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**Seminar on the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs: The Expansion Continues**

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.15 OPENING

 Welcome address by:

Mr. Yves Closet, Head, Information and Promotion Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector

9.15 – 9.45 **Introduction to the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs**

What Are the Advantages of the Hague System?

The Hague Agreement: A System in Full Expansion

Speaker: Mr. Yves Closet

9.45 – 10.00 **Statement from the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT) Regarding the Future Accession of the Russian Federation to the Hague System**

 Speaker: Ms. Natalia Iakovleva, Senior Specialist, Legal Protection

 of Means of Individualization Division, Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (FIPS), Moscow

10.00 – 10.15 Coffee Break

10.15 – 11.45 **Feedback from the Intellectual Property Offices of Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America After Some Two Years of Membership**

Speakers: Mr. Song Kijoong, Deputy Director, Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), Daejeon

 Mr. Daisuke Kubota, Director, Design Registration System Planning Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo

Mr. David Gerk, Patent Attorney-Advisor, Office of Policy and International Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Department of Commerce, Alexandria, Virginia

11.45 – 12.00 Questions

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00 **From Filing to Expiring: The Lifecycle of a Registration**

The Filing of an International Application and its Examination (step 1)

 Administration of an International Registration (step 2)

 **E-Tools: Ongoing Developments**

Speakers: Mr. Jean-François Ouellette, Associate Business Analyst, Operations Service

 Ms. Kateryna Gabriele, Examiner, Operations Service

 Ms. Yin Wu, Examiner, Operations Service

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 17.00 **The Hague System: Practical Experience from a Practioners’ Point of View**

 Moderator: Mr. Yves Closet

 Speakers: Mr. Hubert Doléac, Attorney-at-Law, Troller Hitz Troller, Bern

 Mr. Bernard Volken, Attorney-at-Law, Fuhrer Marbach and Partner, Bern

17.00 CLOSING

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