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**To all the Members of the AIPPI UAE Group**

**Subject: AIPPI Study Questions- background and purpose**

AIPPI' substantive work is the study of issues of concern in the IP world through Study Committees (SC) formed to study separate Study Questions (SQs). The AIPPI Bureau prepares Guidelines which the national Groups of AIPPI follow in preparing their individual Reports. Preparation of Reports is an opportunity to organize working teams and meetings with members of national Groups to analyze the Study Questions, prepare Reports and to promote the national Groups and the work of AIPPI. This can increase the interest of existing members in the national Groups activities and promote AIPPI to broader domestic IP communities.

These national Reports and the Summary Report prepared by the General Reporter of AIPPI form the basis in the preparation of Draft Resolutions which are then discussed at general Congresses. When a consensus is achieved, a final Resolution is prepared and adopted by the AIPPI Executive Committee.

The topics that the Study Committees have discussed for 2020 were the following:

- Inventorship of inventions made using artificial intelligence.
- Trademark Descriptiveness as a defense
- IP rights in data
- Standing to litigate and effect on remedies

The study questions should always be in English as a matter of formality. As for substantive contents and in according to AIPPI's Protocol and guidelines for preparation of reports, SQs should be according to the following format:

- I. Current law and practice
- II. Policy considerations and possible improvements to your current law
- III. Proposals for harmonisation

In the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the UAE National Group, the following structure was proposed for its Study Groups:

International SQ 1: Inventorship of inventions made using Artificial Intelligence.  
International SQ 2: Trademark Descriptiveness as a defense.

National SQ 1: Filing, Examination and Registration of the temporary protection of TMs, Patents and Industrial Designs during Exhibitions and Expositions.

National SQ 2: Proposal of amendments needed on the current TM and Copyright Laws in the UAE. (This study is being done in collaboration with Brand Protection Group "BPG")

Many members volunteered to work on the above SQs and you can visit (<https://www.aippiuae.org/>) to know the team members who worked on both international and national SQs for 2020.

The members who volunteered to work on the two chosen International Study Questions conducted a thorough assessment of relevant UAE laws as well as the applicable public policies in relation to these subject matters. The Study Committee also produced under Section III of the report, a legal opinion on whether there is a need for harmonization of the IP laws on international level in respect of these Study Questions.

As per the guidelines received from AIPPI International, it is highly recommended to reach a consensus position of our Group's view on the matters tackled in the report to be submitted especially in relation to Section III proposals for harmonisation. The results of the votes received from the 48 members of the AIPPI UAE Chapter on the replies to be submitted for the chosen International Study Questions were overwhelmingly in favour.

We urge all members to participate in future SQs' projects as this will help enrich our contribution and ensure the quality of our final recommendations. We also urge you to vote as soon as the National Study Questions are approved by the Board and circulated to all members.

**On behalf of Communications Committee**

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