

### STANDARD ST.3

#### RECOMMENDED STANDARD ON TWO-LETTER CODES FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

*Revision performed by the International Bureau in accordance with the revision procedure  
provided in Annex III of this Standard in September 2023*

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to intellectual property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of intellectual property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of intellectual property.
2. The designation of States or other entities in this Recommended Standard does not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever concerning the legal status of any State or territory, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.
3. The two-letter alphabetic codes in this Recommended Standard are aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Codes listed in International Standard ISO 3166-1, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes", which is available on the [Online Browsing Platform](#) of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The short form of state names in this Recommended Standard is aligned with the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM) with a few exceptions. These exceptions, as well as the territory names, are based on established WIPO practice, reflecting official requests by the states concerned.

#### RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by intellectual property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
5. The recommended codes with respective names are contained in Annex I in two sections, organized as follows:
  - (i) Section 1 presents a list of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in alphabetic sequence of their short names and their corresponding codes;
  - (ii) Section 2 presents the codes referred to in (i) in alphabetic order and the corresponding (short) names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations.
6. In addition to the said recommended codes, the two-letter alphabetic code "XX" is recommended to refer to unknown states, other entities or organizations.

#### MAINTENANCE

7. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166. WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work.
8. The International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard at intervals following the decisions of the Maintenance Agency and of the respective WIPO body with regard to the inclusion of new two-letter alphabetic codes or the amending of existing two-letter alphabetic codes. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of states and territories, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following UNTERM with a few exceptions described in paragraph 3 above. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following communications received from the intergovernmental organization concerned and established WIPO practice in this regard. The revision procedure of this Recommended Standard is provided in Annex III.

#### IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

9. To assist users of documents relating to intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, Annex II, Section 1, to this Recommended Standard lists those States for which the code in force prior to January 1, 1978, was subsequently replaced by a new code. A list of States or organizations, with their respective codes, that ceased to exist is given in Annex II, Section 2.
10. The codes contained in Annex I to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.
11. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XT, XW, XY, XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]

**ANNEX I, SECTION 1**

LIST OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE OF THEIR SHORT NAMES,  
AND THEIR CORRESPONDING CODES

AFGHANISTAN .....	AF	CONGO (see Congo, below ; Democratic Republic of the Congo)	
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) <sup>(1) (13)</sup> .....	OA	CONGO .....	CG
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) <sup>(1) (13)</sup> .....	AP	COOK ISLANDS .....	CK
ALBANIA .....	AL	COSTA RICA .....	CR
ALGERIA .....	DZ	CÔTE D'IVOIRE .....	CI
ANDORRA .....	AD	CROATIA .....	HR
ANGOLA .....	AO	CUBA .....	CU
ANGUILLA .....	AI	CURAÇAO .....	CW
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA .....	AG	CYPRUS .....	CY
ARGENTINA .....	AR	CZECHIA .....	CZ
ARMENIA .....	AM		
ARUBA .....	AW	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA .....	KP
AUSTRALIA .....	AU	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO .....	CD
AUSTRIA .....	AT	DENMARK .....	DK
AZERBAIJAN .....	AZ	DJIBOUTI .....	DJ
		DOMINICA .....	DM
		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC .....	DO
BAHAMAS .....	BS	ECUADOR .....	EC
BAHRAIN .....	BH	EGYPT .....	EG
BANGLADESH .....	BD	EL SALVADOR .....	SV
BARBADOS .....	BB	EQUATORIAL GUINEA .....	GQ
BELARUS .....	BY	ERITREA .....	ER
BELGIUM .....	BE	ESTONIA .....	EE
BELIZE .....	BZ	ESWATINI .....	SZ
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (BOIP) <sup>(2) (13)</sup> .....	BX	ETHIOPIA .....	ET
BENIN .....	BJ	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO) <sup>(1) (13)</sup> .....	EA
BERMUDA .....	BM	EUROPEAN UNION <sup>(14)</sup> .....	EU
BHUTAN .....	BT	EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (EUIPO) <sup>(13) (14)</sup> .....	EM
BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF) .....	BO	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) <sup>(1) (13) (14)</sup> ..	EP
BONAIRE, SINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA .....	BQ		
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA .....	BA	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS) .....	FK
BOTSWANA .....	BW	FAROE ISLANDS .....	FO
BOUVET ISLAND .....	BV	FJI .....	FJ
BRAZIL .....	BR	FINLAND .....	FI
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS .....	VG	FRANCE .....	FR
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM .....	BN	GABON .....	GA
BULGARIA .....	BG	GAMBIA .....	GM
BURKINA FASO .....	BF	GEORGIA .....	GE
BURUNDI .....	BI	GERMANY <sup>(3)</sup> .....	DE
		GHANA .....	GH
CAMBODIA .....	KH	GIBRALTAR .....	GI
CAMEROON .....	CM	GREECE .....	GR
CANADA .....	CA	GREENLAND .....	GL
CABO VERDE .....	CV	GRENADA .....	GD
CAYMAN ISLANDS .....	KY	GUATEMALA .....	GT
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC .....	CF	GUERNSEY .....	GG
CHAD .....	TD	GUINEA .....	GN
CHILE .....	CL	GUINEA-BISSAU .....	GW
CHINA .....	CN		
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO) <sup>(13) (14)</sup> .....	QZ		
COLOMBIA .....	CO		
COMOROS .....	KM		

