

**1) the provision of any additional inputs for the preparation of a draft reference document on exception regarding compulsory licenses**

The IPO-CZ has provided the relevant information on the implementation of this exception in the Czech patent law, which was duly reflected in the Questionnaire on Exceptions and Limitations to Patent Rights, namely answers to question 65 to 80. Please find attached the respective questionnaire completed and sent out in 2012.

**2) the provision of any additional input for preparation of a further study on inventive step (part 3)**

As for the assessment of inventive step in the chemical sector, the IPO-CZ should also apply the problem-and-solution approach in an objective and predictable manner.

In this approach, there are three main stages:

- (i) determining the "closest prior art",
- (ii) establishing the "objective technical problem" to be solved, and
- (iii) considering whether or not the claimed invention, starting from the closest prior art and the objective technical problem, would have been obvious to the skilled person.

At present, the IPO-CZ does not register any important case law or interpretative decision concerning the topics suggested in paragraph 8 of document SCP/24/3.

**3) the provision of any additional inputs for the preparation of updated document confidentiality of communication between clients and their patent advisors, based on document SCP/29/5**

The IPO-CZ has provided the relevant information on the current situation on client attorney privilege in the Czech Republic on 26 April 2017. This information is duly reflected in SCP/29/5.

**4) the provision of any additional input for the preparation of a document compiling information on patent law provisions and practices that contributes to effective transfer of technology**

The IPO-CZ has provided the relevant information on patent law provisions and practices that contributes to effective transfer of technology during the respective sharing session on this issue at the SCP/28. This information is duly reflected in SCP/29/6.

**5) the submission of the updated information on certain aspects of the applicable national or regional patent law**

The current information is updated.

**6) the submission of the updated information on national/regional laws on opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms**

The IPO-CZ has provided the detailed information on administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms on 7 March 2017. This information is still updated.

**7) the submission of the updated information on international worksharing and collaborative activities for search and examination of patent applications**

The IPO-CZ has provided the detailed information on this issue in a completed questionnaire on the term "quality of patents" and cooperation between patent offices in search and examination. The questionnaire was sent out to you on 8 March 2017. The slightly updated information was shared with the WIPO Secretariat and other delegations during the respective sharing session on this issue at the SCP/28.