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PROGRAM

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Tuesday, December 12, 2017

- 09.30 – 09.40 Welcome Remarks
Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze, Chairman, Sakpatenti
Mr. Levan Gamkrelidze, Head of Investigation Services of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia
Mr. Xavier Vermandele, Senior Legal Counsellor, WIPO
- 09.40 – 10.10 **Topic 1** **A Balanced Approach to the Enforcement of IP Rights: Building Respect for IP**

Speaker: Mr. Xavier Vermandele, Senior Legal Counsellor, Building Respect for IP Division, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva
- 10.10 – 10.40 **Topic 2** **Brief Overview of the various IP Rights in the Legal Framework of Georgia**

Speaker: Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze, Chairman, Sakpatenti
- 10.40 – 11.10 **Topic 3** **Enforcement of IPRs – the Operational Context: Situation and Main Challenges in Georgia** [*discussing the issue of trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy in the country*]

Speakers: Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze
 Mr. Giga Kobaladze, Chairman, Georgian Copyright Association
- 11.10 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 11.50 **Topic 4** **Enforcement of IPRs – Part III of the TRIPS Agreement**

Speaker: Mr. Xavier Vermandele
- 11.50 – 12.10 **Topic 5** **Enforcement of IPRs – Current and Future Legal Framework in Georgia**

Speaker: Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze
- 12.10 – 12.30 **Topic 6** **Awareness and Education as Elements of Building Respect for IP**

Speaker: Mr. Xavier Vermandele
- 12.30 – 13.15 **Topic 7** **IP Enforcement, the Public Interest and the Decision to Prosecute**

Speaker: Ms. Eleliis Rattam, Assistant Prosecutor, Northern District Prosecutor's Office, Tallinn, Estonia

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 – 15.00 **Topic 8** **Trademark Counterfeiting, Copyright Piracy, Commercial Scale**

Speakers: Mr. Xavier Vermandele
Mr. Dorian Chiroasca, Attorney-at-Law & Industrial Property Counsellor, Former Director General of AGEPI, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

15.00 – 15.45 **Topic 9** **Investigating IP Crimes: Reasonable Suspicion and Evidence**

Speaker: Mr. Michael Ellis, Chairman of the International Intellectual Property Crime Investigations College (IIPCIC), London, United Kingdom

15.45 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00 **Topic 10** **Roundtable – Coordination of Enforcement Agencies in Addressing IP Crime (Focus on coordination between customs and investigation services)**

Moderator: Mr. Michael Ellis

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

09.30 – 10.15 **Topic 11** **Border Enforcement**

Speaker: Ms. Tamar Jafaridze, Chief Customs Officer, Non-Tariff Control Division of Customs Department of Revenue Service

10.15 – 10.45 **Topic 12** **Police Powers in relation to IP Crime**

Speaker: Mr. Irakli Kartvelishvili, Deputy Head of Fighting Against Customs Rules Violation Divisions at Investigation Department of Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia

10.45 – 11.30 **Topic 13** **Enforcement Challenges in the Online Environment**

Speaker: Ms. Eleliis Rattam

11.30 – 11.45 Coffee Break

11.45 – 12.45 **Topic 14** **Practical Training Scenario**

Moderators: Mr. Michael Ellis
Mr. Xavier Vermandele

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 14.25 **Topic 15 Sentencing and Proportionality**

Speaker: Ms. Eleliis Rattam

14.25 – 14.50 **Topic 16 Disposal of IP Infringing Goods**

Speaker: Mr. Xavier Vermandele

14.50 – 15.30 **Topic 17 Roundtable – The Role of the Right Holders in Addressing IP Infringements**

Speakers: Mr. Giorgi Taktakishvili, PUMA representative
in Georgia
Mr. Dorian Chiroasca

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 16.15 **Topic 18 Highlighting the Importance of International Cooperation to Fight Transnational Organized IP Crimes**

Speaker: Mr. Michael Ellis

16.15 – 16.30 **General Q&A Session**

16.30 **Closing**

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