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Forty-Eighth Session
Geneva, March 24 to 27, 2025

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

adopted by the Committee

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. Mr. Liu Jian (China) acted as Chair. Ms. Lina Mickienė (Lithuania) and Mr. Sergio Chuez Salazar (Peru) acted as Vice-Chairs.

2. The Chair opened the forty-eighth session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT).

3. 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.

4. Mr. Marcus Höpperger (WIPO) acted as Secretary to the SCT.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. The SCT adopted the draft Agenda (document SCT/48/1 Prov.4).

AGENDA ITEM 3: ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND TWO VICE-CHAIRS FOR SCT/49

6. The SCT elected, for the forty-ninth session of the SCT, Ms. Lilyclaire Bellamy (Jamaica) as Chair, and Ms. Kateřina Dlabolová (Czech Republic) and Ms. Tlalane Augustina Sebeko (Lesotho) as Vice-Chairs.

AGENDA ITEM 4: INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Updated Proposal by the Delegations of Canada, Israel, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the European Union and its member states for a Joint Recommendation Concerning Industrial Design Protection for Designs for Graphical User Interfaces (document SCT/44/6 Rev.4)

Proposal by the African Group for a Study on the Impact of Design Protection for Graphical User Interface (GUI) Designs on Innovation (document SCT/46/5)

7. The SCT considered documents SCT/44/6 Rev.4 and SCT/46/5.

8. The Chair concluded that the SCT will continue, at its next session, the discussion on document SCT/44/6 Rev.4 and on a revised version of document SCT/46/5 and will consider the proposal to hold a sharing session on GUI design protection at the next session of the SCT.

9. The African Group will invite SCT members to provide comments, in addition to the comments already provided, so that the proponents will prepare a revised version of the document before the next session.

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

10. 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 5: TRADEMARKS

Revised Proposal by the Delegations of Georgia, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates Concerning Examination Guidelines for Trademarks Which Consist of or Contain Country Names or Geographical Names of National Significance (document SCT/43/6 Rev.2)

11. The SCT considered document SCT/43/6 Rev.2.

12. The Chair concluded that the SCT would continue the discussion on a revised version of document SCT/43/6 Rev.2 at its next session.

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

13. The SCT considered document SCT/43/9 Rev.

14. The Chair concluded that the SCT will continue, at its next session, the discussion on document SCT/43/9 Rev.

Updated Proposal by the Delegations of Brazil, Ecuador, 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 Domain Name System (DNS) (document SCT/41/6 Rev.2)

15. The SCT considered document SCT/41/6 Rev.2.

16. The Chair concluded that the SCT decided to maintain document SCT/41/6 Rev.2 on the agenda of the SCT and to re-open the discussion thereof upon new developments.

Update on Trademark-Related Aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS) (document SCT/48/2)

17. The SCT considered document SCT/48/2.

18. The SCT requested the Secretariat to keep members informed of future developments in the DNS.

Proposal by the Delegations of Ecuador and Peru on Nation Brands (document SCT/48/3)

19. The SCT considered document SCT/48/3.

20. The Chair concluded that the SCT will continue, at its next session, the discussion on document SCT/48/3.

AGENDA ITEM 6: GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

21. The Chair concluded that the SCT agreed:

- to hold an information session on geographical indications in conjunction with the forty-ninth session of the SCT on the following topics:
  - Inclusive governance of geographical indications and sustainability
  - Plant names and geographical indications
- to invite members to present, to the forty-ninth session of the SCT, proposals for topics for an information session on geographical indications, to be held in conjunction with the fiftieth session of the SCT.

AGENDA ITEM 7: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

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

AGENDA ITEM 8: CLOSING OF THE SESSION

23. The Chair closed the session on March 27, 2025.

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