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QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE PRIORITIZATION OF TASKS OF THE COMMITTEE ON WIPO STANDARDS

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INTRODUCTION

1. At its tenth session held in 2022, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) discussed the prioritization of the Tasks that forms its Work Program. Taking into account that Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs) may have different priorities, the CWS noted several considerations would need to be made by the Secretariat when prioritizing Tasks. (See paragraph 26 of document CWS/10/22).
2. At the same session, the International Bureau posed several questions to the CWS for consideration, relevant to prioritizing its Tasks and preparing the Work Program (see paragraph 13 of document CWS/10/3). The CWS noted the definitions provided by the Secretariat of the different priority levels, i.e., 'high', 'medium' and 'low', assigned to Tasks (see paragraph 14 of document CWS/10/3).
3. Following this discussion, also at this session, the CWS requested the Secretariat to work with the leaders of its Task Forces to prepare a survey questionnaire for determining the priority of Tasks for approval at the eleventh session. The CWS noted that the International Bureau would also provide information on estimated workload for each Task in the survey with three levels: 'complex', 'medium' and 'simple', to help IPOs assess the required resources. (See paragraphs 26 to 28 of document CWS/10/22).

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4. Taking into account the request at the tenth session of the CWS, the Secretariat, in consultation with the leaders of CWS Task Forces, has prepared a proposal for the survey questionnaire on the prioritization of Tasks, which is provided as the Annex to the present document. It should be noted that the questionnaire is based on the current CWS work program and the CWS may decide to discontinue some existing Tasks or to create new Tasks during the current session. Therefore, it is proposed that the CWS allow the Secretariat to adapt the questionnaire as required to remove the discontinued Tasks or add new Tasks accordingly.

5. The draft questionnaire provided in the Annex to the present document is composed of two parts: a general information section regarding the specific Task and a common set of questions. The general information part provides the following:

- Task number and Task description;
- Estimated workload to carry out the Task: ‘complex’, ‘medium’ and ‘simple’;
- Activity level for Task: ‘very active’, ‘active’, ‘inactive’ and ‘in abeyance’;
- Task Force name, where relevant, and number of participating CWS Members and Observers to the corresponding Task Force; and
- Scheduled actions to be carried out: whether it is of continuous nature or has specific actions with a concrete timeline.

6. At the tenth session, the Secretariat originally proposed having two sets of questions: the first for an Office to express their own Task priorities and the second to express their perceived views of the Task priorities for other relevant parties (see paragraph 26 of document CWS/10/22). However, after further reflection, the Secretariat has prepared a single set of questions relating to both the internal priorities of a particular IPO and their perception of the priorities of other members of the IP community. The set of questions for each Task consists of the following:

1. *Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No)*
 - (a) *If Yes, actively or inactively?*
 - (b) *If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?*
2. *Is this Task relevant to your Office’s current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown)*
 - (a) *Where available, please also provide your Office’s work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.*
3. *How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low)*
4. *What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task? (High/ Medium/Low)*
 - (a) *Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No)*
 - (b) *If No, then why?*
5. *What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?*

6. *How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown)*

7. If a Task Force is assigned to a particular Task (for example, Task No. 41 is assigned to the XML4IP Task Force), an additional question below is provided as a Question 2:

Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No)

(a) If Yes, actively or inactively?

(b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?

8. *The CWS is invited to:*

(a) note the content of the present document;

(b) consider and approve the draft questionnaire, as referred to in paragraphs 4 to 7 above and as reproduced in the Annex to the present document;

(c) request the Secretariat to issue a CWS Circular inviting IPOs to participate in the survey, with the questionnaire reproduced in the Annex to this document; and

(d) request the Secretariat to present the results of the survey for consideration at its twelfth session.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX: PROPOSED QUESTIONNAIRE

Task No. 18

General Information

Description	Identify areas for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Five IP Offices (IP5), the Five Trademark Offices (TM5), the Industrial Design 5 Forum (ID5), ISO, IEC and other well-known industry standard-setting bodies.
Estimated workload	Low
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Not applicable
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The International Bureau to coordinate reporting on developments relating to standardization and/or the presentation of proposals to the CWS as necessary.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?

2. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.

3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.

4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).

5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task? (High/ Medium/Low).
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).

(b) If No, then why?

6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 24

General Information

Description	Collect and publish Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities of the CWS Members (ATR/PI, ATR/TM, ATR/ID).
Estimated workload	Low
Status	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Not applicable
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The International Bureau to collect and publish ATRs for reporting year 2022 using the simplified process approved at CWS/9.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
3. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
4. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task? (High/ Medium/Low).
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
5. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
6. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 33

General Information

Description	Ongoing revision of WIPO Standards.
Estimated workload	Low
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Not applicable
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The revision of Standards is considered an ongoing activity.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
3. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
4. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
5. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?

