

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

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ACCREDITATION OF AN OBSERVER

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1. The Annex to this document contains information on a non-governmental organization (NGO), 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 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]



World Intellectual Property Organization - Headquarters
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CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Montreal, February 12, 2021

Subject: Non-governmental organization which has requested representation as observer in sessions of the SCT

FORPIQ's Constitution

The INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INTERNATIONAL FORUM-QUÉBEC (FORPIQ) was incorporated on November 27th, 2001, in the Province of Quebec, Canada. It is a Canadian not-for-profit organization registered under the *Loi sur les compagnies, Partie III* of Québec and has been assigned the Québec enterprise number ("NEQ") 1160459583. A link to the business registry, in which this NEQ can be input to obtain the organization's information is available [here](#).

FORPIQ's Goals, Mission and Objectives

The Organization's purpose is to increase the level of knowledge of innovative Canadian companies and their advisers with respect to IP assets, in order to gain more value therefrom. In order to attain this objective, FORPIQ organizes forums bringing together: business leaders, intellectual property experts, investors, as well as government representatives in order to discuss and exchange their experiences and best practices with respect to IP. FORPIQ benefits from a diverse board of directors, employed as lawyers, trademark agents, patent agents and leaders in research and development partnership negotiation. This provides FORPIQ with a holistic view of Canadian intellectual property legislation, and how it can be bettered through the exchange of knowledge between disciplines.

FORPIQ pursues this purpose by hosting a biennial event, in which leading IP practitioners and corporations exchange ideas on all matters related to intellectual property and innovation. This initiative is supported by Canada's leading IP law firms. Domestic accelerators such as l'Institut national d'optique ("INO") and the Business Development Bank of Canada ("BDC") also support the initiative. FORPIQ's upcoming virtual conference has solicited significant interest from: (i) entrepreneurs, (ii) funders (including venture capital and private equity firms), (iii) accelerators (and/or incubators), both domestic and international, as well as (iv) different levels of government (both provincial and federal as well as agencies), including the Quebec Minister of Economy and Innovation, amongst others. FORPIQ's 2021 virtual event is being organized in collaboration with the AUTM, which is comprised of more than 3,000 members working in more than 800 universities, research centers, hospitals, businesses, and government organizations around the globe.

Information as to the National Groups and Members

Other than the named administrators and officers, there are no members of FORPIQ. Rather, and as stated hereinabove, FORPIQ hosts a biennial event, in which leading IP practitioners and corporations exchange ideas on all matters related to intellectual property and innovation.

FORPIQ's Directors, Officers and Administrators

List of Directors ("Administrateurs")

The following Directors ("Administrateurs de la personne morale") were elected during the FORPIQ General Assembly of October 5, 2020:

- Dr. Martin Couillard, Ph.D.;
- Ms. Dominique Lambert, patent agent;
- M^e David Durand, lawyer and trademark agent;
- M^e Philippe Boivin, lawyer; and
- M^e Ismaël Coulibaly, lawyer and trademark agent.

List of Officers

The following Officers were named during FORPIQ's annual meeting of the Board of Directors on October 5, 2020:

- Dr. Martin Couillard, Ph.D. (President);
- Dr. Damien Calvet, patent agent (Treasurer); and
- M^e James Duffy, lawyer and patent agent (Secretary).

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We thank you in advance for your attention and consideration of our request for accreditation and remain at your disposal for any further information.

Please accept the expression of our highest regards,

FORPIQ

Per

Dr. Martin Couillard, Ph.D.

President



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