

Standing Committee on
IP and Green Technology

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Chair: Bertram HUBER

Responsible Reporter: Ralph Nack

1) Report on the activities of the Standing Committee during the reporting period

After intensive discussions, the committee completed and finalized a detailed Report describing the present state of debate, the specific concerns and ideas tabled and resultant proposals for further procedure. The Report is entitled "Climate Change and Environmental Technologies - The Role of Intellectual Property, esp. Patents". It was made available at the Toronto Congress and later specifically sent to stakeholders in a large number of organisations throughout the world. Quite a few of the responses received were very positive and appreciative of the work done by the committee members.

In the advent of the important meeting of the 21st Conference of Parties (COP 21) of the UNFCCC which aims at the conclusion of an international agreement, the committee decided to follow closely what is happening at various organisations internationally, and has hence distributed the task of routinely following among the committee members.

The committee will hold a workshop at the forthcoming AIPPI Congress in Rio de Janeiro/BR, Panel Session III: "Green technology: a changing climate for IP rights". It will take place on Monday, 12 October 2015, 16:00 - 17:30, at the Congress venue.

2) Key issues/developments relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Standing Committee (arising during the reporting period or coming up)

The 21st Conference of Parties (COP 21) of the UNFCCC which aims at conclusion of an international agreement, will be held in Paris/FR in November/December 2015. Several members of the committee are planning to be in Paris during (part of) the conference, inter alia attending and speaking at side events held in parallel to the official COP. Obviously, any debates during the next months and any results generated will have to be monitored and, if need be, commented by the committee, to the extent they fall into the scope of responsibility of the committee.

Quite generally, it should be noted that it is realistic to assume that the core issues debated in the context of IP and Green Tech will likely have an important impact on IP in general, also in other field of technology. This relates, e. g., to the general view taken on transfer of technology, a topic of crucial importance in the context of levelling the existing development and wealth differences between industrialized and developing countries.

3) Any recommendation for AIPPI involvement/action (describe what involvement/action is recommended)

and why, by whom and relevant time frames)

It is recommended that AIPPI be officially accredited to the UNFCCC conferences. This would allow the committee to follow at a first hand level the deliberations of the government representatives. A respective application to UNFCCC is in the making.

Further, whenever the need arises, AIPPI should speak up to defend IP rights either via the committee or by any other appropriate organ of the association.

4) Plan for the activities of the Standing Committee for the next reporting period highlighting any priorities

At the Rio de Janeiro/BR Congress, besides the workshop mentioned above under 1, the committee will hold a meeting, likely on Monday, 12 October 2015, 09:00-10:30, location still to be defined.

The committee should continuously monitor and follow the debate and arguments around IP and climate change during and following COP 21. In this context, especially the activities of the Technology Executive Committee of the Technology Mechanism of UNFCCC are to be monitored. It will also continue its monitoring of related activities of other organisations as already practiced previously.

The committee also plans to liaise with the Standing Committee on Trademarks (212) about the topic of "ecolabels".

If deemed appropriate, the formulation of a specific working question may also turn out to be another important topic for the work of the committee.

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