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The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to invite Her/His Excellency's Government to be represented in an observer capacity at the eighth session of the *Committee of Experts of the Vienna Union for the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks*, which will be held in Geneva, at the headquarters of WIPO, from Monday, February 1 to Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. (CET).

The draft agenda (document VA/CE/8/1 Prov.) and other working documents are available on the Electronic Forum at: www3.wipo.int/classifications/vienna/vclef, under projects VE081 and VE082.

The working languages will be English and French and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these languages.

In order to enable compliance with current health and safety measures, the meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with physical attendance for one delegate (preferably Geneva-based) per Member delegation at any time on the WIPO campus, while other delegates may follow the live transmission of the VA/CE/8 proceedings online via the new online remote participation platform (details below).

It would be appreciated if the name(s), title(s) and email address(es) of the person(s) designated by Her/His Excellency's Government to participate physically on site and/or remotely are registered via the online platform by January 20, 2021, using the link https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55666, and the following code:

In view of the pre-meeting technical and delegate-support arrangements required for remote participation via the online platform, delegations are requested to strictly adhere to the registration deadline. Registered remote delegates will be individually contacted concerning technical modalities. A user-guide for the remote participation platform is available at: https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/meetings/en/docs/interprefy_user_guide.pdf.

As WIPO is committed to promoting gender equality, it would be appreciated if parity could be taken into account when nominating the representatives. Any queries in relation to this meeting may be addressed to the Secretariat at: nivilo@wipo.int.

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