How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 33/3

General Information

Description	Ongoing revision of WIPO Standard ST.3.
Estimated workload	Low
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Not applicable
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 is considered an ongoing activity.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
3. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
4. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
5. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?

How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 38

General Information

Description	Ensure continuous revision and updating of WIPO Standard ST.36.
Estimated workload	Low
Activity Level of Task	Inactive
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	ST.36 Task Force 20 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task is of a continuous nature, but no revision has been made since 2010. No action is scheduled.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 39

General Information

Description	Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.66.
Estimated workload	Low
Activity Level of Task	Inactive
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	ST.66 Task Force 16 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task is of a continuous nature but no revision has been made since 2012. No action is scheduled.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 41

General Information

Description	Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.96.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Very active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	XML4IP Task Force 29 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task is of a continuous nature. New version release is scheduled in April 2024. The Task Force meets monthly.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If no, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, human etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If no, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 42

General Information

Description	Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.86.
Estimated workload	Low
Activity Level of Task	Inactive
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	ST.86 Task Force 16 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task is of a continuous nature but no revision has been made since 2008. No action is scheduled.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 44

General Information

Description	Support the International Bureau by providing users' requirements and feedback on the ST.26 authoring and validation software tool; support the International Bureau in the consequential revision of the PCT Administrative Instructions; and prepare necessary revisions of WIPO Standard ST.26.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Very active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	SEQL Task Force 25 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The International Bureau will continue to support IPOs and applicants with their use of WIPO Standard ST.26 and WIPO Sequence Suite. The SEQL Task Force will support development and testing of the WIPO Sequence Suite, and consider further revisions to ST.26 if needed. The Task Force is monitoring the evolution of relevant industry standards.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?

2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?

3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.

4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).

5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?

6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 47

General Information

Description	Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standards ST.27, ST.87, and ST.61; prepare supporting materials to assist the use of those Standards in the IP community; and support the XML4IP Task Force to develop XML components for legal Activity Level of Task event data.
Estimated workload	Medium
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Legal Status Task Force 31 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	<p>The Legal Status Task Force will prepare a proposal for any needed revisions to the events or the guidance document for patent legal Activity Level of Task data in ST.27, ST.87, or ST.61.</p> <p>The Legal Status Task Force will work on a proposal for possibly adapting "event indicators" to ST.61 and ST.87.</p> <p>The International Bureau will publish any updated WIPO Standard ST.61 mapping tables from IPOs.</p> <p>The Task Force is supporting the XML4IP Task Force to develop relevant XML components for trademark and design legal Activity Level of Task.</p>

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
4. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).

(b) If No, then why?

5. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?

6. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

7. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).

(a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.

Task No. 50

General Information

Description	Ensure the necessary maintenance and update of surveys published in Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation.
Estimated workload	Medium
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Part 7 Task Force 18 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The International Bureau will update Part 7 of the Handbook with the revisions agreed by the CWS. The Task Force is working on the survey questionnaires on citation practice.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?

7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 52

General Information

Description	Prepare recommendations for systems for providing access to publicly available patent information of IPOs.
Estimated workload	Medium
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Public Access to Patent Information (PAPI) Task Force 19 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The PAPI Task Force will prepare recommendations for systems providing access to publicly available patent information from IPOs.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?

7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 55

General Information

Description	Envisaging developing a WIPO standard assisting IPOs in providing better “quality at source” in relation to applicant names, prepare a proposal for future actions aimed at the standardization of applicant names in IP documents and present it for consideration by the CWS.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Name Standardization Task Force 23 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task Force will propose recommendations on quality of applicant data to support name standardization for consideration by the CWS.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office’s current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office’s work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?

7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 56

General Information

Description	Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.90; support the International Bureau in developing a unified catalog of APIs that are made available by Offices; and support the International Bureau in promoting and implementing WIPO Standard ST.90.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Very active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	API Task Force 18 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task Force will revise WIPO ST.90 as needed by closely monitoring relevant technologies and implementation of ST.90 by IPOs and IP industry. The API Task Force will promote use of WIPO ST.90 At their organizations The International Bureau will develop a unified API catalog which lists APIs made available externally by IPOs and the Task Force will participate in the development project.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).

5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?

(a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).

(b) If No, then why?

6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?

