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Bilateral, trilateral and other Agreements covering IP issues

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In accordance with the previous Annual Report of the Special Committee Q184, prepared in Paris, on October 2010, and, considering the latest developments which took place worldwide producing bilateral, trilateral and other free trade agreements, we have the following updated issues:

EGYPT (by Samir M. Hamza and Ahmed Abou Ali)

There have been no developments in the area of Free Trade Agreements between Egypt and other countries since our last report that was submitted to the AIPPI Congress in Paris. Therefore, there are no new developments to report in this respect. Negotiations with the USA on a Free Trade Agreement with Egypt are currently at a freeze.

GERMANY (by Christian Lederer)

Concerning the developments since last year, I may report as follows:

1. A Free Trade Agreement (FTA) has been signed between the European Union (EU) and South Korea which is applicable since 1 July 2011.
2. An Association Agreement between the EU and Peru and Colombia has been parographed on 24 March 2011.

3. A further Association Agreement of the EU with the Central American states (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama) has been paragraphed on 22 March 2011.
4. The envisaged FTA of the EU with India is still heavily discussed and further delayed.
5. Negotiations about a FTA between the EU and Japan have been started in May 2011.
6. An Association Agreement between the EU and the Ukraine is under negotiation.
7. Negotiations about a FTA between the EU and Malaysia started on 5 October 2010. Negotiations are ongoing.

CHILE (by Andrés Melossi)

On August 5, 2011 Chile became full member of the TLT.

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From 2009 the Chilean Parliament is discussing a bill for adapting the legislation for the UPOV 1991.

There are no new Free Trade Agreements that change the standard of protection in IP, different from those already reported on September of 2009.

PERU (by Maria Del Carmen Arana Courrejolles)

Peru has concluded various Free Trade Agreements with other countries, as follows:

Peru – Panamá
Peru – Korea
Peru – Costa Rica
Peru – Japan

(Peter Siemsen's note): As we have only received copies of the Free Trade Agreements in Spanish, we were unable to provide a translation of them in time for this preliminary report.

MEXICO (by Alfredo Rangel)

There have been no developments and/or changes concerning Free Trade Agreements in Mexico. The following is a summary of the existing FTAs in Mexico. Mexico has a network of FTAs with 43 countries, in three different continents.

Mexico's network of FTAs includes:

1994 – NAFTA between Mexico, United States and Canada
1995 – G3 FTA between Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia. As of 2007, only Mexico and Colombia.
1995 – Mexico-Costa Rica FTA.
1995 – Mexico-Bolivia FTA.
1998 – Mexico-Nicaragua FTA.
1999 - Mexico-Chile FTA.

2000 – Mexico-EU FTA.
2000 – Mexico-Israel FTA.
2001 – Mexico-European Free Trade Association EFTA.
2001 – Mexico-Triangulo del Norte FTA between Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.
2004– Mexico-Uruguay FTA.
2005– Mexico-Japan EPA.

CANADA (by Morgan Bruce)

I wish to offer the following brief comments on the status of Free Trade Agreements and Negotiations in which Canada is involved.

An FTA was signed with Colombia in 2008 and entered into force on August 15, 2011 - Adopts GATT XI - No IP specific provisions except certain Appellations of Origin.

Other existing Agreements involving Canada:

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement/ Canada, United States, Mexico) 1994
Chile 1997
Israel 1997
Costa Rica 2002
Peru 2009
Jordan 2009
Korea
EFTA (European Free Trade Association) 2009
Panama 2010

Negotiations underway:

Turkey
Ukraine
Morocco
CARICOM
Dominican Republic
Central American Four (Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador)
India
Singapore
EU - requires compliance with terms of TRIPS and many related aspects of copyright (Berne, Rome etc), trademarks (Madrid, and Singapore TM Treaty), designs (Hague Agreement), as well as specific terms relating to geographical indications - proposes that Canada now implement the PLT.