

## **Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications**

**Forty-Fourth Session**  
**Geneva, May 17 to 19, 2021**

### **SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

*adopted by the Committee*

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSION**

1. The Chair opened the forty-fourth session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT).
2. Ms. Wang Binying, Deputy Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), welcomed the participants on behalf of Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of WIPO.
3. Mr. Marcus Höpperger (WIPO) acted as Secretary to the SCT.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4. The SCT adopted the draft Agenda (document SCT/44/1 Prov.2).

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ACCREDITATION OF AN OBSERVER**

5. The SCT considered document SCT/44/4.
6. The SCT approved the accreditation of the Intellectual Property International Forum-Québec (FORPIQ).

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE FORTY-THIRD SESSION**

7. The SCT adopted the Draft Report of the forty-third session (document SCT/43/12 Prov.).

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

*Analysis of the Returns to the Questionnaire on Graphical User Interface (GUI), Icon and Typeface/Type Font Designs (documents SCT/41/2 Rev.2 and SCT/43/2 Rev.)*

8. The SCT considered and took note of documents SCT/41/2 Rev.2 and SCT/43/2 Rev.

*Updated Proposal by the Delegations of Canada, Israel, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America (document SCT/44/6 Rev.2)*

9. The SCT considered document SCT/44/6 Rev.2.

10. The Chair concluded that the SCT took note of the various positions and would continue the discussion on document SCT/44/6 Rev.2 at its next session.

*Compilation of the Returns to the Questionnaire on the Temporary Protection Provided to Industrial Designs at Certain International Exhibitions Under Article 11 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (document SCT/42/2)*

*Proposal by the Delegation of Spain Concerning the Creation of a Database Compiling the Returns to the Questionnaire on the Temporary Protection Provided to Industrial Designs at Certain International Exhibition Under Article 11 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (document SCT/44/5)*

11. The SCT considered documents SCT/42/2 and SCT/44/5.

12. The SCT requested the Secretariat to create a prototype of a database including a number of replies to the Questionnaire on the Temporary Protection Provided to Industrial Designs at Certain International Exhibitions under Article 11 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and to present the prototype, as well as resources required, at the next session of the SCT.

*Update by Member States on the Digital Access Service (DAS) for Priority Documents*

13. The SCT noted the progress in the implementation of the DAS for industrial designs by members and the Chair concluded that the SCT would revert for an update to this item at its next session.

## AGENDA ITEM 6: TRADEMARKS

*Proposal by the Delegations of Georgia, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance (document SCT/43/6)*

14. The SCT considered document SCT/43/6.

15. The Chair concluded that the SCT would continue the discussion on document SCT/43/6 at its next session.

*Revised Proposal by the Delegation of Jamaica for a Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Country Names (document SCT/43/9)*

16. The SCT considered document SCT/43/9.

17. The Chair concluded that the SCT would continue the discussion on document SCT/43/9 at its next session.

*Proposal by the Delegations of Brazil, Georgia, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance in the DNS (document SCT/41/6 Rev.)*

18. The SCT considered document SCT/41/6 Rev.

19. The Chair concluded that the SCT would continue the discussion on document SCT/41/6 Rev. at its next session.

*Update on Trademark-Related Aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS) (document SCT/44/2)*

20. The SCT considered document SCT/44/2 and requested the Secretariat to keep members informed of future developments in the DNS.

*Returns to the Questionnaire on Nation-Brand Protection in Member States (document SCT/43/8 Rev.)*

21. The SCT considered document SCT/43/8 Rev.

22. The Chair concluded that the SCT agreed to:

- request the Secretariat to re-open the Questionnaire on Nation-Brand Protection in Member States until September 30, 2021, for further replies;
- request the Secretariat to make a presentation, at the forty-fifth session of the Committee, on the main findings and trends identified in the responses provided to the Questionnaire; and
- invite members to present, to the forty-fifth session of the SCT, proposals for topics for an Information Session on Nation-brand Protection in Member States, to be possibly held in conjunction with the forty-sixth session of the SCT.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS**

23. The SCT considered document SCT/44/3 containing Proposals for Topics for an Information Session on Geographical Indications.

24. The Chair concluded that the SCT agreed:

- to hold an Information Session on Geographical Indications in conjunction with the forty-fifth session of the SCT;
- that the program for that Information Session would comprise two panels on the following topics:
  - (i) examination of geographical indications in *sui generis* systems and trademark systems, including
    - words in combination with graphic elements and geographical indications consisting solely of a graphic element;
    - the weight given to descriptive elements;
    - conflicts; and
    - scope of protection.
  - (ii) ways to prevent bad faith registration of domain names consisting of, or containing, geographical indications; and
- to invite members to present, to the forty-fifth session of the SCT, proposals for topics for an Information Session on Geographical Indications, to be held in conjunction with the forty-sixth session of the SCT.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

25. The SCT approved the Summary by the Chair, as contained in the present document.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9: CLOSING OF THE SESSION**

26. The Chair closed the session on May 19, 2021.

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