

STANDARD ST.3

RECOMMENDED STANDARD ON TWO-LETTER CODES FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to intellectual property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of intellectual property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of intellectual property.
- 2. The designation of States or other entities in this Recommended Standard does not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever concerning the legal status of any State or territory, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.
- 3. The two-letter alphabetic codes in this Recommended Standard are aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Codes listed in International Standard ISO 3166-1, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions Part 1: Country Codes", which is available on the Online Browsing Platform of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The short form of state names in this Recommended Standard is aligned with the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM) with a few exceptions. These exceptions, as well as the territory names, are based on established WIPO practice, reflecting official requests by the states concerned.

RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

- 4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by intellectual property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
- 5. The recommended codes with respective names are contained in Annex I in two sections, organized as follows:
- (i) Section 1 presents a list of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in alphabetic sequence of their short names and their corresponding codes;
- (ii) Section 2 presents the codes referred to in (i) in alphabetic order and the corresponding (short) names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations.
- 6. In addition to the said recommended codes, the two-letter alphabetic code "XX" is recommended to refer to unknown states, other entities or organizations.

MAINTENANCE

- 7. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166. WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work.
- 8. The International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard at intervals following the decisions of the Maintenance Agency and of the respective WIPO body with regard to the inclusion of new two-letter alphabetic codes or the amending of existing two-letter alphabetic codes. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of states and territories, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following UNTERM with a few exceptions described in paragraph 3 above. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following communications received from the intergovernmental organization concerned and established WIPO practice in this regard. The revision procedure of this Recommended Standard is provided in Annex III.

IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

- 9. To assist users of documents relating to intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, Annex II, Section 1, to this Recommended Standard lists those States for which the code in force prior to January 1, 1978, was subsequently replaced by a new code. A list of States or organizations, with their respective codes, that ceased to exist is given in Annex II. Section 2.
- 10. The codes contained in Annex I to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.
- 11. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XT, XW, XY, XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]



ANNEX I, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE OF THEIR SHORT NAMES, AND THEIR CORRESPONDING CODES

AFGHANISTAN		CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic	
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGAN	NOITASIN	Republic of the Congo)	
(OAPI) ^{(1) (13)}	OA	CONGO	CG
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL		COOK ISLANDS	CK
PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO)(1) (13)	AP	COSTA RICA	CR
ALBANIA	AL	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	CI
ALGERIA	DZ	CROATIA	HR
ANDORRA	AD	CUBA	CU
ANGOLA	AO	CURAÇAO	CW
ANGUILLA	Al	CYPRUS	CY
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	CZECHIA	CZ
ARGENTINA	AR		
ARMENIA	AM	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC	
ARUBA	AW	OF KOREA	ΚP
AUSTRALIA	AU	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF	131
AUSTRIA	AT		CD
AZERBAIJAN		THE CONGO	
AZLINDAIVAIN	<i></i>	DENMARK	DK
		DJIBOUTI	DJ
BAHAMAS	BS	DOMINICA	DM
BAHRAIN	BH	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
BANGLADESH	BD		
BARBADOS	BB	ECUADOR	EC
BELARUS	BY	EGYPT	EG
BELGIUM	BE	EL SALVADOR	
BELIZE	BZ		
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL	م	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ
	DV	ERITREA	ER
PROPERTY (BOIP)(2) (13)	BX	ESTONIA	EE
BENIN	BJ	ESWATINI	SZ
BERMUDA	BM	ETHIOPIA	ΕT
BHUTAN	BT	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION	
BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)	ВО	(EAPO) ^{(1) (13)}	EΑ
BONAIRE, SINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA	BQ	EÙROPÉAN UNION ⁽¹⁴⁾	EU
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPER	TY
BOTSWANA	BW	OFFICE (EUIPO)(13) (14)	EM.
BOUVET ISLAND	BV	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)(1)(13)(14).	EP
BRAZIL		LUNOPLANTATEINT OFFICE (LPO) ** * * *.	LF
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	VG		
BIGITION VIICON IOL/ II VIICON III VIICON III VIICON III VIICON III VIICON II VIICON I	VO	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	FK
		FAROE ISLANDS	FΟ
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN	FIJI	FJ
BULGARIA		FINLAND	FI
BURKINA FASO	BF	FRANCE	FR
BURUNDI	BI		
		CARON	Ω Λ
CAMBODIA	KH	GABON	_
		GAMBIA	
CAMEROON	CA	GEORGIA	
O, 110 (D) (O/ (GERMANY ⁽³⁾	DE
CABO VERDE	CV	GHANA	GH
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KY	GIBRALTAR	GI
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CF	GREECE	GR
CHAD	TD	GREENLAND	GL
CHILE	CL	GRENADA	GD
CHINA	CN	GUATEMALA	GT
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE		GUERNSEY	GG
(EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO)(13) (14)	QZ	GUINEA	
COLOMBIA	CO		GN
COMOROS	KM	GUINEA-BISSAU	GW



