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**Seminar on the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs**

**Geneva, November 13, 2014**

PROGRAM

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9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 9.45 Welcome Address by:

Mr. Yves Closet, Head, Information and Promotion Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

9.45 – 10.15 **General Overview of the Hague System**

Objectives and Basic Features of The Hague System

Geneva Act of The Hague Agreement and Latest Developments

Speaker: Mr. Yves Closet, WIPO

10.15 – 11.00 **The New E-Filing Interface for the International Registration**

 **of Industrial Designs Under the Hague Agreement**

How to Use the New E-Filing Environment:

Create a User Account; File an Application; and Manage your Applications Through the E-Filing Portfolio Manager

How to File an International Application Through the New E-Filing Interface
Practical Exercises

Speaker: Ms. Kateryna Gurinenko, Examiner, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.15 **International Application and Examination**

Examination of an Application by the International Bureau of WIPO

Irregularities

Examination and Requirements Concerning Reproductions

Speaker: Ms. Kateryna Gurinenko, WIPO

12.15 – 12.30 Questions

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.30 **International Registration**

Publication and Deferment of Publication

Possibility of Refusal

Effects of an International Registration

Speaker: Mr. Hiroshi Okutomi, Senior Legal Officer, Legal Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

14.30 – 15.00 **Managing an International Registration**

Change in Ownership and Other Changes

Renewal

Speaker: Mr. Patrick Cartant, Head, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.00 **Advantages of The Hague System from the Users’ Point of View**

General Discussion

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

16.00 – 16.45 **Expansion of the Hague System – What the Future Membership of the United States of America Will Change in the Users’ Practices**

Update on the Latest Developments Regarding the Ratification by the United States of America – What Would Have to Be Taken Into Consideration When Making a Designation of the United States of America in Their International Applications

Speaker: Mr. David Gerk, Patent Attorney, Office of Policy and International Affairs (OPIA), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Department of Commerce, Alexandria

16.45 – 17.00 Discussions and Closing

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