TERMS OF REFERENCE	
Type of the Committee	Standing Committee
Name of the Committee	Designs
	Dessins et Modèles
	Designs und Geschmacksmuster
Responsible Reporter	Linda Lecomte Assistant Reporter General L.Lecomte@aippi.org
Scope of work	To monitor, comment and advise AIPPI on policy and legal frameworks relating to designs (including design patents), including:
	 review of policy initiatives and proposed legislative changes;
	 review of judicial decisions;
	 monitoring of the design related agenda and work of (1) WIPO, (2) OHIM and (3) other organisations with a focus on (among other things) designs,
	but excluding:
	 utility models (Gebrauchsmuster)
	(the <i>Field</i>).
	To advise the Bureau of:
	 developments in the Field meriting an AIPPI position, including any further study or analysis necessary or desirable to determine an AIPPI position;
	 possible avenues for cooperation with GOs and other NGOs in the Field.
	To identify, select and provide to the Bureau key documentation relevant to the Field. ¹

¹ Other than WIPO documents which the Bureau receives directly.

	To serve as a resource for AIPPI when positions relevant to the Field are conveyed by AIPPI, including, in the absence of an existing AIPPI position, to formulate a position if requested by the Bureau. At the request of the Bureau, submit or represent, or instruct other AIPPI representatives, as to AIPPI's position in international fora, including meetings of WIPO, WTO and other meetings of GOs and NGOs. To co-ordinate with other AIPPI committees as specified
	below.
Required coordination with other Standing Committees	Standing Committee on Trademarks Standing Committee on Copyright