

Information Session on Geographical Indications – Recognition of Geographical Indications as Valid Rights in the Domain Name Dispute Resolution Procedures: Recent Developments and Prospects

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PROGRAM

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At its forty-seventh session, the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) agreed to hold two Information Sessions on Geographical Indications. This second information session will address “Recognition of geographical indications as valid rights in the domain name dispute resolution procedures: recent developments and prospects”. The first panel will focus on providing an institutional and historical overview. The second panel will present diverse views of GI and common name users on the topic.

15.00 – 15.10 Opening Remarks by:

Mr. Liu Jian, Dean, China Intellectual Property Training Center (CIPTC), Beijing, China, and Chair of the forty-eighth session of SCT

15.10 – 16.20 **Session 1: Geographical Indications as Valid Rights in the Domain Name Dispute Resolution Procedures – Institutional and Historical Overview**

Moderator: Ms. Miranda Risang Ayu Palar, Associate Professor in IP, Geographical Indications Law and Head, Intellectual Property Center on Regulation and Application Studies, Faculty of Law, Universitas Padjadjaran, Jatinangor, West Java Province, Indonesia

Speakers: Mr. Gonzalo Manuel Bleda Navarro, Senior Legal Officer, Internet Dispute Resolution Section, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland

Ms. Violeta Ghetu, Legal Officer, Policy and Legislative Advice Section, Department for Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

Ms. Katarina Barathova, Policy Officer, Agriculture and Rural Development, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and Mr. Laszlo Adam Vass, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG Grow), European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

Mr. John D. Rodriguez, Attorney-Advisor (Trademarks), Office of Policy and International Affairs (OPIA), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Department of Commerce, Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America

16.20 – 16.50 Coffee Break

16.50 – 18.00 **Session 2: Geographical Indications as Valid Rights in the Domain Name Dispute Resolution Procedures – Diverse Views of GI and Common Name Users**

Moderator: Ms. Paola Ruggiero, Second Vice-President, European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA), Milan, Italy

Speakers: Mr. Lindsay Low, Deputy Director, Legal Affairs, Scotch Whisky Association, Edinburg, United Kingdom

Ms. Madhu Rewari, Partner, Anand and Anand, Noida, India

Mr. Elio de Tullio, Managing Partner, De Tullio and Partners, Rome, Italy

Mr. Juan Antonio Dorantes, Managing Partner, Dorantes Advisors, Mexico City, Mexico

18.00

Closing of the Session

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