

Five Topics under the SCP (SCP/16 to SCP/21): Proposals, Studies, Seminars and Other Activities

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	Exceptions and Limitations to Patent Rights	Quality of Patents, including Opposition Systems	Patents and Health	Confidentiality of Communications between Patent Advisors and Their Clients	Transfer of Technology
SCP/16	• Draft Questionnaire (SCP/16/3 Rev.) amended and adopted.	• Preliminary study on opposition system (SCP/14/5) discussed.	• WIPO, WHO and WTO Secretariats presented their work in relation to patents and health.	• Study on confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors (SCP/16/4 Rev.) discussed.	• Revised preliminary study on transfer of technology (SCP/14/4 Rev.) discussed.
	- Proposal by Brazil (SCP/14/7) discussed.	- Proposal by Canada and the UK (SCP/16/5) discussed.	- Proposal by South Africa on behalf of the DAG (SCP/16/7 and 7 Corr.) discussed.		
Between SCP/16 and SCP/17	- Questionnaire sent to Member States and Regional Offices				

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SCP/17	• Compilation of the responses to the Questionnaire (SCP/17/3 and 3 Add.) discussed.	• Revised preliminary study on opposition systems (SCP/17/9 and 9Add.) discussed.	• WIPO activities on patents and health (SCP/17/4) discussed. • WIPO, WHO and WTO Secretariats presented their work in relation to patents and health.	• National and regional practices regarding cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors (SCP/17/5) discussed.	• Revised preliminary study on transfer of technology (SCP/14/4 Rev.2) discussed. • Seminar on patents and transfer of technology organized by the WIPO Chief Economist on the margins of the SCP.
	----- - Proposal by Brazil (SCP/14/7) discussed.	----- - Proposal by Denmark (SCP/17/7) and revised proposal by Canada and the UK (SCP/17/8) discussed. - Proposal by the US (SCP/17/10) submitted.	----- - Proposal by South Africa on behalf of the DAG (SCP/16/7 and 7Corr.) discussed. - Proposal by the US (SCP/17/11) submitted.		

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SCP/18	• Summary of the responses to the Questionnaire (SCP/18/3) discussed.	• Opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms (SCP/18/4) discussed.	• Projects and activities on patents and health in WIPO, WHO and the WTO (SCP/18/5) discussed.	• Approaches and possible remedies to cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors (SCP/18/6) discussed.	• WIPO's activities on transfer of technology (SCP/18/7) discussed. • Practical examples and experiences regarding patent-related incentives and impediments to transfer of technology (SCP/18/8) discussed.
	- Proposal by Brazil (SCP/14/7) discussed.	- Proposal by Denmark (SCP/17/7), proposals by Canada and the UK (SCP/17/8 and SCP/18/9) and proposal by the US (SCP/17/10) discussed.	- Proposal by South Africa on behalf of the DAG (SCP/16/7 and 7Corr.) and proposal by the US (SCP/17/11) discussed.		

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SCP/19	• Summary of the responses to the Questionnaire (SCP/18/3) discussed.	• Opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms (SCP/18/4) discussed.	• Projects and activities on patents and health in WIPO, WHO and the WTO (SCP/18/5) discussed.	• Approaches and possible remedies to cross-border aspects of confidentiality of communications between clients and patent advisors (SCP/18/6) discussed.	• WIPO's activities on transfer of technology (SCP/18/7) discussed. • Practical examples and experiences regarding patent-related incentives and impediments to transfer of technology (SCP/18/8) discussed.
	- Proposals by Brazil (SCP/14/7 and SCP/19/6) discussed.	- Proposal by Denmark (SCP/17/7), proposals by Canada and the UK (SCP/17/8 and SCP/18/9), proposals by the US (SCP/17/10 and SCP/19/4) and proposal by Spain (SCP/19/5) discussed.	- Proposal by South Africa on behalf of the DAG (SCP/16/7 and 7Corr.) and proposal by the US (SCP/17/11) discussed.		

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SCP/20	• Implementation of five exceptions and limitations in Member States (SCP/20/3 to 7) discussed. • 1/2 day seminar on the above five exceptions and limitations held.	• Work-sharing programs among patent offices and use of external information for search and examination (SCP/20/8) discussed.	• Sharing session on countries' use of health-related patent flexibilities held.	• Compilation of laws, practices and other information concerning confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors (SCP/20/9) discussed.	• Further practical examples and experiences regarding patent-related incentives and impediments to transfer of technology (SCP/20/10) discussed.
	- Proposals by Brazil (SCP/14/7 and SCP/19/6) discussed.	- Proposal by Denmark (SCP/17/7), proposals by Canada and the UK (SCP/17/8 and SCP/18/9), proposals by the US (SCP/17/10 and SCP/19/4), proposal by Spain (SCP/19/5) and proposal by the Republic of Korea, UK and US (SCP/20/11 Rev.) discussed.	- Proposal by South Africa on behalf of the DAG (SCP/16/7 and 7Corr.) and proposal by the US (SCP/17/11) discussed.		
Between SCP/20 and SCP/21		• WIPO webpage (PCT-PPH) on work sharing initiatives revised.		• Information contained in SCP/20/9 re-formatted on the SCP electronic forum.	

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SCP/21	• Implementation of the other four exceptions and limitations in Member States (SCP/21/3, 4 Rev, 5 Rev, 6 and 7) discussed. • ½ day seminar on the above four exceptions and limitations held.	• Sharing session regarding Member States' experiences on international work sharing and collaboration held.	• Study on the role of patent systems in promoting innovative medicines and in fostering the technology transfer necessary to make generic and patented medicines available in developing countries /LDCs (SCP/21/8) discussed. • Feasibility study on the disclosure of INN in patent applications and patents (SCP/21/9) discussed.	• ½ day seminar on the confidentiality of advice from patent advisors and practical experiences of clients as well as patent advisors held.	• Further practical examples and experiences regarding patent-related incentives and impediments to transfer of technology (SCP/21/10) discussed.
	- Proposals by Brazil (SCP/14/7 and SCP/19/6) discussed.	- Proposal by Denmark (SCP/17/7), proposals by Canada and the UK (SCP/17/8 and SCP/18/9), proposals by the US (SCP/17/10 and SCP/19/4), proposal by Spain and other Member States of the European Union	- Proposal by South Africa on behalf of the DAG (SCP/16/7 and 7Corr.) and proposal by the US (SCP/17/11) discussed.		

SCP/21 (cont'd)		(SCP/19/5 Rev.) and proposal by the Republic of Korea, UK and US (SCP/20/11 Rev.) discussed.			
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