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1. The Annex to this document lists a number of non-governmental organizations, which have requested to be granted observer status in sessions of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), according to SCCR's Rules of Procedure (see document SCCR/1/2, paragraph 10).

2. *The SCCR is invited to approve the representation in sessions of the Committee of the non-governmental organizations referred to in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED
REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVERS IN SESSIONS OF
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies

Institute for Trade Standards and Sustainable Development (ITSSD)

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies

Founded in 1982, the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies is a group of conservatives and libertarians dedicated to reforming the current legal order. It is committed to the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be. The Society seeks to promote awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities.

In its mission and purpose, the Federalist Society is unique. By providing a forum for legal experts of opposing views to interact with members of the legal profession, the judiciary, law students, academics, and the architects of public policy, the Society has redefined the terms of legal debate. Its expansion in membership, chapters, and program activity has been matched by the rapid growth of the Society's reputation and the quality and influence of its events. It has fostered a greater appreciation for the role of separation of powers; federalism; limited, constitutional government; and the rule of law in protecting individual freedom and traditional values. Overall, the Society's efforts are improving its present and future leaders' understanding of the principles underlying American law.

The Society has stated the following specific interests, relating to intellectual property:

- How intellectual property protection protects human rights.
- Protection of trade secrets, or “confidential information.”
- Patents (Compulsory Licenses; Exploitation of pharmaceutical industry research and discoveries).
- Copyrights (Protection of software, recordings, and other forms of artistic works, especially in developing countries).
- Economic and legal case for protection of intellectual property rights.
- IP for emerging technology (biotech).
- Intersection between IP and Antitrust Law.

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Institute for Trade Standards and Sustainable Development (ITSSD)

The Institute for Trade Standards and Sustainable Development (ITSSD) is a charitable and educational non-governmental organization, based in the United States of America.

The ITSSD's mission is to promote a positive paradigm of sustainable development, consistent with private property, free market and World Trade Organization and World Intellectual Property Organization principles. The ITSSD educates and informs domestic and international policymakers about the impact of evolving foreign and international law on U.S. and other nations' science, technology and intellectual property policies. The ITSSD also examines the impact of such laws upon free enterprise. In pursuing its mission, the ITSSD analyzes the close and complimentary relationship between fundamental human and economic rights, both of which are integral to the attainment of economic and political freedom.

The ITSSD believes that a positive paradigm of sustainable development can be achieved by helping emerging and developing economies to establish a national enabling environment that includes the strong recognition and protection of intellectual property rights. Recent research and analysis performed by the ITSSD has found that an emerging and/or developing economy's respect for both foreign *and* domestic IPRs often leads to the kinds of domestic scientific and technological discoveries and innovations that can:

- (1) Promote indigenous learning, knowledge spillovers and technology transfers;
- (2) Foster *local* entrepreneurship and the creation of formal as well as informal indigenous markets;
- (3) Raise *local* education standards and facilitate international academic and scientific & technology cooperation and exchanges;
- (4) Promote *local* capital and R&D *reinvestment* and foreign direct investment;
- (5) Generate higher paying jobs, better human health, a cleaner environment, lower poverty rates, and a higher quality and dignity of life; and
- (6) Better prepare developing and emerging economies to participate more fully in the global trading system.

The ITSSD will soon release the results of its research and analysis in a forthcoming white paper.

In addition to performing in-depth research and analyses of the legal, economic, political and social dimensions to evolving foreign and international laws and industry standards, the ITSSD and its staff also conduct workshops and make presentations to senior executive and legislative officials of government, industry members (corporations and trade associations) and NGO community actors (think-tanks) concerning such issues.

Furthermore, both of the ITSSD's senior officers are internationally recognized for the work they have done in the areas of international human rights law (religious freedom),

international trade, environment and health law, and international diplomacy. Also, the ITSSD is privileged to be supported by an expanding Advisory Board comprised of individuals conversant in the four international languages – science, economics, law (including intellectual property) and politics.

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