Minutes of XML4IP Task Force Informal Meeting (2008-02-20)

INTRODUCTION

1.   The XML4IP Task Force held its informal meeting during the same week of the SDWG ninth session on February 20, 2008, at WIPO premises. Delegations from 16 offices participated in the meeting. The Task Force discussed the following agenda items:

- Guideline for Schema Implementation
- Structure of XML4IP
- Candidates of Global ICEs
- Discussion on *Name/Address* structures
- Using WIKI
- Other Issues
- Schedule of future work

DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT

Guideline for Implementation of Schema

2.   This item was presented to and reviewed by the Task Force during the XML Task Forces' informal meeting held in October 2007. The participants to the meeting agreed to adding more information to the introduction, e.g., objective, goal, and audience, so that non-technical people from offices could better understand the guideline.

3.   In accordance with the agreement reached at the said previous meeting, the USPTO would prepare the revised draft proposal of "Guideline for Schema Implementation" by early March 2008.

Structure of XML4IP

4.   The participants agreed to establish the structure of XML4IP and discussed the following draft structure (to be developed):

- Main body
    – File naming conventions, Schema versioning…
- Global ICEs (International Common Elements)
- Model Schema / DTD
- Schema Implementation
- Compatibility between ST.36 and ST.66/86
- Packaging for various purposes
- Image profiles
    – PDF, TIFF, JPEG, GIF, PNG…
- Multimedia profiles
    – MP3, WAV, AVI…
- Enumerated lists
    – Country, language…

5.   The participants also agreed that the Task Force should give a priority to preparing a Global ICEs (GICEs) and Model Schema/DTD, which the SDWG had given as a mandate to the Task Force.

6.   With regard to the naming conventions for XML, the participants agreed to use the recommendation in WIPO Standards ST.66 and ST.86 rather than ST.36, i.e., using Upper Camel Case (see ST.66, paragraph 50). The participants discussed whether XML4IP should refer to the IETF (RFC) 2119, i.e., the capitalization of the keywords "must", "should"… and definition for the keywords.

7.   The Task Force Leader would prepare a draft main body for XML4IP based on WIPO Standards ST.66 and ST.86.

Candidates of Global ICEs / Discussion on *Name/Address Type* structures

8.   The participants agreed that the Task Force would prepare a set of candidates of GICEs and select two sample Types from the set to obtain experience on how to harmonize among three industrial property rights. The participants chose *Name* and *Address* as sample Types.

9.   The USPTO presented the draft candidates of GICEs and the initial draft structure of *Name* and *Address Types*. The USPTO will provide the list of draft candidates and the draft structure of the *Name* and *Address Types* for consideration by the XML4IP Task Force.[1]

Using WIKI

10.   The participants noted that WIKI may stimulate the Task Force discussion. Therefore, OHIM and the Task Force Leader will investigate the feasibility of the WIKI tool for the Task Force and present their findings at the next Task Force meeting, if possible. The participants also noted that the confidentiality of information should be considered during the investigation.

Other issues

11.   It was noted that the JPO and the USPTO need the XML4IP urgently for their internal purpose and some offices expect to see the result of XML4IP near future.

Schedule of future work

12.   The progress report on the following items will be presented at the tenth session of SDWG meeting, scheduled from November 17 to 21, 2008:

   -   Schema Implementation ;
   -   Candidates of GICEs; and
   -   Feasibility of the WIKI tool for the Task Force.

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[1] Copies of the presentations given at the meeting are available on the XML4IP Task Force web page:
http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/taskfrce/xml4ip/background.htm

ACTION PLAN

1. USPTO to prepare the revised draft proposal of "Guideline for Schema Implementation" by early March 2008.

2. The Task Force Leader to prepare a draft main body for XML4IP.

3. USPTO to provide the list of draft candidates and the draft structure *Name* and *Address Types* for consideration by XML4IP Task Force.

4. OHIM and Task Force Leader to investigate the feasibility of the WIKI tool for the Task Force and present the information at the next Task Force meeting, if possible.

5. The XML4IP Task Force members to be invited to consider and adopt the following items agreed on by the participants:
   - Using Upper Camel Case for the naming conventions for XML based on WIPO Standards ST.66 and ST.86;
   - Establishing the structure of XML4IP as follows; and
   - Choosing the *Name* and *Address Types* as samples for the first exercise.

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