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ACCREDITATION OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

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1. The Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), at its first session, held in Geneva, from June 15 to 19, 1998, approved certain organizational and procedural matters, including according observer status to a number of interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (see document SCP/1/2, paragraph 6).
2. One additional non-governmental organization, the Civil Society Coalition (CSC), has expressed to the Secretariat the wish to obtain the same status for the future sessions of the SCP. Information concerning details of that organization requesting observer status in the SCP is contained in the Annex of this document.
3. *The SCP is invited to take a decision on the request for accreditation of the non-governmental organization referred to in the present document as an observer.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

INFORMATION ON THE CIVIL SOCIETY COALITION (CSC)
CONCERNING REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION AS OBSERVER
TO THE WIPO STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE LAW OF PATENTS

The Civil Society Coalition (CSC) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO), which was created in 2001 in order to facilitate greater citizen and civil society participation in global trade and standard setting bodies, and in particular, to facilitate greater participation from stakeholders representing consumer interests (including those that are concerned with public health or the protection of personal liberties).

The CSC is a federation of several different non-governmental organizations of varying sizes and interests. The members of the CSC are headquartered in more than twelve developed and developing countries, and include groups that are working in areas such as public health, agriculture, the development of free software, trademarks and domain names, copyright policy, the protection of non-copyrighted elements of databases, and the WIPO agenda for the protection of traditional knowledge, folklore and access to genetic resources.

The CSC seeks to increase civil society participation in WIPO proceedings, and, in particular, to increase participation of consumer and citizen interests. Many of the members of the CSC are involved in advocacy work on behalf of the poor or consumer or citizen interests in general. An important objective of the CSC is to provide a constructive opportunity to these groups to engage in what are often highly technical discussions about intellectual property policy. The CSC believes that it can provide the type of thoughtful and innovative contributions to WIPO proceedings that contribute to better policy making.

The CSC already has *ad hoc* observer status in the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR).

More information is available at: <http://www.civilsocietycoalition.org>.

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