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SUBJECT : “SCT- Areas of Convergence for the protection of country names”.

Dear Madam/Sir ,

In reply to WIPO document C.8607, we would like to inform you that according to Law No. 4072/2012 (Article 123(3)(a)), “Names of States are refused from registration as trademarks”.

This prohibition includes in practice, not only the official or formal name, but also the common name, the translation, transliteration of that name, as well as the abbreviated name of the State.

This national rule is clear and the practice of national examiners is coherent with it.

Greece does not have a margin to apply a different practice.

The Director

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