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf)		MONTENEGRO .....	ME
GUYANA .....	GY	MONTserrat .....	MS
HAITI .....	HT	MOROCCO .....	MA
HOLY SEE .....	VA	MOZAMBIQUE .....	MZ
HONDURAS .....	HN	MYANMAR .....	MM
HONG KONG, CHINA .....	HK	NAMIBIA .....	NA
HUNGARY .....	HU	NAURU .....	NR
ICELAND .....	IS	NEPAL .....	NP
INDIA .....	IN	NETHERLANDS (KINGDOM OF THE) .....	NL
INDONESIA .....	ID	NEW ZEALAND .....	NZ
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) <sup>(4) (13)</sup> .....	IB, WO	NICARAGUA .....	NI
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS (UPOV) <sup>(13)</sup> .....	XU	NIGER .....	NE
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) .....	IR	NIGERIA .....	NG
IRAQ .....	IQ	NIUE .....	NU
IRELAND .....	IE	NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI) <sup>(1) (13)</sup> .....	XN
ISLE OF MAN .....	IM	NORTH MACEDONIA .....	MK
ISRAEL .....	IL	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS .....	MP
ITALY .....	IT	NORWAY .....	NO
JAMAICA .....	JM	OMAN .....	OM
JAPAN .....	JP	PAKISTAN .....	PK
JERSEY .....	JE	PALAU .....	PW
JORDAN .....	JO	PANAMA .....	PA
KAZAKHSTAN .....	KZ	PAPUA NEW GUINEA .....	PG
KENYA .....	KE	PARAGUAY .....	PY
KIRIBATI .....	KI	PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC PATENT OFFICE) <sup>(13)</sup> .....	GC
KOREA (see Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea)		PERU .....	PE
KUWAIT .....	KW	PHILIPPINES .....	PH
KYRGYZSTAN .....	KG	POLAND .....	PL
LAO PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ...	LA	PORTUGAL .....	PT
LATVIA .....	LV	QATAR .....	QA
LEBANON .....	LB	REPUBLIC OF KOREA .....	KR
LESOTHO .....	LS	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA .....	MD
LIBERIA .....	LR	ROMANIA .....	RO
LIBYA .....	LY	RUSSIAN FEDERATION .....	RU
LIECHTENSTEIN .....	LI	RWANDA .....	RW
LITHUANIA .....	LT	SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA .....	SH
LUXEMBOURG .....	LU	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS .....	KN
MACAO, CHINA .....	MO	SAINT LUCIA .....	LC
MADAGASCAR .....	MG	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES .....	VC
MALAWI .....	MW	SAMOA .....	WS
MALAYSIA .....	MY	SAN MARINO .....	SM
MALDIVES .....	MV	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE .....	ST
MALI .....	ML	SAUDI ARABIA .....	SA
MALTA .....	MT	SENEGAL .....	SN
MARSHALL ISLANDS .....	MH	SERBIA .....	RS
MAURITANIA .....	MR	SEYCHELLES .....	SC
MAURITIUS .....	MU	SIERRA LEONE .....	SL
MEXICO .....	MX	SINGAPORE .....	SG
MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova)		SINT MAARTEN (DUTCH PART) .....	SX
MONACO .....	MC	SLOVAKIA .....	SK
MONGOLIA .....	MN	SLOVENIA .....	SI
		SOLOMON ISLANDS .....	SB
		SOMALIA .....	SO
		SOUTH AFRICA .....	ZA

SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS .....	GS	UGANDA .....	UG
SOUTH SUDAN.....	SS	UKRAINE .....	UA
SPAIN .....	ES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES .....	AE
SRI LANKA .....	LK	UNITED KINGDOM .....	GB
SUDAN .....	SD	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA .....	TZ
SURINAME .....	SR	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA .....	US
SWEDEN .....	SE	URUGUAY .....	UY
SWITZERLAND .....	CH	UZBEKISTAN .....	UZ
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC .....	SY		
		VANUATU .....	VU
TAIWAN PROVINCE OF CHINA .....	TW	VATICAN CITY STATE (see Holy See)	
TAJIKISTAN .....	TJ	VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) ..	VE
TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)		VIET NAM .....	VN
THAILAND .....	TH	VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI) <sup>(1)(13)</sup> ..	XV
TIMOR-LESTE .....	TL		
TOGO .....	TG	WESTERN SAHARA <sup>(5)</sup> .....	EH
TONGA .....	TO	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)	
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO .....	TT	(INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) <sup>(4)(13)</sup> .....	WO, IB
TUNISIA .....	TN		
TÜRKIYE .....	TR	YEMEN .....	YE
TURKMENISTAN .....	TM		
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS .....	TC	ZAMBIA .....	ZM
TUVALU .....	TV	ZIMBABWE .....	ZW

[Section 2 follows]

**ANNEX I, SECTION 2**

LIST OF CODES, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE, AND THE CORRESPONDING (SHORT) NAMES  
OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AD	Andorra	DK	Denmark
AE	United Arab Emirates	DM	Dominica
AF	Afghanistan	DO	Dominican Republic
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	DZ	Algeria
AI	Anguilla	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) <sup>(1) (13)</sup>
AL	Albania	EC	Ecuador
AM	Armenia	EE	Estonia
AO	Angola	EG	Egypt
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) <sup>(1) (13)</sup>	EH	Western Sahara <sup>(5)</sup>
AR	Argentina	EM	European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) <sup>(13) (14)</sup>
AT	Austria	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) <sup>(1) (13) (14)</sup>
AU	Australia	ER	Eritrea
AW	Aruba	ES	Spain
AZ	Azerbaijan	ET	Ethiopia
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	EU	European Union <sup>(14)</sup>
BB	Barbados	FI	Finland
BD	Bangladesh	FJ	Fiji
BE	Belgium	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
BF	Burkina Faso	FO	Faroe Islands
BG	Bulgaria	FR	France
BH	Bahrain	GA	Gabon
BI	Burundi	GB	United Kingdom
BJ	Benin	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office) <sup>(13)</sup>
BM	Bermuda	GD	Grenada
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GE	Georgia
BO	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	GG	Guernsey
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	GH	Ghana
BR	Brazil	GI	Gibraltar
BS	Bahamas	GL	Greenland
BT	Bhutan	GM	Gambia
BV	Bouvet Island	GN	Guinea
BW	Botswana	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(13)</sup>	GR	Greece
BY	Belarus	GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
BZ	Belize	GT	Guatemala
CA	Canada	GW	Guinea-Bissau
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	GY	Guyana
CF	Central African Republic	HK	Hong Kong, China
CG	Congo	HN	Honduras
CH	Switzerland	HR	Croatia
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	HT	Haiti
CK	Cook Islands	HU	Hungary
CL	Chile	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) <sup>(4) (13)</sup>
CM	Cameroon	ID	Indonesia
CN	China	IE	Ireland
CO	Colombia	IL	Israel
CR	Costa Rica	IM	Isle of Man
CU	Cuba	IN	India
CV	Cabo Verde	IQ	Iraq
CW	Curaçao	IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
CY	Cyprus	IS	Iceland
CZ	Czechia		
DE	Germany <sup>(3)</sup>		
DJ	Djibouti		

