

STANDARD ST.3

RECOMMENDED STANDARD ON TWO-LETTER CODES FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

1. This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to industrial property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of industrial property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of industrial property.
2. The designation of States or other entities in this Recommended Standard does not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever concerning the legal status of any State or territory, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.
3. ~~This~~ *The two-letter alphabetic codes in this* Recommended Standard ~~is~~ *are* aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Codes listed in International Standard ISO 3166-1, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes", which ~~are~~ *is* available on the [Online Browsing Platform](#) of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). *The short form of state names in this Recommended Standard is aligned with the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM) with a few exceptions. These exceptions, as well as the territory names, are based on established WIPO practice, reflecting official requests by the states concerned.*

RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by industrial property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
5. The recommended codes *with respective names* are contained in Annex ~~A~~ *A* in two sections, organized as follows:
 - (i) Section 1 presents a list of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in alphabetic sequence of their short names and their corresponding codes;
 - (ii) Section 2 presents the codes referred to in (i) in alphabetic order and the corresponding (short) names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations.
6. In addition to the said recommended codes, the two-letter alphabetic code "XX" is recommended to refer to unknown states, other entities or organizations.

MAINTENANCE

7. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166. *WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work.*
8. ~~WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work.~~ The International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard at intervals following the decisions of the Maintenance Agency and of the respective WIPO body with regard to the inclusion of new two-letter alphabetic codes or the amending of existing two-letter alphabetic codes. *With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of states and territories, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following UNTERM with a few exceptions described in paragraph 3 above. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following communications received from the intergovernmental organization concerned and established WIPO practice in this regard. The revision procedure of this Recommended Standard is provided in Annex III.*

IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

9. To assist users of documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefore, Annex ~~B~~ *B*, Section 1, to this Recommended Standard lists those States for which the code in force prior to January 1, 1978, was subsequently replaced by a new code. A list of States or organizations, with their respective codes, that ceased to exist is given in Annex ~~B~~ *B*, Section 2.

10. The codes contained in Annex **A** to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefore, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.

11. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XT, XW, XY, XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEX A, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE OF THEIR SHORT NAMES,
AND THEIR CORRESPONDING CODES

AFGHANISTAN	AF	COMOROS	KM
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) ⁽¹⁾ (13)	OA	CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic Republic of the Congo)	
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) ⁽¹⁾ (13)	AP	CONGO	CG
ALBANIA	AL	COOK ISLANDS	CK
ALGERIA	DZ	COSTA RICA	CR
ANDORRA	AD	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	CI
ANGOLA	AO	CROATIA	HR
ANGUILLA	AI	CUBA	CU
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	CURAÇAO	CW
ARGENTINA	AR	CYPRUS	CY
ARMENIA	AM	CZECHIA	CZ
ARUBA	AW		
AUSTRALIA	AU	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KP
AUSTRIA	AT	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	CD
AZERBAIJAN	AZ	DENMARK	DK
		DJIBOUTI	DJ
BAHAMAS	BS	DOMINICA	DM
BAHRAIN	BH	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
BANGLADESH	BD		
BARBADOS	BB	ECUADOR	EC
BELARUS	BY	EGYPT	EG
BELGIUM	BE	EL SALVADOR	SV
BELIZE	BZ	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (BOIP) ⁽²⁾ (13)	BX	ERITREA	ER
BENIN	BJ	ESTONIA	EE
BERMUDA	BM	ESWATINI	SZ
BHUTAN	BT	ETHIOPIA	ET
BOLIVIA (1) (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)	BO	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO) ⁽¹⁾ (13)	EA
BONAIRE, SINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA	BQ	EUROPEAN UNION⁽¹⁴⁾	EU
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (EUIPO) ⁽¹³⁾ (14)	EM
BOTSWANA	BW	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) ⁽¹⁾ (13) (14)	EP
BOUVET ISLAND	BV		
BRAZIL	BR	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	FK
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	VG	FAROE ISLANDS	FO
		FIJI	FJ
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN	FINLAND	FI
BULGARIA	BG	FRANCE	FR
BURKINA FASO	BF		
BURUNDI	BI	GABON	GA
		GAMBIA	GM
CAMBODIA	KH	GEORGIA	GE
CAMEROON	CM	GERMANY ⁽³⁾	DE
CANADA	CA	GHANA	GH
CABO VERDE	CV	GIBRALTAR	GI
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KY	GREECE	GR
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CF	GREENLAND	GL
CHAD	TD	GRENADA	GD
CHILE	CL	GUATEMALA	GT
CHINA	CN	GUERNSEY	GG
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO) ⁽¹³⁾ (14)	QZ	GUINEA	GN
COLOMBIA	CO		

