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Re: Timeliness and Comprehensiveness of Legal Status Data of PCT Cases

Dear Mr. Takagi

In advance of the upcoming CWS meeting in March 2016, we noticed the paper **CWS/4BIS/7**. It refers to the legal status data of PCT cases entering/not entering the national/regional phase. As we know, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS), according to Task No. 23, monitors “the inclusion, in databases, of information about the entry, and, where applicable, the non-entry into the national (regional) phase of published PCT international applications”. The International Bureau and the EPO should report at meetings of the CWS every second year on the progress of the said Task. This item has been on the agenda of the PDG's IMPACT Working Group for some years.

The results of the EPO report (Annex 1, paragraph 3) generated major concerns within the user community mainly with regard to the following statement:

“... - for 10 authorities the deliveries from WIPO are outdated (over 2 years old)”

We would like to strongly recommend making offices aware of the major interest of users in accessing this data in a timely and comprehensive manner. This PDG letter may also be shared with the participants of the Committee of WIPO Standards (CWS) in March 2016 at WIPO. This issue will be on the agenda of the 71th Meeting of the PDG's IMPACT Working Group, which will take place in April 14-15, 2016 at Shell in The Hague.

Any questions on these issues should be sent directly to the Chairman of the PDG's IMPACT Working Group, Dr. Peter Kallas (peter.kallas@basf.com).

Kind regards



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