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IT	Italy	OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(13)</sup>
JE	Jersey	OM	Oman
JM	Jamaica	PA	Panama
JO	Jordan	PE	Peru
JP	Japan	PG	Papua New Guinea
KE	Kenya	PH	Philippines
KG	Kyrgyzstan	PK	Pakistan
KH	Cambodia	PL	Poland
KI	Kiribati	PT	Portugal
KM	Comoros	PW	Palau
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	PY	Paraguay
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	QA	Qatar
KR	Republic of Korea	QZ	Community Plant Variety Office (European Union) (CPVO) <sup>(13)</sup> <sup>(14)</sup>
KW	Kuwait		
KY	Cayman Islands		
KZ	Kazakhstan		
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	RO	Romania
LB	Lebanon	RS	Serbia
LC	Saint Lucia	RU	Russian Federation
LI	Liechtenstein	RW	Rwanda
LK	Sri Lanka	SA	Saudi Arabia
LR	Liberia	SB	Solomon Islands
LS	Lesotho	SC	Seychelles
LT	Lithuania	SD	Sudan
LU	Luxembourg	SE	Sweden
LV	Latvia	SG	Singapore
LY	Libya	SH	Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
MA	Morocco	SI	Slovenia
MC	Monaco	SK	Slovakia
MD	Republic of Moldova	SL	Sierra Leone
ME	Montenegro	SM	San Marino
MG	Madagascar	SN	Senegal
MH	Marshall Islands	SO	Somalia
MK	North Macedonia	SR	Suriname
ML	Mali	SS	South Sudan
MM	Myanmar	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MN	Mongolia	SV	El Salvador
MO	Macao, China	SX	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
MR	Mauritania	SZ	Eswatini
MS	Montserrat	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MT	Malta	TD	Chad
MU	Mauritius	TG	Togo
MV	Maldives	TH	Thailand
MW	Malawi	TJ	Tajikistan
MX	Mexico	TL	Timor-Leste
MY	Malaysia	TM	Turkmenistan
MZ	Mozambique	TN	Tunisia
NA	Namibia	TO	Tonga
NE	Niger	TR	Türkiye
NG	Nigeria	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
NI	Nicaragua	TV	Tuvalu
NL	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	TW	Taiwan Province of China
NO	Norway	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NP	Nepal	UA	Ukraine
NR	Nauru	UG	Uganda
NU	Niue	US	United States of America
NZ	New Zealand	UY	Uruguay
		UZ	Uzbekistan

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VA	Holy See	XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) <sup>(1) (13)</sup>
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	XU	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) <sup>(13)</sup>
VE	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	XV	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) <sup>(1) (13)</sup>
VG	British Virgin Islands	YE	Yemen
VN	Viet Nam	ZA	South Africa
VU	Vanuatu	ZM	Zambia
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) <sup>(4) (13)</sup>	ZW	Zimbabwe
WS	Samoa		

[Annex II follow s]

**ANNEX II, SECTION 1**

LIST OF STATES IN RESPECT OF WHICH CODES HAVE CHANGED

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978	Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania	AN	AL	Japan	JA	JP
Algeria	AG	DZ	Kuwait	KU	KW
Austria	OE	AT	Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Bahrain	BB	BH	Madagascar	MD	MG
Bangladesh	BA	BD	Mali	MJ	ML
Barbados	BD	BB	Malta	ML	MT
Benin	DA	BJ	Mauritania	MT	MR
Bhutan	BH	BT	Mauritius	MS	MU
Botswana	BT	BW	Mongolia	MO	MN
Burkina Faso	UV	HV/BF <sup>(6)</sup>	Myanmar	BU	MM <sup>(6)</sup>
Burma (see Myanmar)			Nicaragua	NA	NI
Cambodia	CD	KH	Niger	NI	NE
Cameroon	KA	CM	Nigeria	WN	NG
Central African Republic	ZR	CF	Oman	MU	OM
Chad	TS	TD	Panama	PM	PA
Chile	CE	CL	Papua New Guinea	PP	PG
China	RC	CN	Paraguay	PG	PY
Congo	CF	CG	Poland	PO	PL
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia)			Republic of Korea	KS	KR
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KN	KP	Romania	RU	RO
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CB	ZR/CD <sup>(7)</sup>	Sierra Leone	WL	SL
Dominican Republic	DR	DO	Sri Lanka	CL	LK
East Timor (see Timor-Leste)	–	–	Sweden	SW	SE
Egypt	ET	EG	Syrian Arab Republic	SR	SY
El Salvador	SL	SV	Timor-Leste	TP	TL <sup>(9)</sup>
Ethiopia	EA	ET	Togo	TO	TG
Finland	SF	FI	Tonga	TI	TO
Gambia	GE	GM	Trinidad and Tobago	TD	TT
Germany	DT	DE	United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Guatemala	GU	GT	Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo)		
Guinea	GI	GN	Zambia	ZB	ZM
Haiti	HI	HT			
Holy See	CV	VA			
Honduras	HO	HN			
Ireland	EI	IE			

