

Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications

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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 Rules of Procedure (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]

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

REQUEST OF REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVER IN SESSIONS OF THE SCT (WIPO)

CIGI, Centre for International Governance Innovation

We are the Centre for International Governance Innovation: an independent, non-partisan think tank with an objective and uniquely global perspective. Our research, opinions and public voice make a difference in today's world by bringing clarity and innovative thinking to global policy making. By working across disciplines and in partnership with the best peers and experts, we are the benchmark for influential research and trusted analysis.

The International Law Research Program (ILRP) of CIGI strives to be the world's leading international law think tank on international governance, with recognized impact on how international law is brought to bear on significant global issues. Our mission is to seek to connect knowledge, policy and practice to build the international law framework – the globalized rule of law – to support international governance of the future. Our founding belief is that better international governance including a strengthened international law framework can improve the lives of people everywhere, increase prosperity, ensure global sustainability, address inequality and safeguard human rights, and promote a more secure world.

Canada's interaction with the international community is heavily impacted by the development of its own intellectual property infrastructure. CIGI contributes research on appropriate legal frameworks to address emerging intellectual property issues. The law of trademarks and geographical indications are among the areas of intellectual property that the ILRP focuses on from a domestic and international perspective. The work of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Design and Geographical Indications is highly relevant to ILRP research projects on trademark law and the future of geographical indication protection, and their implications for domestic intellectual property strategy. The ILRP engages in research on the law of geographical indications and conducts comparative work on the impact of GI rules in domestic and international systems. CIGI ILRP also researches the direction and impact of domestic and international legal developments in trademark laws and domain name system.

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Thank you for your consideration of our request for accreditation.

Sincerely,

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