GUINEA-BISSAU	GW	MAURITIUS	MU
GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf)		MEXICO	MX
GUYANA	GY	MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova)	
HAITI	HT	MONACO	MC
HOLY SEE	VA	MONGOLIA	MN
HONDURAS	HN	MONTENEGRO.....	ME
HONG KONG, China (See The Hong Kong Special HK Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China)	HK	MONTSERRAT	MS
HUNGARY	HU	MOROCCO	MA
ICELAND	IS	MOZAMBIQUE	MZ
INDIA	IN	MYANMAR	MM
INDONESIA	ID		
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	IB, WO	NAMIBIA	NA
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾	XU	NAURU	NR
IRAN, (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	IR	NEPAL	NP
IRAQ	IQ	NETHERLANDS	NL
IRELAND	IE	NEW ZEALAND	NZ
ISLE OF MAN.....	IM	NICARAGUA	NI
ISRAEL	IL	NIGER	NE
ITALY	IT	NIGERIA	NG
		NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	XN
JAMAICA	JM	NORTH MACEDONIA.....	MK
JAPAN	JP	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	MP
JERSEY	JE	NORWAY	NO
JORDAN	JO	OMAN	OM
		PAKISTAN	PK
KAZAKHSTAN	KZ	PALAU	PW
KENYA	KE	PANAMA	PA
KIRIBATI	KI	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	PG
KOREA (see Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea)		PARAGUAY	PY
KUWAIT	KW	PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC Patent Office) ⁽¹³⁾	GC
KYRGYZSTAN	KG	PERU	PE
		PHILIPPINES	PH
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ...	LA	POLAND	PL
LATVIA	LV	PORTUGAL	PT
LEBANON	LB		
LESOTHO	LS	QATAR	QA
LIBERIA	LR	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KR
LIBYA	LY	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	MD
LIECHTENSTEIN	LI	ROMANIA	RO
LITHUANIA	LT	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	RU
LUXEMBOURG	LU	RWANDA	RW
MACAO, CHINA	MO	SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA	SH
MACEDONIA (see The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)		SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	KN
MADAGASCAR	MG	SAINT LUCIA	LC
MALAWI	MW	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	VC
MALAYSIA	MY	SAMOA	WS
MALDIVES	MV	SAN MARINO	SM
MALI	ML	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	ST
MALTA	MT	SAUDI ARABIA	SA
MAURITANIA	MR	SENEGAL	SN
		SERBIA	RS
		SEYCHELLES	SC
		SIERRA LEONE	SL
		SINGAPORE	SG
		SINT MAARTEN (Dutch part)	SX

SLOVAKIA	SK	SWEDEN	SE
SLOVENIA	SI	SWITZERLAND	CH
SOLOMON ISLANDS	SB	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	SY
SOMALIA	SO		
SOUTH AFRICA	ZA		
SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	GS	TAIWAN PROVINCE OF CHINA	TW
SOUTH SUDAN	SS	TAJIKISTAN	TJ
SPAIN	ES	TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)	
SRI LANKA	LK	THAILAND	TH
SUDAN	SD	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	MK
SURINAME	SR	VANUATU	VU
THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	HK	VATICAN CITY STATE (See Holy See)	
TIMOR-LESTE	TL	VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)	VE
TOGO	TG	VIET NAM	VN
TONGA	TO	VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH	VG
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TT		
TUNISIA	TN	VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	XV
TURKEY	TR		
TURKMENISTAN	TM	WESTERN SAHARA ⁽⁵⁾	EH
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	TC	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) (INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	WO, IB
TUVALU	TV		
		YEMEN	YE
UGANDA	UG	ZAMBIA	ZM
UKRAINE	UA	ZIMBABWE	ZW
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	AE		
UNITED KINGDOM	GB		
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	TZ		
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	US		
URUGUAY	UY		
UZBEKISTAN	UZ		

