



State of intellectual property in third countries

Please describe the effectiveness of the current IPR protection and enforcement situation for each country and IP right you are commenting on.

In your contribution, please be as detailed and precise as possible so that legal problems and practical challenges can be addressed with relevant authorities. To that end, please include the following information where available:

- In general, how has the level of IPR protection and enforcement in this country changed over the last two years (improved, has not changed, worsened)?
- Legal provisions (with the titles of legal acts as well as their respective articles and paragraphs) which, in your view, are not compatible with international norms and standards in the area of intellectual property or which otherwise negatively affect the commercial exploitation of IP rights;
- Practical challenges and limitations (such as procedural deficiencies, backlogs, non-deterrent level of sanctions, lack of expertise, corruption, lack of political will, lack of awareness and lack of transparency) which have a negative impact on IP protection and enforcement;
- Concrete examples of deficiencies of administrative and judicial mechanisms in the area of IPR (e.g. IP offices, customs, police and courts);
- Any other systemic problems in the country concerned, including information on the nature, scope and economic dimension of counterfeiting and piracy as well as on the level of cooperation between enforcement authorities and rightholders;
- Any action or measure taken by the respondent to address the problems identified and the outcome of such efforts;
- Concrete suggestions on how the problems and challenges identified could be addressed by the EU.
- Please describe whether and to what extent progress has been made over the last 2 years by the countries listed (e.g. legislative or administrative reforms, structural reorganisations such as the establishment of specialised IP courts, new IP strategies, training programmes, awareness raising campaigns and cooperation with rightholders).

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