



Report Q94 TRIPS

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1. Title

Annual Report of Special Committee Q 94 TRIPS for the AIPPI International meeting in Toronto September 14-17, 2014, by Ivan Hjertman in consultation with the Committee membership

2. Summary

2.1. Current and future issues

The main tasks of the Committee, as listed in its Terms of Reference, are

- to monitor and advise the Bureau and AIPPI members on developments relating to the WTO/TRIPS Agreement and its implementation

- to study and advise the Bureau and AIPPI members on proposed amendments of or additions to the TRIPS Agreement

- to formulate and, with the approval of the Bureau, to submit and represent the standpoint of AIPPI vis-à-vis WTO/TRIPS

- to monitor international developments which impact on the WTO position/negotiations on TRIPS

- to monitor activities of other international and regional bodies (GOs and NGOs) in relation to WTO/TRIPS

The Committee also has the task to advise the Bureau on

- developments in the IP field rendering intervention of AIPPI desirable
- specific TRIPS-related issues meriting further study
- information and instruction to AIPPI representatives at GO meetings on TRIPS-related issues
- possibilities of cooperation with other NGOs and GOs in the IP field

The Committee has, in addition, the special instructions

- to coordinate its activities in regard to WTO/TRIPS-related aspects of Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Folklore with Special Committee Q166, and
- to inform, in addition to the Bureau, the Chair and the members of the Programme Committee and the Committee Officers and members of other AIPPI Committees of relevant Q94 activities and seek, if necessary, their advice and cooperation in formulating the views and reports of the Committee Q94.

2.2. Deadline for any action

(deadline to be set) To suggest topics for a workshop during the AIPPI International meeting in Rio de Janeiro 2015

2.3. Action recommended

Bureau/RGT approval of forthcoming Committee suggestion of TRIPS related topics for a TRIPS workshop during the Rio de Janeiro International meeting 2015

3. Introduction

The main task of the Special Committee Q94 TRIPS since the Helsinki International meeting in September 2013 has been to monitor TRIPS related developments in the context of WTO/the TRIPS Council

4. Report of Committee's activities

4.1 Report against the priorities set for the reporting period

The Committee set three priorities for the reporting period:

- to continue its monitoring and reporting functions
- to continue to uphold working relations with the TRIPS Council Secretariat
- to organise a TRIPS related workshop during the Toronto International meeting

In regard to its said first two priorities, the Committee

- has been following discussions and decisions in the TRIPS Council
- attended the WTO Public Forum in Geneva October 1-3, 2013
- attended the WTO 9th Ministerial Conference on Bali December 3-7, 2013
- held contact meetings with the TRIPS Council Secretariat during the Helsinki International meeting and on July 14, 2014, in Geneva
- provided the Bureau, the RGT, the Programme Committee and Special Committees Q166 and Q220 with Reviews of selected WTO/TRIPS topics dated December 15, 2013, and July 17, 2014

In regard to its third priority, the Committee suggested topics for a TRIPS related workshop during the Toronto International meeting. However, the proposed topics were not selected.

4.2 Activities of Special Committee during reporting period.

The Committee

- held an internal meeting September 7, 2013, during the Helsinki International meeting
- held a brief contact meeting with the TRIPS Council Secretariat during the Helsinki International meeting
- held a contact meeting with the TRIPS Council Secretariat on July 14, 2014, at the WTO in Geneva
- attended the breakfast meeting September 9, 2013 during the Helsinki International meeting for Special Committee leaderships, the Reporter General Team and the Programme Committee
- held telemeetings with its membership on November 27, 2013, February 25, 2014, and June 5, 2014
- held telemeeting with its leadership team on November 5, 2013
- attended the WTO Public Forum in Geneva October 1-3, 2013. A report is published on the Committee webpage on the AIPPI website
- attended the WTO 9th Ministerial Conference on Bali December 3-7, 2013. A report is published on the Committee webpage on the AIPPI website
- suggested topics for a TRIPS related workshop during the Toronto International meeting
- contributed an article in AIPPI eNews February, 2014, in regard to a TRIPS related decision in the CJEU (Court of Justice of the EU)
- provided the Bureau and Special Committees Q166 and Q220 with Reviews of selected WTO/TRIPS topics dated December 15, 2013 and July 17, 2014

5. Recommendations

5.1 Although the negotiations in the TRIPS Council since a number of years are not actually moving, the Committee recommends that its priorities for the period between the AIPPI International meetings in Toronto 2014 and in Rio de Janeiro 2015 remain as they were set for the present reporting period. In the opinion of the Committee, it is necessary for AIPPI to continue to monitor TRIPS related issues and to maintain working relations with the TRIPS Council Secretariat.

5.2 Accordingly, the Committee sets the following priorities for the period between the Toronto and the Rio de Janeiro International meetings:

- 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 International meeting.

July 17, 2014