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**DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A
REVISED TRADEMARK LAW TREATY**

Singapore, March 13 to 31, 2006

GENERAL INFORMATION

Document prepared by the International Bureau

INTRODUCTION

The Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of a Revised Trademark Law Treaty will take place in Singapore, from Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 31, 2006, and will open at 6 p.m. on the first day.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGAPORE

Visa to Enter Singapore

Information about obtaining visas is available on the Internet at the following address: http://www.tlt-singapore.org.sg/travsg_entry.html. Alternatively, should you need WIPO's assistance, kindly indicate to us your:

- full name(s) (as they appear on your passport)
- date of birth
- nationality
- passport number
- passport type (ordinary, official, diplomatic, service)
- passport date of validity
- office address and private address

Please communicate the above details to us at the same time as your itinerary or within the same time limit, i.e., no later than one month prior to your departure, to enable us to secure the issue of your visa in good time.

Health Vaccination (Yellow Fever)

In accordance with the World Health Organization (WHO) International Health Regulations, travellers who, within the preceding six days have been in, or have passed through countries endemic for yellow fever, are required to produce a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate on arrival in Singapore. The countries concerned are: Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guyana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Venezuela.

Any delegate who is unable to produce such a vaccination certificate, will be subject to a risk assessment by the Airport Health Officer. Those who are deemed at low risk will be allowed entry and their particulars and contact information recorded at the point of entry for health surveillance purposes in accordance to WHO's International Health Regulations.

For queries concerning Singapore visa applications and/or entry health requirements, please contact Mr. Eugene Lim, by telephone: +65 633 217 72 or by e-mail: eugene_lim@mlaw.gov.sg.

ACCOMMODATION

The Government of Singapore has obtained attractive room rates at the following hotels for delegates attending the Conference:

Hotel	Room Type	Price*
Conrad Centennial Singapore	Classic Room – Double/Twin	SGD 320.51 NETT
Conrad Centennial Singapore	Classic Room – Single	SGD 285.55 NETT
Pan Pacific Hotel Singapore	Deluxe Room – Single/Double	SGD 279.72 NETT
Carlton Hotel	Superior Room – Single/Double	SGD 210.00 NETT
Grand Plaza Park Royal	Superior Room – Single/Double	SGD 198.14 NETT
Peninsula-Excelsior	Superior Room – Single/Double	SGD 186.48 NETT
Plaza Park Royal	Superior Room – Single/Double	SGD 180.65 NETT
Rendezvous Hotel	Superior Room – Single/Double	SGD 174.83 NETT
City Bayview Hotel	Superior Room – Single/Double	SGD 157.34 NETT

*Rates quoted do include taxes but not breakfast

To reserve rooms at the rates stated above, delegates should use the online booking form at https://www.pwevent.com/wipo_tlt/reservation.php

Alternatively, delegates can reserve accommodation by contacting Pacific World, the appointed travel agent, at:

Telephone: +65 9009 8853

Fax: +65 6336 2123

E-mail: wipo_tlt@pwevent.com

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Pacific World will also assist delegates with arrangements for optional sightseeing tours. Details and prices of tours are available at the following address:

<http://www.tlt-singapore.org.sg>

AIR TRAVEL TO AND FROM SINGAPORE

As part of the hospitality provided by the Government of Singapore for the Diplomatic Conference, Singapore International Airlines (SIA) will offer delegates attractive fares for air travel to and from Singapore.

Delegates who wish to take advantage of the SIA fares should contact Ms. Sabariyah Abdul Hamid of SIA at Sabariyah_AbdulHamid@singaporeair.com.sg. Please note that SIA fares quoted exclude taxes and are correct as of November 18, 2005. Delegates may wish to look out for other promotional fares that may be offered on SIA's website at the following address: <http://www.singaporeair.com>.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Center is located in the Central Business District, easily accessible by all modes of transport and it offers access to over 5,200 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail stores and 300 restaurants in its vicinity. For more information on Suntec Singapore and how to get to Suntec, please consult the following address: <http://www.suntecsingapore.com>.

HOURS OF MEETINGS

Opening Ceremony: Monday, March 13, 2006, at 6 p.m.

