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Re: Proposals for changes in the eighth edition of the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Classification)

Madam, Sir,

The Committee of Experts of the Vienna Union will hold its eighth session in Geneva, from November 11 to 13, 2020, with a view to revising the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Classification).

I have pleasure in inviting the competent national Offices of the countries members of the Vienna Union and the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) to submit to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) proposals for amendments or additions to the current edition of the Classification, in accordance with Article 5(5) of the Vienna Agreement. These proposals will be considered by the Committee of Experts during the above mentioned session, for incorporation in the new (ninth) edition of the Vienna Classification. Any suggestions that might contribute to facilitating the use of the Vienna Classification and promoting its uniform application would also be welcome.

It would be appreciated if your proposals could be posted on the Electronic Forum at: *www3.wipo.int/classifications/vienna/vclef* by June 30, 2020, under Project <u>VE999</u>. The same user name and password used by your Office for submitting documents to the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union are valid. If your Office does not have the login information, please send a message to *nivilo@wipo.int* and you will be provided with such information.

Yours sincerely,

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