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CUI E COORERATION COUNCIL (P-tt		MONTENEODO	
GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent		MONTENEGRO	
Office of the Cooperation Council for		MONTSERRAT	
the Arab States of the Gulf)		MOROCCO	. MA
GUYANA	GY	MOZAMBIQUE	. MZ
		MYANMAR	. MM
HAITI	HT		
HOLY SEE	VA	NAMIBIA	. NA
HONDURAS		NAURU	
HONG KONG, CHINA		NEPAL	
HUNGARY	HU	NETHERLANDS (KINGDOM OF THE)	. NL
		NEW ZEALAND	. NZ
ICELAND	IS	NICARAGUA	. NI
	IN	NIGER	
INDIA		NIGERIA	
INDONESIA	ID	NIUE	_
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE			
WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY		NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI)(1) (13)	
ORGANIZATION (WIPO)(4) (13)	IB, WO	NORTH MACEDONIA	
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE		NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	. MP
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES		NORWAY	. NO
OF PLANTS (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾	XU		
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	IR	OMAN	OM
		OWAN	Olvi
IRAQ	IQ		
IRELAND	ΙE	PAKISTAN	. PK
ISLE OF MAN	IM	PALAU	PW
ISRAEL	IL	PANAMA	PA
ITALY	IT	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	
		PARAGUAY	_
LANANCA	18.4		. FI
JAMAICA	JM	PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION	
JAPAN	JP	COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF	
JERSEY	JE	THE GULF (GCC PATENT OFFICE)(13)	GC
JORDAN	JO	PERU	. PE
		PHILIPPINES	PH
KAZAKHSTAN	KZ	POLAND	PL
		PORTUGAL	
KENYA	KE	1 OI(100/12	
KIRIBATI	KI		
KOREA (see Democratic People's		QATAR	. QA
Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea)			
KUWAIT	KW	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	. KR
KYRGYZSTAN	KG	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	
		ROMANIA	
LAG DEGDI EIG DEMOGDATIG DEDUDI IG			_
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	LA	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	_
LATVIA	LV	RWANDA	. RW
LEBANON	LB		
LESOTHO	LS	SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION AND	
LIBERIA	LR	TRISTAN DA CUNHA	SH
LIBYA	ΙY	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	
LIECHTENSTEIN	LI		
LITHUANIA	LT	SAINT LUCIA	. LC
	= :	SAINT VINCENT AND	
LUXEMBOURG	LU	THE GRENADINES	. VC
		SAMOA	
MACAO, CHINA	MO	SAN MARINO	SM
MADAGASCAR	MG	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	
MALAWI	MW	SAUDI ARABIA	
MALAYSIA	MY	SENEGAL	
MALDIVES	MV	SERBIA	
MALI	ML	SEYCHELLES	_
MALTA	MT	SIERRA LEONE	SL
MARSHALL ISLANDS	MH	SINGAPORE	SG
MAURITANIA	MR	SINT MAARTEN (DUTCH PART)	
MAURITIUS	MU	SLOVAKIA	
MEXICO	MX	SLOVENIA	
	IVIA	SOLOMON ISLANDS	
MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova)	MO		
MONACO	MC	SOMALIA	
MONGOLIA	MN	SOUTH AFRICA	. ZA



