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ACCREDITATION OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

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1. The Annex to this document contains information on a non-governmental organization 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's Rules of Procedure (see 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]

ANNEX

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS REQUESTED
REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVER IN SESSIONS OF THE SCT

Brazilian Association of Intellectual Property (ABPI)

The Brazilian Association of Intellectual Property (ABPI) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization. It was founded in 1963 as the Brazilian Association of Industrial Property. The association congregates companies, trademark agents, law firms and intellectual property specialists. It currently has 651 members, of which 141 are legal entities and 510 are individuals.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization

- Studying all aspects of Intellectual Property and in particular Industrial Property Law, Copyright, Competition Law and Technology Transfer, including national statutes and case law;
- Promoting the development of Intellectual Property Law by providing technical studies and contributions to national authorities, as well as draft bills and comments to Congress;
- Collaborating with national authorities and international actors in the implementation of Intellectual Property Law;
- Assembling the national groups of certain international associations: *Association internationale pour la protection de la propriété Intellectuelle (AIPPI)*, *Asociación Interamericana de la Propiedad Industrial (ASIPI)* and *Ligue internationale du droit de la concurrence (LIDC)*;
- Issuing a bimonthly publication called “*Revista da Associação Brasileira da Propriedade Intelectual*” that has become an important reference for the national intellectual property community;
- Organizing the most important international intellectual property conference held every year in Brazil.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active

Brazil. However, ABPI has members resident in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Germany, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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