Session Schedule: From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., unless otherwise indicated

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish, and from Portuguese into the other six languages.

PREPARED SPEECHES

The task of the Secretariat, and in particular that of the interpreters, would be greatly facilitated if speakers could send a copy of the statement(s) to the International Bureau of WIPO, prior to the Conference, by e-mail at the following e-mail address: tltdc.mail@wipo.int. Otherwise, copies of statements (even handwritten) should be handed to the Conference Officer as early as possible during the Conference.

ADMISSION BADGES

Admission badges will be issued to participants at the time of registration, at the registration desk on presentation of a passport for proof of identity. Participants will be required to wear their badges when they enter and at all times in the Conference Center.

TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATIONS

During meeting hours, local calls and faxes can be made in the conference area and international calls and faxes can be made at the Administrative Office of the Conference Center for a fee. Outside meeting hours, local and international calls may be made from public telephones available at the Conference Center. Local calls are charged at 10 cents per 3 minutes. International Calling Cards are available at post offices, automatic teller machines, the airport, 7-Eleven convenience stores and other retail outlets.

Participants bringing their mobile telephones may wish to take note that Singapore has two mobile telephone networks – GSM900 and GSM1800 – and three mobile telephone service providers – SingTel, M1 and StarHub.

For Internet access, delegates may use the Internet Café on level 2 of the Conference Center during meeting hours.

INFORMATION DESK

The Conference information desk will be situated on level 2 of the Conference Center, outside the Meeting Rooms where the main plenary session will be held. The information desk will be open from Monday, March 13, 2006, at 9 a.m.

Telephone and fax numbers for the Information Desk will be confirmed closer to the opening date of the Conference.

DOCUMENTS CENTER AND REGISTRATION DESK

The Conference registration desk will be situated on level 1 of the Conference Center, outside the Meeting Rooms where the main plenary session will be held. The registration desk will be open from Monday, March 13, 2006, at 10 a.m.

Details concerning the Conference documents center will be announced.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus Services

Public buses run from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight daily. Bus fares are SGD0.70 to SGD1.40 for non air-conditioned buses, and SGD0.80 to SGD1.70 for air-conditioned buses.

Delegates may take the following buses to the Conference Venue: 36, 97, 106, 111, 133, 501, 502, 518, 700 and 857, alighting in front of the Suntec Convention Center. Delegates may seek the assistance of hotel staff to advise them on how best to reach the Conference venue by public bus.

Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)

The Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) in Singapore is a modern, air-conditioned passenger train service with stations all over the island.

MRT trains operate at intervals of between two and a half minutes and eight minutes from 5.30 a.m. until 12.30 a.m. daily. Standard fares for the MRT are from SGD0.90 to a maximum of SGD1.90.

The nearest MRT Station to the Conference venue is City Hall, which is a 10 to 15 minute-walk away via the underground City Link Mall. Hotel staff will be able to advise delegates on the closest MRT station to the hotel.

Taxis

Starting fares for taxis range from SGD2.40 to SGD3.10. Some surcharges that may also apply include:

Surcharge	Extra Fare	Remarks
Peak Hour	SGD1	From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m, and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Monday-Saturday)
Hired within the Central Business District	SGD1	From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.(Monday-Friday) or From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Monday-Thursday) and 5 p.m. to 12 midnight (Friday-Saturday)
Late night	50% of fare	From 12 midnight to 6 a.m.
Hired at Changi Airport	SGD5	5 p.m. to 8 p.m (Friday-Sunday)
	SGD3	Any other time

Delegates can use the hotel taxi stand, or seek the assistance of hotel staff to flag down a taxi to the Conference venue. Taxis are also available at the Conference venue.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

It is proposed that the following agenda items be considered on the following days:

Monday, March 13, 6 p.m.	:	Agenda item 1
Tuesday, March 14 to Wednesday, March 15	:	Agenda items 2 to 10
Thursday, March 16 to Thursday, March 23	:	Consideration of the Basic Proposal by Main Committees I and II
Friday, March 24 to Tuesday, March 28	:	Drafting Committee
Wednesday, March 29	:	Agenda items 11 and 12
Thursday, March 30	:	Agenda items 13 and 14
Friday, March 31	:	Agenda items 15 and 16

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