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Second Session
Geneva, June 20 to 22, 2005

COMMUNICATION FROM THE STATE OF QATAR SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL
BY THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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1. In a communication in Arabic dated June 15, 2005, the International Bureau received a letter from the Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Qatar, 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 Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Qatar, is annexed to this document.
3. *The IIM is invited to note the contents of the attached communication from the Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Qatar.*

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

[Translation]
State of Qatar
Ministry of Economy and Commerce

June 15, 2005

Dr. Kamil Idris
Director General
WIPO

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to the Inter-sessional Intergovernmental Meeting on a Development Agenda for WIPO, to be held at the headquarters of WIPO in Geneva, from June 20 to 22, 2005.

In view of the importance of intellectual property in economic, social and cultural development and its effective role in organizing relationships among nations and encouraging creativity and innovation, we thank WIPO for the remarkable role played in supporting developing countries, developing technology systems and promoting economic progress, to achieve the desired goals and keep up with developed countries in all fields.

In this context, we support the Proposal by the Kingdom of Bahrain on the Importance of Intellectual Property in Social and Economic Development and National Development Programs, to be considered by the above-mentioned Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Ahmad Ahan
Director
Commercial and Economic
Organizations Department

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