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Delegations will find attached a Flash note from the Presidency in relation to the meeting of the Working Party on Intellectual Property taking place on 20 October 2025.



Flash – Working Party on Intellectual Property #4

20 October 2025

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the fourth meeting of the Working Party on Intellectual Property under the Danish Presidency, which will be held on Monday, 20 October 2025.

WIPO related items

The meeting will begin on 20 October at 10:00 with WIPO-related matters.

First, the Commission will debrief from the 23rd session of the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks, held in Geneva from 22 to 26 September 2025.

Then the Commission will debrief from the 14th session of the WIPO Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Designs, held in Geneva from 6 to 8 October 2025.

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Lastly, we will turn to preparations for the 37th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), to be held in Geneva from 3 to 7 November 2025. Delegations will be invited to share their views on the draft statements prepared by the Presidency and the Commission (doc. 13705/25).

SPC's

The meeting will resume the discussions held at the IP Working Party on October 3 where valuable input was provided on the institutional set-up of both the recast and unitary proposals.

Several delegations expressed the wish of embedding the network within the European Patent Organisation (EPO) and for entrusting the EPO with the power to grant and refuse Unitary SPCs.

The Presidency has taken note of the comments provided, and, at the meeting on 20 October, different legal and political options to advance this concept will be explored.

We will start by examining the revised Presidency texts issued on the recast proposal for medicinal products (doc. 13924/25) and the unitary proposal for medicinal products (doc. 13925/25). The articles will be discussed in the order set out in the unitary proposal.

After examining the revised text proposals, we will turn to the discussion paper (WK 13518/2025), which raises a number of questions on the political and legal implications that need to be addressed to explore the possibility of a greater involvement of EPO in the institutional setup and granting process of the unitary SPCs.

We look forward to a constructive exchange at the Working Group meeting and, as always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or comments.

Kind regards,

The Danish Presidency Team

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