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PROPOSAL BY THE DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

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In a communication dated March 22, 2019, the Delegation of Switzerland transmitted to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) the proposal contained in the Annex to the present document.

[Annex follows]

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During the fortieth session, the Chair of the SCT asked the Members and Intergovernmental Intellectual Property Organizations with observer status to propose possible topics for half-day information meetings organized within the framework of the SCT. Following this request, and in preparation for examination, during the forty-first session, of topics to cover in these information meetings, the Delegation of Switzerland proposes the following topics:

- legal means to stop the unlawful use of names of countries, other geographical names, and geographical indications on the Internet;
- protection of geographical indications in combined marks;
- legal options, other than registration of an intellectual property right, to limit the right of using a geographical indication;
- evaluation of the concepts of imitation and of improper exploitation of a geographical indication.

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