7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 57

General Information

Description	Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.88.
Estimated workload	Low
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Design Representation Task Force 17 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task Force will review and propose any necessary revisions and updates to WIPO Standard ST.88.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 58

General Information

Description	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, taking the following activities: i. to review the Recommendations in Group 1 indicated in the Annex of document CWS/6/3, in collaboration with other relevant CWS Task Forces; ii. to review the Recommendations in Group 2 and Group 3 indicated in the Annex of document CWS/6/3; iii. to prioritize Recommendations and suggest a timeline; and iv. to explore the impact of disruptive technologies on IP administration and IP data in view of harmonization and collaboration. Collect information about the requirements from IPOs and customers; and prepare recommendations for electronic visual representations of designs.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	ICT Strategy for Standards Task Force 19 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The ICT Strategy Task Force will prepare a proposal for an ICT strategic roadmap.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If no, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High, Medium, Low).

5. What level of resources (financial, human etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If no, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 59

General Information

Description	Explore the possibility of using block chain technology in the processes of providing IP rights protection, processing information about IP objects and their use; Collect information about IPO developments in use of and experience with block chain, assess current Industry Standards on block chain and consider merit and applicability to IPOs; Develop reference models of using block chain technology in the IP field, including guiding principles, common practice and use of terminology as a framework supporting collaboration, joint projects and proofs of concept; and Prepare a proposal for a new WIPO Standard supporting the potential application of block chain technology within the IP ecosystem.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Blockchain Task Force 17 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task Force will prepare a new WIPO standard on Blockchain

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?

(a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).

(b) If No, then why?

6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?

7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 60

General Information

Description	Prepare a proposal for the numbering of INID codes regarding word marks and figurative marks, on splitting INID code (551), and a potential INID code for combined marks.
Estimated workload	Low
Activity Level of Task	Inactive
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Trademark Standardization Task Force 13 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	After a resolution in the Madrid Working Group, the Task Force will prepare a recommendation on whether to maintain or split INID code 551 for collective, certification, and guarantee marks in WIPO Standard ST.60 for a future session of the CWS.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?

7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 61

General Information

Description	Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.91, including methods of search for 3D models and 3D images.
Estimated workload	Medium
Activity Level of Task	Inactive
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	3D Task Force 17 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task Force will prepare a proposal to revise Standard ST.91 on 3D models and 3D images, including methods of search.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
3. Is this Task relevant to your Office's current activity or future work plan or does the outcome of this Task impact your businesses? (Yes/No/Unknown).
 - (a) Where available, please also provide your Office's work activities or work plan in relation to this Task.
4. How complex does your Office consider this Task to complete? (High/Medium/Low).
5. What level of resources (financial, administrative etc.) does your Office consider is required to carry out this Task: (High/ Medium/Low)?
 - (a) Has your Office allocated (or planned to allocate) required resources to carry out this Task? (Yes/Partly/No).
 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 62

General Information

Description	Review WIPO Standards: ST.6, ST.8, ST.10, ST.11, ST.15, ST.17, ST.18, ST.63 and ST.81, and WIPO Handbook Part 6, in view of electronic publication of IP documentation; and propose revisions of those Standards and materials if needed.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Digital Transformation Task Force 17 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Task Force will propose a revision to the description of Task No. 62 regarding DOCX converters at the eleventh session of the CWS.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
2. Does your Office participate in the corresponding Task Force, where relevant? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
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 - (b) If No, then why?
6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 63

General Information

Description	Develop visual representation(s) of XML data, based on WIPO XML Standards, for electronic publication.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Inactive
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Digital Transformation Task Force 17 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	No actions are scheduled.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
 - (a) If Yes, actively or inactively?
 - (b) If No, does your Office plan to do so? If not, why?
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7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 64

General Information

Description	Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.97.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	API Task Force 18 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The API Task Force to discuss a need of a JSON native version of ST.97 and compatibility of ST.97 with new versions of XML Standard ST.96.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
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6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

Task No. 65

General Information

Description	To prepare a proposal for recommendations on the data package format for the electronic exchange of priority documents and certified copies for patents, marks and industrial designs.
Estimated workload	High
Activity Level of Task	Very active
Task Force name and No. of members and observers in Task Force	Digital Transformation Task Force 17 Members and Observers
Scheduled actions to be carried out	The Digital Transformation Task Force will present a proposal for a new WIPO standard at the eleventh session of the CWS.

Questions:

1. Does your Office participate in or contribute to this Task? (Yes/No).
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6. What kind of assistance does your Office need to participate in this Task?
7. How important does your Office consider this Task for the IP community as a whole? (High/ Medium/Low/Unknown).

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