Report of the Harmonisation Committee (HC)

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This report completed on 10 August 2015 covers the period since my previous report dated 12 May 2015. The Harmonisation Committee deals with all questions concerning the worldwide harmonisation of Patent Law, and in particular within the framework of WIPO.

22nd Session of the SCP

The 22nd session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP 22) was held in Geneva, from the 27th to the 31th of July 2015, epi was represented.

The WIPO Secretariat presented a Study on the various international interpretations and applications of the inventive step requirement and a Study on the various international interpretations and applications of the sufficiency of disclosure requirement.

The meeting papers, including the two presentations shown during the meeting and the Summary by the Chair, are available on the WIPO website:


The Standing Committee agreed that it would continue in a fact-finding capacity only and would not pursue harmonisation objectives at this stage.

23rd Session of the SCP

At the end of SCP 22, no dates were given for the 23rd session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP 23).

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