<u>C. CWS 151</u>   June 30, 2021

Re: Survey on the priority of 40 Recommendations for ICT Strategies
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Madam,
Sir,

At its sixth session, held in October 2019, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) noted the 40 Recommendations prepared by the Meeting on ICT Strategy and Artificial Intelligence, which the International Bureau convened for the exchange of views and experiences in ICT and business management for effective Intellectual Property Office (IPO) administration. The CWS considered the analysis of 40 Recommendations by the Secretariat and their relevancy to its activities indicated in the Annex of document CWS/6/3.

At the same session, the CWS created the new Task No. 58 and the ICT Strategy for Standards Task Force to "prepare a proposal for a roadmap of future development and enhancement of WIPO Standards, including policy recommendations, in view of more effective production, sharing, and utilization of data by IPOs and other interested parties. (See paragraphs 18 to 19 of document CWS/6/34.)

At the eighth session of the CWS, the ICT Strategy for Standards Task Force presented its progress report for consideration by the CWS, which includes the proposed prioritization of 40 Recommendations based on the results of the survey within the Task Force (see the Annex of document CWS/8/13). In order to gather opinions from a wider group and to prepare a well-informed draft strategic roadmap by the Task Force, the CWS requested the International Bureau to invite all Offices to respond to the survey on priority of 40 Recommendations and to report the results of the survey at its ninth session.

Your Office/Organization is kindly invited to participate in this survey by July 28, at the following URL:

https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6375692/ICT-Strategy-Recommendations-and-priority
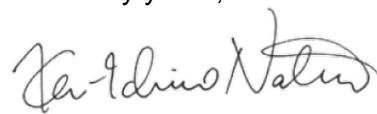
The survey is available in English, French and Spanish. When you load the survey, the online platform will select a default language based on your browser settings. You can change the language using the dropdown menu in the top right corner of the web page.

You can save your survey responses at any time and continue later with the "Save and continue" link at the top of the page. When your answers are finalized, click "Submit your final answers" on the last page of the survey (Review page). Please note that your Office/Organization should submit only one response to the survey.

Any questions on this survey, including a technical problem to access the online platform, can be directed to the Secretariat at cws.surveys@wipo.int.

Sincerely yours,

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