[Section 2 follows]

ANNEX A, SECTION 2

LIST OF CODES, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE, AND THE CORRESPONDING (SHORT) NAMES
OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AD	Andorra	DJ	Djibouti
AE	United Arab Emirates	DK	Denmark
AF	Afghanistan	DM	Dominica
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	DO	Dominican Republic
AI	Anguilla	DZ	Algeria
AL	Albania		
AM	Armenia	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) ⁽¹⁾ (13)
AO	Angola	EC	Ecuador
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ⁽¹⁾ (13)	EE	Estonia
AR	Argentina	EG	Egypt
AT	Austria	EH	Western Sahara ⁽⁵⁾
AU	Australia	EM	European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) ⁽¹³⁾ (14)
AW	Aruba	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) ⁽¹⁾ (13) (14)
AZ	Azerbaijan	ER	Eritrea
		ES	Spain
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	ET	Ethiopia
BB	Barbados	EU	European Union⁽¹⁴⁾
BD	Bangladesh		
BE	Belgium	FI	Finland
BF	Burkina Faso	FJ	Fiji
BG	Bulgaria	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
BH	Bahrain	FO	Faroe Islands
BI	Burundi	FR	France
BJ	Benin		
BM	Bermuda	GA	Gabon
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GB	United Kingdom
BO	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office) ⁽¹³⁾
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba		
BR	Brazil	GD	Grenada
BS	Bahamas	GE	Georgia
BT	Bhutan	GG	Guernsey
BV	Bouvet Island	GH	Ghana
BW	Botswana	GI	Gibraltar
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) ⁽²⁾ (13)	GL	Greenland
		GM	Gambia
BY	Belarus	GN	Guinea
BZ	Belize	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
		GR	Greece
CA	Canada	GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	GT	Guatemala
CF	Central African Republic	GW	Guinea-Bissau
CG	Congo	GY	Guyana
CH	Switzerland		
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	HK	The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
CK	Cook Islands		
CL	Chile	HN	Honduras
CM	Cameroon	HR	Croatia
CN	China	HT	Haiti
CO	Colombia	HU	Hungary
CR	Costa Rica		
CU	Cuba	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ⁽⁴⁾ (13)
CV	Cabo Verde	ID	Indonesia
CW	Curaçao	IE	Ireland
CY	Cyprus	IL	Israel
CZ	Czechia	IM	Isle of Man
DE	Germany ⁽³⁾		

