

## Brief summary of related SCP documents

### Document SCP/13/4: The Client-Attorney Privilege

Document SCP/13/4 provided some examples of the legal situations in various countries describing the differences between the civil law and common law systems, addressed issues arising in the international context, and contained some of the options for solutions that had been discussed at the international level.

### Document SCP/14/2: The Client-patent Advisor Privilege

Document SCP/14/2 expanded the information on the legal situation in various jurisdictions in a country study, examined the international dimension as contained in various provisions contained in international instruments such as the Paris Convention, the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) and the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), provided various arguments in relation to the rationale behind the client-patent advisor privilege, summarized the key findings and illustrated examples of potential areas for future work.

### Document SCP/16/4 Rev.: Confidentiality of Communications Between Clients and their Patent Advisors

Document SCP/16/4 Rev. brought together those two studies by summarizing the major points discussed at the previous sessions, and providing further analysis. It suggested that the Committee could come to some common understanding that might become the basis for pursuing the topic further and presented a non-exhaustive list of subjects that might be relevant to the discussions on this subject at the international level.

### Document SCP/17/5: Information on Cross-Border Aspects of Confidentiality of Communications between Clients and Patent Advisors

Document SCP/17/5 gathered information about national and regional practices regarding cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors, including, *inter alia*: (i) national laws and rules dealing with cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors; (ii) problems in relation to cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors; and (iii) remedies that are available in countries and regions to solve the problems that remain at the national, bilateral, plurilateral and regional levels.

### Document SCP/18/6: Approaches and Possible Remedies to Cross-Border Aspects of Confidentiality of Communications between Clients and Patent Advisors

Document SCP/18/6 expanded document SCP/17/5 to explain approaches to cross-border issues and possible remedies identified in the area of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors. It gave an overview of the existing national laws, introduced in the issues in relation to cross-border aspects, analyzed the approaches to cross-border aspects and identified possible remedies with respect to cross-border issues.

Document SCP/25/4 (Compilation of Court Cases with Respect to Client-Patent Advisor Privilege)

Document SCP/25/4 compiles national court cases relating to client-patent advisor privilege issues.