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PROPOSAL BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE

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In a communication dated November 9, 2015, the Delegation of France transmitted to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) the proposal contained in the Annex to the present document.

[Annex follows]

The Delegation of France proposes that the topics listed below should be included in the discussion of agenda item 6 (“Geographical Indications”) at the 34th Session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications, as an implementation of the Decision of the WIPO General Assembly which directed the said committee to examine the different systems for protection of geographical indications, within its current mandate and covering all aspects. (cf. SCT/34/4).

Proposal of the Delegation of France

The French Delegation understands that aim of the examination as required by the General Assembly is to ensure greater understanding of national legislation and procedures relating to the protection of geographical indications.

Consequently, the following topics will be studied :

1) Protection of Geographical Indications in National Systems

Including, more particularly, a study of the terms and limitations for the protection of geographical indications in collective marks and certification marks, in addition to a study of legislation and case law relating to marks that use geographical names.

2) Protection of Geographical Indications on the Internet

Protection of geographical indications in the domain-name system (based on document SCT/31/8 Rev.4).

Protection of geographical indications on the Internet (competent authorities for the purpose of monitoring, sanctions ...).

[End of Annex and document]