[Section 2 follows]



**ANNEX II, SECTION 2**

LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978,  
BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia .....	CS
Democratic Yemen .....	SY/YD <sup>(10)</sup>
German Democratic Republic .....	DL/DD <sup>(11)</sup>
International Patent Institute .....	IB
Soviet Union .....	SU
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro .....	YU <sup>(12)</sup>

[Annex III follow s]

### **ANNEX III**

#### **PROCEDURE FOR THE REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.3**

1. The International Bureau would revise the short form of names of states, territories and names of intergovernmental organizations in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify the members of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS members) the revision as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding the short form of state names as adopted by the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM). With regard to territory names or where a deviation from state names in UNTERM is required, the International Bureau would also revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the necessary changes based on established WIPO practice reflecting official requests by the states concerned. With regard to names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau would similarly revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the changes identified or received by the International Bureau from the intergovernmental organizations concerned; and

(b) The International Bureau would then publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 on WIPO's website, followed by a notification informing the CWS members of the publication of the revision.

2. With regard to a revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 other than the names mentioned in paragraph 1 above, such as changes to two-letter codes, the International Bureau should prepare a proposal for the revision for consideration and approval by the CWS members as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. In particular, in regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of states and territories, the International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes already adopted by ISO 3166/MA. With regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau will prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating a suitable two-letter code representing the organization concerned;

(b) The International Bureau would issue a circular inviting the CWS members to consider the proposal and respond within two months;

(c) If consensus is reached within the two-month period, then the International Bureau would publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3; and

(d) If consensus is not reached, the International Bureau proposal, together with the remarks submitted, would be forwarded to the following CWS session for consideration and final decision.

[End of Annex III and of Standard]

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- (1) Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In the case of the European Patent Office, it is the operational organ of the European Patent Organization.
  - (2) The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands (Kingdom of the) with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.
  - (3) In the electronic database of the International Register of Marks, the International Bureau of WIPO uses the following additional codes, not part of the active codes of Standard ST.3: "DD" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the Federal Republic of Germany; "DT" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the German Democratic Republic.

- (4) The code “WO” is used in relation to the international publication under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of international applications filed with any PCT receiving Office, as well as publication of international design registrations under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (33) given in WIPO Standards [ST.9](#) and [ST.80](#). The code “WO” is also the appropriate code to be used with respect to international registrations of marks under the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (330) given in WIPO Standards [ST.60](#). The code “IB” is used in relation to the receipt of international applications under the PCT filed with the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office, and for filing international industrial design applications under the Hague Agreement.
- (5) Provisional name.
- (6) Code BF adopted in 1984.
- (7) Code CD adopted in 1997.
- (8) Code MM adopted in 1989.
- (9) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
- (10) Code SY used before 1.1.1978.
- (11) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.
- (12) Subsequent to the country name change of “Yugoslavia” to “Serbia and Montenegro”, that took effect on February 4, 2003, and to the decision by the ISO 3166/MA to use the new country name and new two-letter code “CS” (to replace “YU”), which was announced on July 23, 2003, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group agreed, at its fifth session, in November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code “YU” continue to be used for “Serbia and Montenegro” in the intellectual property field because code “CS” raised certain problems due to its former use to represent “Czechoslovakia” until 1993.
- (13) The acronym or abbreviation of an entity is not part of its name.
- (14) The two-letter codes “EP”, “EM”, and “QZ” must be used to indicate the corresponding Office defined in this Standard while the Code “EU” must be used to indicate other institutions in the European Union. Additionally, the codes must be used in the following situations:
- “EP” for documentation and information related to patents administered by the European Patent Office (EPO);
- “EM” for documentation and information related to European Union Trademarks and European Union Industrial Designs administered by the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and for the designation of the European Union in the Madrid and Hague Systems;
- “QZ” for documentation and information related to Community Plant Variety Rights administered by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO); and
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