

Standing Committee on

TRIPS

2015



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REPORT

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Chair: Ivan HJERTMAN
Responsible Reporter: Yusuke Inui

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

The Committee set three priorities for the reporting period:

- to continue the monitoring and reporting functions of the Committee
- to continue to uphold working relations with the TRIPS Council Secretariat
- to organise a TRIPS related workshop during the Rio de Janeiro World Congress

During the reporting period, the Committee organised meetings as follows:

- an internal meeting September 14, 2014, during the Toronto World Congress, with participation of Giulio Sironi, Chair Standing Committee on GIs
- a meeting September 16, 2014 during the Toronto World Congress with the TRIPS Council Secretariat representative attending the Toronto World Congress
- internal telemeetings/webinars with its leadership team February 24 and March 23, 2015
- webinars/telemeetings with the full Committee April 23 and June 16, 2015, and intends to hold such meeting September 3, 2015
- contact meeting June 25, 2015, with the TRIPS Council Secretariat at the WTO premises in Geneva

The Committee also

- by its Chair Ivan Hjertman, held a 10 minutes presentation on the (as then named) Special Committee Q94 TRIPS at the September 15, 2014, meeting of the Executive Committee during the Toronto World Congress. A link to the presentation was included in the AIPPI e-News No. 38, October 2014
- attended, by its leadership team, the breakfast meeting September 16, 2014 during the Toronto World Congress with Standing Committee leaderships, the Programme Committee, and the Reporter General Team
- on December 4, 2014, proposed TRIPS related workshop topics for the World Congress in Rio de Janeiro. These proposals were not accepted.
- by Committee member Irina Ozolina, publication of an article in AIPPI e-News No. 38, October 2014, on substantial amendments to the Russian IP laws to enter into force
- prepared a "Review of developments in selected WTO/TRIPS topics during the period from July 15, 2014, to March 1, 2015". This review was distributed April 2, 2015, to Committee members, to Konrad Becker, Chair Standing Committee IP and genetic resources/traditional knowledge, who also is member of Standing Committee TRIPS, to the RGT, and to Giulio Sironi, Chair Standing Committee GIs
- upon suggestion April 24, 2015, from the RGT team, and in line with earlier discussions held with TRIPS Council Secretariat representatives, prepared and submitted in consultation with the RGT a proposal for an AIPPI workshop during the WTO Public Forum September 30 to October 2, 2015. The RGT had suggested that also the Standing Committees GIs and FTAs would get involved, however that did not

materialise. The TRIPS Committee proposal was accepted by the WTO organisers. The general topic for the 2015 Public Forum is "Trade works". The theme of the AIPPI workshop is "IP: a Trade Resource". Focus of the workshop will be on the role of IP as a trade resource from the perspective of the impact of IP rights and innovation on international trade, with subtopics such impact in relation to collaboration between innovators in cross-country projects; TRIPS and public health; Trademarks: securing traders' identities in a global world; and a country example: India, development of an IP policy. A presentation of AIPPI and its work will also be included.

- raised with the RGT/the Bureau the matter of AIPPI representation at the WTO 10th Ministerial Conference December 15-18, 2015, in Nairobi

- 2) Key issues/developments relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Standing Committee (arising during the reporting period or coming up)
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1. The AIPPI workshop during the WTO Public Forum September 30-October 2, 2015. Online registration for the Public Forum open until September 24, 2015.

2. Possible AIPPI representation at the WTO 10th Ministerial Conference December 15-18, 2015

- 3) Any recommendation for AIPPI involvement/action (describe what involvement/action is recommended and why, by whom and relevant time frames)
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The Committee recommends the Bureau/the RGT to decide that AIPPI shall be represented at the WTO 10th Ministerial Conference in Nairobi December 15-18, 2015. Deadline for submitting requests for NGO accreditation is October 16, 2015 (midnight GMT). Deadline for registering individuals for accepted NGOs is November 13, 2015 (midnight GMT). Details on the registration procedure are provided on www.wto.org [http://www.wto.org] .

- 4) Plan for the activities of the Standing Committee for the next reporting period highlighting any priorities
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The Committee notes that negotiations in the TRIPS Council since a number of years are not actually moving, and that the outcome of the WTO discussions under the decision at the 9th WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali 2013 to set up a work plan for finalising the Doha Round by end July, 2015, remains to be seen. Even so, the Committee recommends that its priorities between the AIPPI World Congresses in Rio de Janeiro 2015 and in Milan 2016 remain as they were set for the present reporting period. In the opinion of the TRIPS Committee, it is necessary for AIPPI to continue to monitor TRIPS related issues and to maintain working relations with the TRIPS Council Secretariat. Accordingly, the TRIPS Committee sets the following priorities for the period between the Rio de Janeiro and the Milan World Congresses:

- to continue the monitoring and reporting functions of the Committee
- to continue to uphold working relations with the TRIPS Council Secretariat
- to organise a TRIPS related workshop during the Milan World Congress.

Names and Functions of Committee Members

Chair	Ivan HJERTMAN	Sweden
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	Gustavo LEONARDOS	Brazil
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