

Chair's Report to APEC CTI on the
Intellectual Property Rights Get-Together

Second Session

Cebu, The Philippines, May 18, 1996

Introduction

1. Convened by Japan, the second session of the Intellectual Property Rights Get-Together was held in Cebu, the Philippines, on May 18, 1996.
2. The meeting was attended by representatives from Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand and the United States of America. Representative of the APEC Secretariat also attended. The list of participants appears as Annex 1.
3. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Shigeo Takakura, Director for International Cooperation, Japanese Patent Office, Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan.

Agenda Item 1: Chair's Welcome

4. The chair extended a warm welcome to all delegates and expressed appreciation to the Republic of the Philippines for the warm hospitality which had been extended to participants, and for the excellent arrangements which had been made. The chair also thanked the APEC secretariat for its continuous support to this meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

5. The meeting adopted the agenda which is contained in the Annex 2.

Agenda Item 3: Chair's Report on the April CTI

6. The chair reported on the comments made at the last CTI meeting in Singapore in April.

Agenda Item 4: Matrix Report Format and Initial Thoughts

7. The chair outlined revisions of the Initial Thoughts on the Collective Actions and Matrix Report format as amended in the light of the comments at the last CTI meeting in April.

8. After some discussions, the Initial Thoughts and Matrix Report format was agreed as attached in Annex 3 and Annex 4.
9. It was noted that that Japan would distribute as soon as possible its prototype Matrix Report preliminarily filled out for the purpose of reference model for other economies.
10. Members agreed that each economy should complete the Matrix and forward it to the convenor by mid June in order to enable the convenor to consolidate the Matrix and submit it by the end of June to each economy as well as CTI Chair for his preparation of Ministerial review in mid July.

Agenda Item 4: Contact Point List

a. Contact Point List for Government, Professional and Academic Contacts

11. The delegation of Australia reported that contact point lists were submitted from 13 economies and had been consolidated. The delegation tabled the consolidated list. The participants paid tribute to the work done by Australia.
12. It was agreed that economies which had not submitted the list should complete their respective details and forward them to Australia as soon as possible in order to enable Australia to consolidate the lists and distribute the final version to each economy by the end of June.
13. Members agreed that the list would be put on the APEC Internet Homepage and updated every six months. One hard copy of the list would also be sent to each central contact point where requested. They would then distribute the list inside their economy in accordance with members requirements.
14. For the purpose of inclusion of the list in the Homepage, it was agreed that Australia, in consultation with the Chair and APEC Secretariat, would seek the necessary budget from the APEC Central Fund.
15. It was agreed that the listing of contacts other than Government contacts is not to be taken as an endorsement by any economy, of those listed or of their expertise. A disclaimer to that effect could be included on member economies lists and on the Homepage if members so wished.
16. It was also agreed that the APEC Secretariat would send to each central contact point a reminder for an update of the list once every 6 months.

b. Contact Point List for Law Enforcement Officers

17. The delegation of Australia reported that no comment had been submitted to Australia on the draft format of the Contact Point List for Law Enforcement Officers by the end of April deadline and thus the format was endorsed by members.

18. Australia reported that several economies had already submitted the completed lists. It was agreed that economies which had not submitted the list should complete their respective details and forward them to Australia by mid June in order to enable Australia to consolidate the lists and distribute them to each economy by the end of June.

Agenda Item 5: APEC Survey on IPR Protection

19. The delegation of Australia reported on the progress of preparation of Part I of the Survey. It circulated the completed entry for Australia as a suggested model to assist other economies in completing the Survey and drew members' attention to the deadline, e.g. June 13 for submission to Australia of completed Surveys.
20. It was noted that Australia would consolidate the Surveys and circulate them to each economy by the end of June.
21. As regards Part II of Survey, the delegation of Australia announced that it would circulate its completed Part II as soon as possible. The delegation also suggested that any economy which completed its own version of Part II circulate it to economies on a voluntary basis.

Agenda Item 7: 1996-7 Work Plan for Collective Action

22. The Chair outlined the 1996-7 Work Plan for Collective Action which indicated a starting time for each of the STEPS TO BE TAKEN in the matrix Report format.
23. It was agreed that a lead economy would be assigned to each item of Collective Actions. Members agreed that the following economies would act as lead economy for respective item:

- Item (a): Convenor of IPR
- Item (b): Australia
- Item (c): Australia
- Item (e): the United States of America*

*unless there is other voluntary economy

24. It was also agreed that the duration of these assignment would be 18 months while the duration of lead economy for item (a) would correspond to the duration of convenor of IPR.
25. In respect of items (d), (f) and (g), economies were invited to volunteer to be a lead economy and they were requested to inform the convenor as soon as possible but within two months.
26. It was agreed that the Work Plan as appears in the Annex 5 should be attached in the Matrix Report format for the purpose of identifying genuine collective actions and should also be submitted to the CTI for endorsement.

Agenda Item 8: Individual Action Plans

27. The Chair drew members' attention to the prototypes already circulated by Singapore and Hong Kong at the CTI in Manila in February, which may assist members in completing their Individual Action Plans.

Agenda Item 9: Partners for Progress (PFP) Project

28. The delegation of Japan explained changes of its proposal on Partners for Progress Project regarding industrial property rights taking into consideration the discussion at the last Get-Together and comments after the meeting, and its intention to seek endorsement in CTI.
29. It was noted that this project would be reviewed in two years and necessary adjustments may be made to meet specific needs of the developing economies.
30. The proposal as revised, which appears in Annex 6, was endorsed by member economies.

Agenda Item 10: Other business

31. The delegation of Japan explained its proposal to hold an APEC Industrial Property Symposium in Tokyo on August 28-29. The proposal, as attached in the Annex 7, was endorsed by the member economies.
32. It was agreed that the next IPR Get-Together should be for two days and would be held in conjunction with the APEC Industrial Property Symposium in August to enable IP experts to be present and that its duration would be two days in order to encourage participation of IPR experts. The frequency and organizational status of future IPR related meetings would be discussed at the next Get-Together.

Agenda Item 11: Report to the CTI

33. Members agreed that the outcome of this meeting would be reported to the next CTI meeting for approval.

(Annexes follow)

List of Annexes

1. List of Participants
2. Agenda
3. Initial Thoughts on Collective Actions
4. Matrix Report format
5. 1996-7 Work Plan for Collective Actions
6. Management of Industrial Property Rights (APEC/PFP Project Proposal)
7. APEC Industrial Property Rights Symposium