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SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH		UGANDA	UG
SANDWICH ISLANDS	GS	UKRAINE	UA
SOUTH SUDAN	SS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	AE
SPAIN	ES	UNITED KINGDOM	GB
SRI LANKA	LK	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	TZ
SUDAN	SD	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	US
SURINAME		URUGUAY	UY
SWEDEN	SE	UZBEKISTAN	UZ
SWITZERLAND			
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	SY	VANUATU	VU
		VATICAN CITY STATE (see Holy See)	
TAIWAN PROVINCE OF CHINA	TW	VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)	VE
TAJIKISTAN	TJ	VIET NAM	VN
TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)		VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI)(1)(13)	XV
THAILAND	TH	,	
TIMOR-LESTE	TL	WESTERN SAHARA(5)	EH
TOGO	TG	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	
TONGA	TO	ORGANIZATION (WIPO)	
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TT	(INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF)(4) (13)	WO. IB
TUNISIA		(,
TÜRKIYE	TR	YEMEN	YF
TURKMENISTAN	TM		1 L
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	TC	ZANADIA	71.4
TUVALU	TV	ZAMBIA	
		ZIMBABWE	ZW

[Section 2 follows]



ANNEX I, SECTION 2

LIST OF CODES, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE, AND THE CORRESPONDING (SHORT) NAMES OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

۸۵	A mada musa	DIC	Danmark
AD	Andorra	DK	Denmark
ΑE	United Arab Emirates	DM	Dominica
AF	Afghanistan	DO	Dominican Republic
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	DZ	Algeria
Αl	Anguilla		
AL	Albania	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)(1) (13)
AM	Armenia	EC	Ecuador
AO	Angola	EE	Estonia
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property	EG	Egypt
,	Organization (ARIPO) ⁽¹⁾ (13)	EH	Western Sahara ⁽⁵⁾
AR	Argentina	EM	European Union Intellectual Property Office
AT	Austria		(EUIPO) ⁽¹³⁾ (14)
		EP	European Patent Office (EPO) (1) (13) (14)
AU	Australia		
AW	Aruba	ER	Eritrea
ΑZ	Azerbaijan	ES	Spain
		ET	Ethiopia
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	EU	European Union ⁽¹⁴⁾
BB	Barbados		
BD	Bangladesh	FI	Finland
BE	Belgium	FJ	Fiji
BF	Burkina Faso	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
BG	Bulgaria	FO	Faroe Islands
BH	Bahrain	FR	France
BI	Burundi		
		GA	Gabon
BJ	Benin	GB	United Kingdom
BM	Bermuda	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GC	
во	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)		for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	0.0	Office) ⁽¹³⁾
BR	Brazil	GD	Grenada
BS	Bahamas	GE	Georgia
BT	Bhutan	GG	Guernsey
BV	Bouvet Island	GH	Ghana
BW	Botswana	GI	Gibraltar
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) ⁽²⁾	GL	Greenland
DΛ	(13)	GM	Gambia
DV		GN	Guinea
BY	Belarus	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
ΒZ	Belize	GR	Greece
•		GS	
CA	Canada		South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	GT	Guatemala
CF	Central African Republic	GW	Guinea-Bissau
CG	Congo	GY	Guyana
CH	Switzerland		
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	HK	Hong Kong, China
CK	Cook Islands	HN	Honduras
CL	Chile	HR	Croatia
CM	Cameroon	HT	Haiti
CN	China	HU	Hungary
CO	Colombia		5 ,
		IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual
CR	Costa Rica		Property Organization (WIPO)(4) (13)
CU	Cuba	ID	Indonesia
CV	Cabo Verde	ΙΕ	Ireland
CW	Curaçao	IL	Israel
CY	Cyprus		
CZ	Czechia	IM	Isle of Man
		IN	India
DE	Germany ⁽³⁾	IQ	Iraq
DJ	Djibouti	IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
		IS	Iceland



