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Paragraph 20 of document SCT/27/5 should read as follows:

“20. The submission of the Delegation of Turkey reports on the current practice of the IP Office of Turkey with regard to the protection of names of States, according to which a trademark application consisting exclusively of the name of a State is refused if it is descriptive of or non-distinctive for the goods and services for which registration is sought. Where a trademark application incorporates the name of a State as one element amongst others, the registration of the mark depends on the distinctive character of those other elements irrespective of whether the applicant submits an authorization by the competent authorities of the State the name of which is incorporated”.

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