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IN	India	NP	Nepal
IQ	Iraq	NR	Nauru
IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	NZ	New Zealand
IS	Iceland	OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) ⁽¹⁾ (13)
IT	Italy	OM	Oman
JE	Jersey	PA	Panama
JM	Jamaica	PE	Peru
JO	Jordan	PG	Papua New Guinea
JP	Japan	PH	Philippines
KE	Kenya	PK	Pakistan
KG	Kyrgyzstan	PL	Poland
KH	Cambodia	PT	Portugal
KI	Kiribati	PW	Palau
KM	Comoros	PY	Paraguay
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	QA	Qatar
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	QZ	Community Plant Variety Office (European Union) (CPVO) ⁽¹³⁾ (14)
KR	Republic of Korea	RO	Romania
KW	Kuwait	RS	Serbia
KY	Cayman Islands	RU	Russian Federation
KZ	Kazakhstan	RW	Rwanda
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	SA	Saudi Arabia
LB	Lebanon	SB	Solomon Islands
LC	Saint Lucia	SC	Seychelles
LI	Liechtenstein	SD	Sudan
LK	Sri Lanka	SE	Sweden
LR	Liberia	SG	Singapore
LS	Lesotho	SH	Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
LT	Lithuania	SI	Slovenia
LU	Luxembourg	SK	Slovakia
LV	Latvia	SL	Sierra Leone
LY	Libya	SM	San Marino
MA	Morocco	SN	Senegal
MC	Monaco	SO	Somalia
MD	Republic of Moldova	SR	Suriname
ME	Montenegro	SS	South Sudan
MG	Madagascar	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of North Macedonia	SV	El Salvador
ML	Mali	SX	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
MM	Myanmar	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
MN	Mongolia	SZ	Eswatini
MO	Macao, China	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	TD	Chad
MR	Mauritania	TG	Togo
MS	Montserrat	TH	Thailand
MT	Malta	TJ	Tajikistan
MU	Mauritius	TL	Timor-Leste
MV	Maldives	TM	Turkmenistan
MW	Malawi	TN	Tunisia
MX	Mexico	TO	Tonga
MY	Malaysia	TR	Turkey
MZ	Mozambique	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
NA	Namibia	TV	Tuvalu
NE	Niger	TW	Taiwan, Province of China
NG	Nigeria	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NI	Nicaragua	UA	Ukraine
NL	Netherlands		
NO	Norway		

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UG	Uganda	WS	Samoa
US	United States of America	XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) ⁽¹⁾ (13)
UY	Uruguay	XU	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) (13)
UZ	Uzbekistan	XV	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) ⁽¹⁾ (13)
VA	Holy See	YE	Yemen
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	ZA	South Africa
VE	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	ZM	Zambia
VG	British Virgin Islands (British)	ZW	Zimbabwe
VN	Viet Nam		
VU	Vanuatu		
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) ⁽⁴⁾ (13)		

[Annex **B** follows]

ANNEX B.1, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES IN RESPECT OF WHICH CODES HAVE CHANGED

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978	Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania	AN	AL	Japan	JA	JP
Algeria	AG	DZ	Kuwait	KU	KW
Austria	OE	AT	Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Bahrain	BB	BH	Madagascar	MD	MG
Bangladesh	BA	BD	Mali	MJ	ML
Barbados	BD	BB	Malta	ML	MT
Benin	DA	BJ	Mauritania	MT	MR
Bhutan	BH	BT	Mauritius	MS	MU
Botswana	BT	BW	Mongolia	MO	MN
Burkina Faso	UV	HV/BF ⁽⁶⁾	Myanmar	BU	MM ⁽⁸⁾
Burma (see Myanmar)			Nicaragua	NA	NI
Cambodia	CD	KH	Niger	NI	NE
Cameroon	KA	CM	Nigeria	WN	NG
Central African Republic	ZR	CF	Oman	MU	OM
Chad	TS	TD	Panama	PM	PA
Chile	CE	CL	Papua New Guinea	PP	PG
China	RC	CN	Paraguay	PG	PY
Congo	CF	CG	Poland	PO	PL
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia)			Republic of Korea	KS	KR
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KN	KP	Romania	RU	RO
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CB	ZR/CD ⁽⁷⁾	Sierra Leone	WL	SL
Dominican Republic	DR	DO	Sri Lanka	CL	LK
East Timor (see Timor-Leste)	–	–	Sweden	SW	SE
Egypt	ET	EG	Syrian Arab Republic	SR	SY
El Salvador	SL	SV	Timor-Leste	TP	TL ⁽⁹⁾
Ethiopia	EA	ET	Togo	TO	TG
Finland	SF	FI	Tonga	TI	TO
Gambia	GE	GM	Trinidad and Tobago	TD	TT
Germany	DT	DE	United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Guatemala	GU	GT	Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo)		
Guinea	GI	GN	Zambia	ZB	ZM
Haiti	HI	HT			
Holy See	CV	VA			
Honduras	HO	HN			
Ireland	EI	IE			

