

## **Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications**

**Forty-Seventh Session**  
**Geneva, March 18 to 20, 2024**

### **SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

*adopted by the Committee*

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSION**

1. Ms. Loreto Bresky (Chile) acted as Chair. Ms. Marie Béatrice Nanga Nguete (Cameroon) and Ms. Fatema Al Hosani (United Arab Emirates) acted as Vice-Chairs.
2. The Chair opened the forty-seventh 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/47/1 Prov.2).

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND TWO VICE-CHAIRS FOR SCT/48**

6. The SCT elected, for the forty-eighth session of the SCT, Mr. Liu Jian (China) as Chair, and Ms. Lina Mickienė (Lithuania) and Mr. Sergio Chuez Salazar (Peru) as Vice-Chairs.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION**

7. The SCT adopted the Draft Report of the Third Special Session (document SCT/S3/10 Prov).

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: 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)*

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

9. The SCT agreed to:

- request the Secretariat to organize a virtual information session on GUI design protection prior to the next session of the SCT;
- continue, at its next session, the discussion on document SCT/44/6 Rev.4 and on a revised version of document SCT/46/5.

*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 6: 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.

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

13. The SCT considered document SCT/43/9.
14. The Chair concluded that the SCT decided to maintain document SCT/43/9 on the agenda of the SCT and to re-open the discussion thereof upon receipt of a revised proposal providing new developments.

*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.)*

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

*Returns to the Questionnaire on Nation-Brand Protection in Member States (document SCT/43/8 Rev.4)*

17. The SCT considered document SCT/43/8 Rev.4.
18. The SCT took note of the announcement by the Delegations of Ecuador and Peru that they would present a proposal on this topic for discussion at the next session of the SCT.

*Update on Trademark-Related Aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS) (document SCT/47/2)*

19. The SCT considered document SCT/47/2.
20. The SCT requested the Secretariat to keep members informed of future developments in the DNS.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS**

21. The SCT considered all proposals made.
22. The Chair concluded that the SCT agreed:
  - to hold two half-day information sessions on geographical indications in conjunction with the forty-eighth session of the SCT;
  - that the program for those information sessions would consist of the following topics:
    - o Value of geographical indications around the world
    - o Recognition of geographical indications as valid rights in the domain name dispute resolution procedures: recent developments and prospects

- To invite members to present, to the forty-eighth session of the SCT, proposals for topics for an information session on geographical indications, to be held in conjunction with the forty-ninth session of the SCT.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 9: CLOSING OF THE SESSION**

24. The Chair closed the session on March 20, 2024.

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