

RE: WIPO: Request for Information Pursuant to the Thirty-Second Session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)

Dear Madame, Sir,

Pursuant to your invitation in C. 9043 from January 28, 2021, we submitted the updated information on certain aspects of patent law, administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms, work-sharing and collaborative activities for search and examination of patent applications and on client attorney privilege, as applicable in the Republic of Croatia.

We would like to thank you for your work done and kindly ask you to again update the information on **Novelty** under the first topic: Certain aspects of the applicable national or regional patent law (http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/annex_ii.html) as we noticed the information remained unchanged. The correct text to be updated is as follows:

An invention shall be considered to be new if it does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art shall be held to comprise everything made available to the public by means of a written or oral description, by use, or in any other way, before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of Croatian patent and utility model applications, and certain European and international patent applications, with an earlier filing date (priority date), published on or after the filing date (priority date).

Likewise, could you please erase number 4 at the bottom of the text in **Exceptions and Limitations of the Rights**, under the same topic.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation on the matter and appreciate your time and effort.

Sincerely,

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