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The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Mrs. Hilde Skorpen, presents her compliments and has the honor to refer to Circular N. 2833, dated November 13, 2007, inviting candidates for nomination to the post of Director General of WIPO.

A copy of the letter from His Excellency Dr. Dimitrij Rupel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia proposing the candidacy of
. / Mr. Bojan Pretnar for the said post is enclosed. *[Signature]*

February 13, 2008

Enclosure: Letter of His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

dr. DIMITRIJ RUPEL
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Ljubljana, 13 February 2008

Your Excellency,

In accordance with your Circular Note 2833/04 of November 13, 2007, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Slovenia has decided to propose Dr Bojan Pretnar as the candidate of the Republic of Slovenia for the nomination to the post of the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The Curriculum Vitae of Dr Bojan Pretnar is enclosed hereto, as requested, and will hopefully provide further information regarding the Slovenian candidate.

Dr Bojan Pretnar is recognized as an internationally renowned expert in the field of intellectual property law, economics, and management. He has accomplished many relevant career achievements in this field and has equally relevant extensive managerial and diplomatic experience. He has gained a thorough knowledge concerning intellectual property-related economic and policy issues in both developed countries as well as in developing countries; and, as Deputy Director of the WIPO's Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development, is familiar with the internal organizational, administrative, and managerial structure of the International Bureau of WIPO.

In the light of the above, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia is convinced that Dr Pretnar meets all substantive criteria required for the post of the Director General of WIPO.

It would be highly appreciated if this proposal and the enclosed Curriculum Vitae of Dr Pretnar be disseminated to all the Member States of WIPO.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



H.E. Ms Hilde J. Skorpen
Chair of the WIPO Coordination Committee
World Intellectual Property Organization
GENEVA



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Slovenian Presidency of the EU 2008
La Présidence slovène de l'UE 2008

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal data:

Born on June 5, 1947 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Citizen of Slovenia. Married to Doša Pretnar. Son Dejan born in 1975.

Fluent in English, German, Slovene (mother tongue), Croat and Serb; knowledge of French.

Education and academic titles:

1. Full Professor (*Professor Ordinarius*), Ljubljana University, since October 2003.
2. Ph.D. (1989) and Master of Science (1980), Faculty of Economics, Ljubljana University;
3. Patent attorney, qualified before the Federal Patent Office in Belgrade in 1974;
4. Univ. Dipl. Ing., Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of Ljubljana University, 1971.

Relevant career achievements:

1. Creation of the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO), without availability of any previously existing institutional or administrative framework. The Office became fully operational in March 1992, less than a year after Slovenia declared its independence in June 1991, and just 5 years later, in 1997, it was the first intellectual property office in the world to receive ISO 9002 Certificate for quality management, granted to the Office by TÜV Cert (Munich, Germany);
2. Major contribution to the development of the concept of an "Extension Agreement," concluded between the Government of Slovenia and European Patent Organization (EPO) in 1993 and put into operation in March 1994. This was the first agreement of its kind, and served as a model for all other countries that have since concluded extension agreements with EPO;
3. Development of an innovative and simplified approach to patent granting procedure, codified since 1992 in Slovenia, and later followed as a model by a number of other countries;
4. Immediate implementation of TRIPS obligations in Slovenia as of the date of its entry into force (1995), waiving the right under Article 65.3 to delay its full implementation;

5. Rapid establishment of cooperation agreements between SIPO and the German Patent Office (1991), Austrian Patent Office (1992), French INPI (1993) and U.K. Patent Office (1994);
6. Founding member of WIPO Policy Advisory Commission (1999).

Managerial and diplomatic experience:

1. 1972 to 1978: Head of Patent and Licensing Department of ISKRA Corporation in Ljubljana, then the largest electrical/electronics company in Yugoslavia with more than 30,000 employees;
2. 1978 to 1982: Director of the East Africa Representative Office of Ljubljanska banka (then largest commercial bank in Yugoslavia and now in Slovenia) in Nairobi, Kenya;
3. 1982 to 1985: Advisor to the Republic of Slovenia Secretary for Research Activity and Technology, Ljubljana;
4. 1986 to 1987: Managing Director of Termika Isolierbau GmbH, Munich, Germany (a German subsidiary of the Slovene company Termika Ljubljana);
5. 1988 to 1991: Advisor to the Government of Slovenia at the Ministry of Science and Technology, Ljubljana;
6. 1991 to 2000: Director of the newly established Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO), Ljubljana;
7. 1995 to 2000: Permanent Representative (Ambassadorial level) of Slovenia to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); Official Representative of Slovenia to the TRIPS Council at the World Trade Organization (WTO); Head of delegation of Slovenia (observer) in the Administrative Council of European Patent Organization;
8. Between 1994 to 1999: External expert of WIPO on numerous occasions in Africa, Asia, Japan, CIS countries, WIPO Academy etc;
9. Between 1997 to 2000: Main negotiator of the Government of Slovenia in negotiations with European Commission in the field of intellectual property in respect of accession of Slovenia to European Union;
10. Since March 2000 a senior staff member of WIPO, currently Deputy Director for Policy Development in the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Development.

Professional Affiliations and Publications:

1. Professor (part time) at Faculty of Economics (FE), Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS), and Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (FME) of Ljubljana University, in charge of courses "Management of Innovation" (FE, postgraduate), "Innovation and Intellectual Property" (FSS, graduate), and "Innovation and Patents" (FME, graduate);
2. Invited lecturer to the postgraduate course in Intellectual Property Law at Stockholm University (Sweden), and to postgraduate course in Intellectual Property Management at CEIPI Centre of R. Shuman University in Strasbourg (France);
3. Member of International Association of University Teachers and Researchers of Intellectual Property (ATRIP);
4. Main publications:
 - 4.1. Articles in professional journals:
 - *Industrial Property and Related Trade Policy in Less-Developed Countries: Economic Appraisal of Legal Concepts*, 21 IIC 782-799 (1990);
 - *Patent Applications as an Information Source for Managing Exports in Less-Developed Countries*, World Patent Information, Vol. 12 No. 4, 1990, pp. 216-221;
 - *Protection of Inventions in Slovenia*, 24 IIC 50-60 (1993);
 - *How to Reduce High Costs of European Patents*, 12 EIPR pp. 665-668 [1996];
 - *Is the Future Enlargement of the European Union an Immediate Issue for the Community Trade Mark System?*, 4 EIPR pp. 185-187 [1997];
 - *The Economic Impact of Patents in Knowledge-Based Economy*, 34 IIC 887-906 (2003); German translation in GRUR Int. Heft 9, pp. 776-786 (2004);
 - *Innovation, Productivity Gains and Intellectual Property*, in Towards 2015: Millennium Development and Policy Imperatives for South Africa and SADC Region, UNDP and CHAMSA, Johannesburg and Sandton, 2006.
 - 4.2. Books/ monographs:
 - *Industrijska lastnina v ekonomskih odnosih s tujino (Industrial Property in Economic Relations with Foreign Countries)*, CSND Ljubljana 1982 (book review in WIPO Industrial Property No. 10, October 1982);
 - *Intelektualna lastnina v sodobni konkurenci in poslovanju (Intellectual Property in Contemporary Competition and Business)*, GV Založba Ljubljana 2002;
 - *Public Policy and Intellectual Property*, Chambers of Commerce and Industry South Africa (CHAMSA), Sandton 2004;
 - *Use and Non-Use in Trade Mark Law*, Ch. 2 in Trade Mark Use. Edited by Jeremy Philips and Ilanah Simon, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2005.

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