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IT	Italy	OA	African Intellectual Property
	large		African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)(1) (13)
JE JM	Jersey Jamaica	ОМ	Oman
JO	Jordan	PA	Panama
JP	Japan	PE	Peru
		PG	Papua New Guinea
KE	Kenya	PH PK	Philippines Pakistan
KG KH	Kyrgyzstan Cambodia	PL	Poland
ΚΠ	Kiribati	PT	Portugal
KM	Comoros	PW	Palau
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	PY	Paraguay
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	QA	Qatar
KR	Republic of Korea	QZ	Community Plant Variety Office
KW	Kuwait	α_	(European Union) (CPVO) ⁽¹³⁾ (14)
KY KZ	Cayman Islands Kazakhstan		
ΝZ		RO	Romania
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	RS	Serbia Russian Federation
LB	Lebanon	RU RW	Russian Federation Rwanda
LC	Saint Lucia	LVA	rwanua
LI LK	Liechtenstein Sri Lanka	SA	Saudi Arabia
LR	Liberia	SB	Solomon Islands
LS	Lesotho	SC SD	Seychelles Sudan
LT	Lithuania	SE	Sweden
LU	Luxembourg	SG	Singapore
LV	Latvia	SH	Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
LY	Libya	SI	Slovenia
MA	Morocco	SK	Slovakia
MC	Monaco	SL	Sierra Leone
MD	Republic of Moldova	SM SN	San Marino Senegal
ME	Montenegro	SO	Somalia
MG MH	Madagascar Marshall Islands	SR	Suriname
MK	North Macedonia	SS	South Sudan
ML	Mali	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MM	Myanmar	SV	El Salvador
MN	Mongolia	SX SY	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
MO	Macao, China	SZ	Syrian Arab Republic Eswatini
MP MR	Northern Mariana Islands Mauritania		
MS	Montserrat	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MT	Malta	TD TG	Chad
MU	Mauritius	TH	Togo Thailand
MV	Maldives	TJ	Tajikistan
MW	Malawi	TL	Timor–Leste
MX	Melavaia	TM	Turkmenistan
MY MZ	Malaysia Mozambigue	TN	Tunisia
	'	TO	Tonga
NA	Namibia	TR TT	Türkiye Trinidad and Tobago
NE	Niger	TV	Tuvalu
NG NI	Nigeria Nicaragua	TW	Taiwan Province of China
NL	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NO	Norway	UA	Ukraine
NP	Nepal	UG	Uganda Uganda
NR	Nauru	US	United States of America
NU	Niue	UY	Uruguay
NZ	New Zealand	UZ	Uzbekistan



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VA	Holy See	XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) ^{(1) (13)}	
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	XU	International Union for the Protection of New	
VE	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		Varieties of Plants (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾	
VG	British Virgin Islands	XV	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)(1) (13)	
VN	Viet Nam	YE	Yemen	
VU	Vanuatu	16	remen	
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) ⁽⁴⁾ (¹³⁾	ZA ZM	South Africa Zambia	
WS	Samoa	ZW	Zimbabwe	

[Annex II follows]



ANNEX II, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES IN RESPECT OF WHICH CODES HAVE CHANGED

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania Algeria Austria	AN AG OE	AL DZ AT
Bahrain Bangladesh Barbados Benin Bhutan Botswana Burkina Faso Burma (see Myanmar)	BB BA BD DA BH BT UV	BH BD BB BJ BT BW HV/BF ⁽⁶⁾
Cambodia Cameroon Central African Republic Chad Chile China Congo	CD KA ZR TS CE RC CF	KH CM CF TD CL CN CG
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia) Democratic People's Republic of Korea Democratic Republic of the Congo Dominican Republic	KN CB DR	KP ZR/CD ⁽⁷⁾ DO
East Timor (see Timor–Leste)	-	-
Egypt El Salvador Ethiopia	ET SL EA	EG SV ET
Finland	SF	FI
Gambia Germany Guatemala Guinea	GE DT GU GI	GM DE GT GN
Haiti Holy See Honduras	HI CV HO	HT VA HN
Ireland	EI	ΙE

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Japan	JA	JP
Kuwait	KU	KW
Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Madagascar Mali Malta Mauritania Mauritius Mongolia Myanmar	MD MJ ML MT MS MO BU	MG ML MT MR MU MN MM ⁽⁸⁾
Nicaragua Niger Nigeria	NA NI WN	NI NE NG
Oman	MU	ОМ
Panama Papua New Guinea Paraguay Poland	PM PP PG PO	PA PG PY PL
Republic of Korea Romania	KS RU	KR RO
Sierra Leone Sri Lanka Sweden Syrian Arab Republic	WL CL SW SR	SL LK SE SY
Timor–Leste Togo Tonga Trinidad and Tobago	TP TO TI TD	TL ⁽⁹⁾ TG TO TT
United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo) Zambia	ZB	ZM

