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JNB is concerned about the incompleteness and unavailability of the JTC 1 Patent database system.

1. Requests

Since the development of JTC 1 Patent database system has not been completed, officers and users are imposed to do ineffective work and communication. In order to improve the Patent database system, the National Body of Japan requests ITTF to submit a documented report to the JTC 1 Tel Aviv meeting on:

- current status on the development of JTC 1 Patent database
- improvements to JTC 1 Patent database such as retrieval function
- harmonization of ISO/IEC/ITU database and the future plan (e.g. feasibility of the use of the ITU-T system)

2. Background and current status

[Reply to NB comments]

In accordance with Resolution 24 adopted at the 20th JTC 1 Plenary meeting, 2005-11-10/16, Banff, Canada, it has been expected that the patent database is improved based on JTC 1 N 7968 and completed. However, none of the comments in JTC 1 N 7968 have been addressed, and the JTC 1 Patent database is still just a plain list with no function.

[Interim action]

As an interim action until the JTC 1 Patent database is completed, Resolution 7 was adopted at the JTC 1 Plenary meeting, 2006-11-13/17, South Africa. ITTF submitted its report for the 22nd JTC 1 Plenary meeting, 2007-10-08/13 [JTC 1 N8769]. However, no report was submitted for the last Plenary meeting in Nara, Japan.

[Harmonization]

While developing the database, it was also reported that ISO/IEC/ITU-T common database is under consideration by WSC. The status of development was reported by ITTF in JTC 1 N8769 above. However, we couldn't trace the status after the following oral report during the SWG-D meeting.

Recommendations, SWG-Directives meeting, 2008-03-11/14, London, UK

Contributions from National Bodies on JTC 1 Database of IPR Statements

DOCUMENT: JTC 1 N 8960 (France)

ACTION: Mr. Keith Brannon provides an update on the patent database at each JTC 1 Plenary meeting, and provides IPR Statements to the relevant subcommittees when they are received. Mr. Gabriel Barta informed the group that the IEC Patent Database has been modified as per requests. Neither Mr. Brannon or Mr. Barta had any information on a joint patent policy database of ISO, IEC and ITU

References

[JTC 1 N7968]

The national body of Japan submits the following comments to improve the Patent Database System developed by ITTF.

1. Add a keyword search function preferably with search modes including "search with all of the words" and "search with at least one of the words."

Anticipated keywords are most of all items of the database including Domain, Id Number, Committee Reference, Title, Organization, Patent Title, Patent Number, Patent Country, and Patent date Received.

2. Present possible instances to choose from for ISO document reference (such as 14496-1:2004, 14496-10:2003 and 14496-14:2003), Domain (such as MPEG-1, MPEG-2, and MPEG-4), and Patent Country (such as Japan, UK, and USA) entered as a keyword.

3. It should be considered that the information on the screen could be saved by csv format.

4. In the case that multiple patents are listed on the same "Patent Statement and Licensing Declaration", the items, (1) through (11), in the attached file are common to the all patents whereas the items, (13) through (16) are each patent specific information. Therefore the screen format in the attached file would be convenient and efficient.

[JTC 1 N 8010]

The 20th JTC 1 Plenary Meeting, 2005-11-10/16, Banff, Canada

Resolution 23 – JTC 1 Support for the World Standards Cooperation (WSC) Activity Related to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policies and Patent Database

JTC 1 welcomes and supports the work of the WSC to harmonize IPR policies, prepare a common patent declaration form and develop a common patent database across ISO, IEC and ITU.

Resolution 24 - JTC 1 Comments on the Patent Database

JTC 1 supports the comments contained in documents JTC 1 N 7968 concerning improvements to the patent database and encourages ITTF to take these comments into account in its continued development of the database.

JTC 1 supports the objective of centralizing patent information in a single database of ISO, IEC and ITU. The database should contain all information provided on the Patent Statement and Licensing form. JTC 1 encourages National Bodies and Subcommittees to provide feedback to ITTF on the usability of the newly released database.

JTC 1 Subcommittees are not authorized to create their own individual patent databases.

[JTC 1 N 8426]

The 21st JTC 1 Plenary Meeting, 2006-11-13/17, South Africa

Resolution 7 - Status Report on Patent Database Activities

JTC 1 requests the ITTF to submit, by 1 January 2007, a written report to JTC 1 documenting the ITTF's oral report regarding the latest status of the patent database.

In addition, JTC 1 requests that a written report identifying the number of patent statements the ITTF posted to the database between JTC 1 plenary meetings and from which SCs the statements apply. This report should be submitted by the ITTF prior to each JTC 1 plenary meeting (by the deadline established for each JTC 1 plenary on the submission of documents). Once the report of the WSC on harmonization of the ISO/IEC/ITU-T database is available, the ITTF should also make this document available to JTC 1.

[JTC 1 N8769]

The 22nd JTC 1 Plenary meeting, 2007-09-21, Australia

ITTF's Report on the patent database :

The ISO/IEC/ITU-T coordination group agreed to consider development of a web-based patent portal which would provide information on patents and related standards/recommendations of the three organizations. The overall leadership and coordination of this activity was assigned to ITU-T. Unfortunately, the developments have not so far resulted in the expected portal so that, for the time being, only ITU-T patent information can be queried.

The number of JTC 1 Patent entries since October 2006:

JTC 1/SC 06: 1

JTC 1/SC 27: 13

JTC 1/SC 29: 42

JTC 1/SC 31: 5

JTC 1/SC 34: 1

Total : 62
