

## **Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications**

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### **ACCREDITATION OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION**

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1. The Annex to this document contains information on a non-governmental organization which has requested to be granted observer status in sessions of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), according to the SCT's Rules of Procedure (document SCT/1/2, paragraph 6).

2. *The SCT is invited to approve the representation in sessions of the Committee of the non-governmental organization referred to in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS REQUESTED REPRESENTATION AS  
OBSERVER IN SESSIONS OF THE SCT

Institute for Trade, Standards and Sustainable Development (ITSSD)

Introduction

The ITSSD is an independent, not-for-profit, non-partisan legal research and educational organization dedicated to the promotion of a positive paradigm of sustainable development consistent with private property, free market and WTO and WIPO rule of law-based principles. The ITSSD examines evolving international law and policy as it relates to trade, science, technology and sustainable economic freedom and development around the world. The ITSSD's activities are overseen by an advisory board consisting of scientists, engineers, lawyers and economists.

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