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COMMUNICATION FROM LEBANON TO CO-SPONSOR THE PROPOSAL BY THE
KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS

Document prepared by the Secretariat

1. In a communication in Arabic dated June 11, 2005, the International Bureau received a request from the Directorate General for Economy and Trade, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Lebanon, relating to the "Proposal on the Importance of Intellectual Property in Social and Economic Development and National Development Programs", submitted by Bahrain. (Please see document IIM/2/2.)
2. A translation of the said communication from the Directorate General for Economy and Trade, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Lebanon is annexed to this document.
3. *The IIM is invited to note the contents of the attached communication from the Directorate General for Economy and Trade, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Lebanon.*

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

[Translation]
Republic of Lebanon
Ministry of Economy and Trade
Directorate General for Economy and Trade

June 11, 2005

Dr. Kamil Idris
Director General
WIPO

Dear Sir,

Convinced of the efficient role played by WIPO in the economic, social and cultural development process, we have actively cooperated with WIPO, through the Arab Bureau, with a view to disseminate IP culture in Lebanon and adapt Lebanese legislation to relevant international norms. Lebanon has long benefited from WIPO expertise and services in the legislative, training and technical fields.

We thank WIPO and confirm our support for its continuous efforts to enhance assistance provided to Member States in intellectual property fields, believing that intellectual property is a factor that influences the global development process and contributes to progress of countries.

In this context, we co-sponsor the proposals submitted by the Kingdom of Bahrain, particularly those contained in the last three paragraphs of the submission, regarding the development dimension in WIPO. We look forward with much interest to the Inter-sessional Intergovernmental Meeting on a Development Agenda for WIPO.

Sincerely yours,

Director General
Dr. Fadi Makki

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