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PROPOSAL BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY

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In a communication dated October 23, 2012, the Delegation of Norway transmitted to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) the proposal contained in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

PROPOSAL REGARDING RENUNCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION BEFORE PUBLICATION

Please find below a brief description of the challenge of the Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO) concerning the said topic. In some instances we receive payment from the International Bureau for a specific international registration number, designating Norway but we never receive any further information, because the registration has been renounced before publication. At present, such renunciations before publication are not published or notified to the designated offices in any way. The main reason for this is of course that all information regarding an international registration is to be kept confidential until publication.

At NIPO, international registrations designating Norway are processed in our electronic case handling system. All registrations are allocated a dedicated case file and an internal serial number based on the received payment notified by the International Bureau. This, in anticipation of the international publication of the said registration. Since the renunciations are not published, we have case files that are never processed and are left in the register without any closure. In order to close such case files we would be most grateful to receive some kind of notification of the renunciation from the International Bureau.

In the following you may find a proposal on how this issue could be handled. NIPO would suggest that the registration number only is published as a new category of renunciations in the Bulletin. A new category is suggested in order to divide renunciations of international registrations before publication from renunciations of international registrations already published. By this mean the Office of each Contracting Party would be able to retrieve needed information in the same manner as they retrieve other information/notifications concerning international registrations. Publication of this type of notification will of course imply some adjustment to be performed in the "International Designs Bulletin", but could perhaps be considered valuable in the long run. Since only the international registration number will be published, there would be no reveal of confidential information.

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