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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENFORCEMENT

First Session  
Geneva, June 11 to 13, 2003

ADMISSION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

*Document prepared by the Secretariat*

1. Pursuant to Rules 7 and 8 of the WIPO General Rules of Procedure and in accordance with the procedure and practices set out in paragraph 11 on *Membership and procedure* of document WO/GA/28/4 entitled "Matters concerning the Status of the Advisory Committee on Enforcement," as approved by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2002 (see document WO/GA/28/7, paragraphs 114(iii) and 120), the Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE) invited, in the interest of consistency, to its First Session all Member States of WIPO and/or the Paris or Berne Unions as members and, as observers, Member States of the United Nations that are not Members of WIPO and/or the Paris or Berne Unions, and a number of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations accredited with observer status with WIPO. In addition, certain intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations were invited as *ad hoc* observers (see document WIPO/ACE/1/2, paragraph 7). The latter organizations had also already been invited to participate in meetings of the Advisory Committee on Enforcement of Industrial Property Rights (ACE/IP), the Advisory Committee on Management and Enforcement of Copyright and Related Rights in Global Information Networks (ACMEC) and/or the Consultation Meeting on Enforcement (CME).

2. One additional non-governmental organization, the Civil Society Coalition, which has not yet participated in any of the earlier meetings referred to in paragraph 1, above, requested the Secretariat by a letter dated June 4, 2003, to be admitted in an *ad hoc* observer capacity to also attend the first and future sessions of the ACE. Information concerning details of that organization, received from the organization itself, is contained in the Annex of this document.

*3. The ACE is invited to decide on the participation as an ad hoc observer of the non-governmental organization referred to in the present document.*

[Annexes follow]

ANNEXI

SUBMISSION BY THE CIVIL SOCIETY COALITION  
FOR ADMISSION AS *ADHOC* OBSERVER TO THE WIPO  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENFORCEMENT

Subject: Civil Society Coalition (CSC) Application for *adhoc* Observer Status at the  
Advisory Committee on Enforcement of WIPO First Session from June 11 to June 13

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This is a request by the Civil Society Coalition for *adhoc* observer status to participate in the meetings of the Advisory Committee on Enforcement and be represented in its First Session from June 11 to 13, 2003 at the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. The Civil Society Coalition, created in July 2001, is an international network of organizations and individuals dedicated to facilitating greater citizen and civil society participation in global trade and standard setting bodies.

The Civil Society Coalition Initial Steering Committee includes:

Khalil Elouardighi, Paris Act Up  
Robert Weissman, Essential Action  
Mark Harrington, Treatment Action Group  
James Love, Consumer Project on Technology  
Paul Davis, Health Gap

As of May 2003, the Civil Society Coalition Members include:

- \* Accion Internacional para la Salud Bolivia (AIS/HAI) (Bolivia)
  - \* ActUp/East Bay, Oakland, California (USA)
  - \* ActUp Paris (France)
  - \* ActUp Philadelphia (USA)
  - \* Africa - Europe Faith and Justice Network (AEFJN)
  - \* AIDS INDIA Forum
  - \* Consumers International Asia Pacific Office (Malaysia)
  - \* Consumer Project on Technology (USA)
  - \* Digital Future Coalition (USA)
  - \* Drug Study Group (Thailand)
  - \* EducActions (Cameroon)
  - \* Essential Action (USA)
  - \* Focal Point AFRI - Tanin Central Africa
  - \* Free Software Foundation
  - \* Global Network for People Living with HIV/AIDS
  - \* Healthgap (USA)
  - \* Human Cooperation Centre in Bangladesh (HCCB) (Bangladesh)
  - \* INTERSECT
  - \* International Center for Technology Assessment
  - \* National Working Group on Patent Laws and the Center for Study of Global Trade System and Development
  - \* Technology Aid Center (South Africa)
  - \* Treatment Action Group (USA)
  - \* VOICE (Ireland)
- (More information on steering committee and members at [www.civilsocietycoalition.org](http://www.civilsocietycoalition.org))

These groups are active in a number of intellectual property related issues, including those involving public health and electronic commerce. Several members of these groups have attended various World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) forums and other international meetings in the past. For example the Civil Society Coalition (CSC) was accredited at the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the WTO held in Doha from 9 to 13, November 2001 (see copy of invitation in fax version). Some of our members have been focusing on patent related issues, other have been involved in copyright and related rights issues as well as Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (GR and TK & F).

For this Advisory Committee meeting on Enforcement, the Civil Society Coalition would like to be represented by Jamie King and Manon Röss.

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[Annex II follows]

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11 January 2002

Dear colleague,

I am writing to thank you for your interest in the 4<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference held in Doha, Qatar, from 9 to 14 November 2001. I should also like to express appreciation for your positive contribution to this Conference.

Substantial progress was made in Doha and I welcome the important new negotiating mandate given by Ministers to the WTO. I particularly welcome the direction they have provided on many issues of mutual concern such as development, access to medicines and the environment. The Doha Development Agenda calls for a far-reaching set of negotiations to be completed within three years. The timetable is tight but it can be achieved. It requires WTO Members and the Secretariat to begin work immediately.

I am pleased to report the momentum is continuing. WTO Members have already selected Mexico as the venue for the next Ministerial meeting. This means our hosts can begin preparations well in advance. Members have also approved a significant increase in the WTO budget that will allow us to increase spending on technical assistance in 2002 by around 80 percent. This will enable the Secretariat to provide greater levels of assistance to the Membership. Later this month, Members will consider as well appropriate mechanisms for advancing the substantive negotiations. Within the Secretariat, I have re-deployed our resources better to reflect the priorities of the Doha Development Agenda. I have also introduced initiatives aimed at efficiency gains and cost savings. My attached Informal New Year's Message gives further details of WTO activities in the period since Doha.

2001 was a year of important lessons and insights. The Doha success was built on a preparatory process that was transparent and inclusive. Members are determined to carry these principles into our future work. We must also ensure all our Members, large and small, rich and poor, are given every assistance and opportunity to participate fully in our work.

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I believe we must also continue exploring ways to enhance our dealings with civil society. In this regard, I am planning a major Symposium in late April this year that will explore concerns expressed by some Ministers in Doha on our relations with the public. Already, useful suggestions for the agenda of this Symposium are emerging and I would welcome any further ideas you may wish to offer.

Once again, may I thank you for your interest in the Doha Conference and wish you every success in the new year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a solid horizontal line.

Mike Moore

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