

Agenda item 20: Madrid system

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

In the proposed new framework for division and merger of international registrations, described in the document MM/A/50/4, a declaration and a notification are provided. We understand that, by making the declaration or the notification to the International Bureau, each member state would be able to decide if and when the proposed new framework for division and merger of international registrations should be integrated into its national trademark system, taking into account factors such as its importance for the local industries.

We agree with the proposed amendments on the basis of this understanding.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.