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ANNEX , SECTION 2

LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978,
BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia	CS
Democratic Yemen	SY/YD ⁽¹⁰⁾
German Democratic Republic	DL/DD ⁽¹¹⁾
International Patent Institute	IB
Soviet Union	SU
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro	YU ⁽¹²⁾

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III

PROCEDURE FOR THE REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.3

1. The International Bureau would revise the short form of names of states, territories and names of intergovernmental organizations in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify the members of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS members) the revision as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding the short form of state names as adopted by the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM). With regard to territory names or where a deviation from state names in UNTERM is required, the International Bureau would also revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the necessary changes based on established WIPO practice reflecting official requests by the states concerned. With regard to names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau would similarly revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the changes identified or received by the International Bureau from the intergovernmental organizations concerned; and

(b) The International Bureau would then publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 on WIPO's website, followed by a notification informing the CWS members of the publication of the revision

2. With regard to a revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 other than the names mentioned in paragraph 1 above, such as changes to two-letter codes, the International Bureau should prepare a proposal for the revision for consideration and approval by the CWS members as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. In particular, in regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of states and territories, the International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes already adopted by ISO 3166/MA. With regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau will prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating a suitable two-letter code representing the organization concerned;

(b) The International Bureau would issue a circular inviting the CWS members to consider the proposal and respond within two months;

(c) If consensus is reached within the two-month period, then the International Bureau would publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3; and

(d) If consensus is not reached, the International Bureau proposal, together with the remarks submitted, would be forwarded to the following CWS session for consideration and final decision.

[End of Annex III and of Standard]

- (1) Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In the case of the European Patent Office, it is the operational organ of the European Patent Organization.
- (2) The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.
- (3) In the electronic database of the International Register of Marks, the International Bureau of WIPO uses the following additional codes, not part of the active codes of Standard ST.3: "DD" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the Federal Republic of Germany; "DT" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the German Democratic Republic.

- (4) The code “WO” is used in relation to the international publication under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of international applications filed with any PCT receiving Office, as well as in the publication of international deposits of industrial designs under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (33) given in WIPO Standards [ST.9](#) and [ST.80](#). The code “WO” is also the appropriate code to be used with respect to international registrations of marks under the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The code “IB” is used in relation to the receipt of international applications under the PCT filed with the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office.
- (5) Provisional name.
- (6) Code BF adopted in 1984.
- (7) Code CD adopted in 1997.
- (8) Code MM adopted in 1989.
- (9) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
- (10) Code SY used before 1.1.1978.
- (11) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.
- (12) Subsequent to the country name change of “Yugoslavia” to “Serbia and Montenegro”, that took effect on February 4, 2003, and to the decision by the ISO 3166/MA to use the new country name and new two-letter code “CS” (to replace “YU”), which was announced on July 23, 2003, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group agreed, at its fifth session, in November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code “YU” continue to be used for “Serbia and Montenegro” in the industrial property field because code “CS” raised certain problems due to its former use to represent “Czechoslovakia” until 1993.
- (13) The acronym or abbreviation of an entity is not part of its name.**
- (14) The two-letter codes “EP”, “EM”, and “QZ” must be used to indicate the corresponding Office defined in this Standard while the Code “EU” must be used to indicate other institutions in the European Union. Additionally, the codes must be used in the following situations:**
- “EP” for documentation and information related to patents administered by the European Patent Office (EPO);**
- “EM” for documentation and information related to European Union Trademarks and European Union Industrial Designs administered by the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and for the designation of the European Union in the Madrid and Hague Systems;**
- “QZ” for documentation and information related to Community Plant Variety Rights administered by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO); and**
- “EU” for documentation and information related to other rights applicable in the European Union and not covered by the codes “EP”, “EM” and “QZ”, such as marketing authorizations approved by the European Medicines Agency or geographical indications protected under EU legislation.**