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ANNEX II, SECTION 2

LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978, BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia	
Democratic Yemen	SY/YD(10)
German Democratic Republic	DL/DD(11)
International Patent Institute	IB
Soviet Union	
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro	YU ⁽¹²⁾

[Annex III follows]



ANNEX III

PROCEDURE FOR THE REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.3

- 1. The International Bureau would revise the short form of names of states, territories and names of intergovernmental organizations in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify the members of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS members) the revision as follows:
- (a) The International Bureau would revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding the short form of state names as adopted by the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM). With regard to territory names or where a deviation from state names in UNTERM is required, the International Bureau would also revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the necessary changes based on established WIPO practice reflecting official requests by the states concerned. With regard to names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau would similarly revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the changes identified or received by the International Bureau from the intergovernmental organizations concerned; and
- (b) The International Bureau would then publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 on WIPO's website, followed by a notification informing the CWS members of the publication of the revision.
- 2. With regard to a revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 other than the names mentioned in paragraph 1 above, such as changes to two-letter codes, the International Bureau should prepare a proposal for the revision for consideration and approval by the CWS members as follows:
- (a) The International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. In particular, in regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of states and territories, the International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes already adopted by ISO 3166/MA. With regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau will prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating a suitable two-letter code representing the organization concerned;
- (b) The International Bureau would issue a circular inviting the CWS members to consider the proposal and respond within two months;
- (c) If consensus is reached within the two-month period, then the International Bureau would publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3; and
- (d) If consensus is not reached, the International Bureau proposal, together with the remarks submitted, would be forwarded to the following CWS session for consideration and final decision.

⁽¹⁾ Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In the case of the European Patent Office, it is the operational organ of the European Patent Organization.

The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands (Kingdom of the) with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.

In the electronic database of the International Register of Marks, the International Bureau of WIPO uses the following additional codes, not part of the active codes of Standard ST.3: "DD" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the Federal Republic of Germany; "DT" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the German Democratic Republic.

The code "WO" is used in relation to the international publication under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of international applications, the publication of international design registrations under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the Hague Agreement), and the publication of international registrations of marks under the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (19) in WIPO Standards ST.9 and ST.80, as well as to INID code (190) in WIPO Standard ST.60. The code "IB" is used in relation to the filling of international applications with the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office, and to the filling of international industrial design applications under the Hague Agreement. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (33) in WIPO Standards ST.9 and ST.80.

⁽⁵⁾ Provisional name.

⁽⁶⁾ Code BF adopted in 1984.



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- (7) Code CD adopted in 1997.
- (8) Code MM adopted in 1989.
- (9) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
- (10) Code SY used before 1.1.1978.
- (11) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.
- Subsequent to the country name change of "Yugoslavia" to "Serbia and Montenegro", that took effect on February 4, 2003, and to the decision by the ISO 3166/MA to use the new country name and new two-letter code "CS" (to replace "YU"), which was announced on July 23, 2003, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group agreed, at its fifth session, in November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code "YU" continue to be used for "Serbia and Montenegro" in the intellectual property field because code "CS" raised certain problems due to its former use to represent "Czechoslovakia" until 1993.
- (13) The acronym or abbreviation of an entity is not part of its name.
- The two-letter codes "EP", "EM", and "QZ" must be used to indicate the corresponding Office defined in this Standard while the Code "EU" must be used to indicate other institutions in the European Union. Additionally, the codes must be used in the following situations:

"EP" for documentation and information related to patents administered by the European Patent Office (EPO);

"EM" for documentation and information related to European Union Trademarks and European Union Industrial Designs administered by the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and for the designation of the European Union in the Madrid and Hague Systems;

"QZ" for documentation and information related to Community Plant Variety Rights administered by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO); and

"EU" for documentation and information related to other rights applicable in the European Union and not covered by the codes "EP", "EM" and "QZ", such as marketing authorizations approved by the European Medicines Agency or geographical indications protected under EU legislation.

[End of Annex III and of Standard]