013

Re: CWS Task Force on the preparation of a new WIPO standard for the exchange of patent legal status data by industrial property offices

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Madam,  
Sir,

At its third session, held from April 15 to 19, 2013, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) agreed to create the following new Task:

“Prepare a proposal to establish a new WIPO standard for the exchange of patent legal status data by industrial property offices. Once this task is completed, the corresponding proposal should be extended to trademarks and industrial designs.”

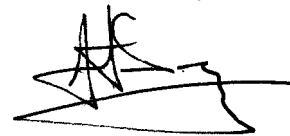
The CWS also created the corresponding Task Force to handle this Task with the International Bureau as Task Leader. The CWS agreed that the recommendations by the Task Force should be independent of the format to be used. Then, on the basis of the outcome of that initial discussion, the existing Task Forces dealing with XML should be invited to implement the said result in XML. (See paragraphs 52 to 54 of document CWS/3/14.)

The International Bureau hereby invites offices wishing to participate in the Task Force to nominate their representative(s) thereto. Participants are expected to be specialists having the required knowledge of the Office’s practices with regard to legal information and legal status data. The work of the Task Force will be conducted in English by electronic means and is expected to commence in December 2013.

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Should your Office/Organization wish to participate in the Task Force, details of your representative(s) should be sent to the International Bureau at *cws.mail@wipo.int* by November 29, 2013. (Please see Annex for further details.) It would be appreciated if the number of this Circular could be quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AF', written over a horizontal line.

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Director  
International Classifications  
and Standards Division

## Annex to C. CWS 40

In order to participate in the Task Force discussions on WIKI platform, a person nominated by the Office as the Task Force member should create a WIPO User Center Account at <https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/usercenter/public/register.jsf> and then, following the instructions received by e-mail, validate it.

When validating the account, the representative will be asked to create a username to be used when accessing WIKI space. It is recommended that the username is preceded by the ST.3 code of your Office separated by a dash (e.g., "ca-jsmith").

Once the account is created, the following details should be sent to the International Bureau at [cws.mail@wipo.int](mailto:cws.mail@wipo.int).

- Name of Office/Organization;
- Last name, First name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.);
- Position in the Office;
- WIPO User Center ID (username created following the above instructions);
- E-mail address used when creating WIPO User Center account;
- Legal Status Task Force.

When the details listed above are processed by the International Bureau, the nominees will receive the notification on the fact that they can access the WIKI space.

For further information please contact the International Bureau at [cws.mail@wipo.int](mailto:cws.mail@wipo.int).