

INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS BY THE CHAIR ON FUTURE WORK

1. Exceptions and Limitations to Patent Rights

- (a) Document SCP/18/3 will be updated based on further submission of, or supplements to, answers by Member States and regional offices to the questionnaire. Those answers will also be posted on the SCP electronic forum.
- (b) The Secretariat will prepare case studies on how the following [3] exceptions and limitations are implemented in practice in Member States:
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)

2. Quality of Patents, including Opposition Systems

- (a) With a view to facilitating a better understanding of processes and measures put in place by member States' to ensure that the grant or refusal of patents is in line with each State's legal requirements, the Secretariat will invite Member States and Observers of the SCP to submit information on the following:
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
- [...]

The Committee shared the understanding that the above information will be used for the purpose of sharing information among SCP members and observers, and is not intended to lead to a benchmarking exercise.

- (b) The Secretariat will update document SCP/18/4 based on the comments and information received from SCP members.
- (c) The Secretariat will present, on the SCP electronic forum, the information contained in the above document in a format that facilitates the access to information on national and regional laws and practices regarding opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms.

3. Patents and Health

- (a) The Secretariat will prepare a study on [Markush claims].
- (b) The Secretariat will prepare a [literature survey on the impact of patent systems in providing lifesaving medicines to developing countries].

4. Client-Patent Advisor Privilege

The Secretariat will prepare a document examining in detail court decisions that are relevant to cross-border issues in the area of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors.

5. Transfer of Technology

(a) The Secretariat will revise document SCP/18/8 to further explore and present practical examples and experiences of the patent system as an incentive or an impediment to technology transfer, with an emphasis on responding to the concerns expressed by some member States that the current document insufficiently addresses impediments.

(b) The Secretariat will organize a seminar on practical examples and experiences in the area of patents and transfer of technology [on the margins][at the beginning] of the next session of the SCP.