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SCP/38 JPAA Statement

Agenda 7. Patents and health

− *Updates on the initiatives on publicly accessible databases of patent status information concerning medical products and health technologies*

JPAA Statement on Agenda 7

(1) JPAA appreciates the efforts of the Secretariat in organizing the updates under this agenda item and expresses its respect for member states and organizations for their initiatives towards the sharing of publicly accessible databases of patent status information concerning medical technology, including drugs and vaccines in their respective capacities.

(2) While publicly accessible databases of patent status information concerning medical technology including medicines and vaccines would help enhance transparency and would help ensure equitable access to medical technology-related products (including drugs, vaccines, and medical devices), JPAA believes that it is also necessary to pay due consideration so that the developing or making public of these databases would not be an obstacle to innovation. In this regard, JPAA considers it important that such databases ensure the accuracy and timeliness of the information provided, including the status of patent term extensions and other supplementary protection.

(3) JPAA is committed to continuing its support and participation in initiatives aimed at achieving equitable access to drugs and medical technologies, respecting the fundamental spirit and principle of the patent system to ensure rewards for contribution to inventions, disseminate the utilization of inventions and motivate future inventions.