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Current progress

We exchanged views with partner offices on Legal Status proceeding issues, especially on mapping.

WIPO released the fourth draft on Legal Status Data Standard on November 16, 2016, and the Standard is expected to be approved in next CWS meeting.



IP5 Heads Meeting, May 2016:

IP5 offices approved the enhanced scope document of the Legal Status.



To benchmark current status of LS at each office and invite opinions for further LS proceeding:

A survey on Legal Status was sent to IP5.

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Feedback from 5 Offices

on Legal Status Questionnaire sent by SIPO on Nov. 25, 2016

	EPO	JPO	KIPO	SIPO	USPTO
Agree on WIPO' s new standards or not	Basically agree and advise to have 'detailed events' as an annex to the Standard	Yes	yes	Yes, but standardization on Detail Events in the future is also preferred.	Yes, focus on the 19 key events is preferred
When to finish mapping, before DH or Heads meeting	Before DH meeting, possibly in Jan. 2017	Already finished	Before DH meeting	Already finished	Before DH meeting (for 18 events)
Data exchange preference	Bulk among offices; deep link or web services for requests in user interfaces	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk & web service preferred, while deep linking optional	Web service (via GD)
Further suggestions	IP5 family Legal Status overview	Consistence with results of LSTF	Consistence with results of LSTF		A clear and simple standard is preferred, thus focus first on key events is recommended.

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Step/time	EPO	JPO	KIPO	SIPO	USPTO
Agreeing on Common Categories & Prosecution Model	Feb. 2017	June 2017 (after 5th CWS)	May 2017	Jan 2017 if possible, otherwise May 2017	Jan 2017
Mapping	Feb. 2017	Already finished	April 2017	Already finished	April 2017
Reaching consensus on Data exchange means	May 2017, potentially by DH meeting next April	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2017	Sept. 2017
Determining data interface specifications and starting system transformation	End 2017	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018 and expected to finish implementation by 2020.	TBD

Conclusions

- All offices generally agree with the WIPO Standards and most offices suggest to focus on key events currently.
- All offices confirm their readiness to finish mapping before next DH meeting in April, 2017.
- All offices could agree on the Legal Status Common Categories & Prosecution Model no later than June 2017.
- Offices have different opinions towards data exchange means and further discussions are needed.

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- IP5 offices agreed to finish mapping of stage, state and key events before Deputy Heads meeting to be held in April 2017.
- IP5 offices also agreed to reach a consensus on the Legal Status Common Categories & Prosecution Model, ideally with an agreement on detailed events in the Standard, in the next 2 months.
- IP5 offices are expected to discuss and reach a consensus on data exchange means after the mapping is finished and the Legal Status Common Categories and Prosecution Model are approved.



Thanks!