

Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

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ACCREDITATION OF OBSERVERS

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1. The Rules of Procedure for the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) provide for *ad hoc* accreditation as observers of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for a period of one year (document CDIP/1/2 Rev.).
2. The Annex to this document contains information about two non-governmental organizations (NGOs), namely, the International Association for the Development of Intellectual Property (ADALPI) and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), which have requested to be granted *ad hoc* observer status.
3. *The CDIP is invited to take a decision on the requests for accreditation of the NGOs contained in the Annex to this document as ad hoc observers for a period of one year.*

[Annex follows]

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (ADALPI)

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

International Association for the Development of Intellectual Property (ADALPI)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Brigitte Lindner, Chair

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Brigitte Lindner, German national, residing in the United Kingdom, Chair

Mr. Carlo Scollo Lavizzari, Swiss national, Vice-Chair

Mr. Roger Chavallaz, Swiss national, Treasurer

MANDATE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

The general aim of the Association is to promote innovation and creativity through the balanced protection of intellectual property, adapted in particular to the needs of countries in transition and developing countries, with the commitment of all stakeholders, while respecting national cultures and infrastructure. The term “intellectual property” covers industrial property, including patents and trademarks, designs, geographical indications, as well as the protection of undisclosed information and literary and artistic property, in particular copyright and neighboring rights.

This aim will be achieved through the following actions:

- (a) the preparation and implementation of tailor-made technical assistance, in particular for countries in transition and developing countries, upon request by governments and other public and private bodies;
- (b) the organization of events and all other initiatives designed to assist in the achievement of the Association’s aims, such as courses, conferences, work sessions and publications;
- (c) participation in international events and research projects, as well as in meetings and other events organized within governmental and intergovernmental organizations and attended by the Association in an observer capacity; and
- (d) the creation of a platform allowing for the exchange, in a professional and welcoming environment, of knowledge and expertise in the field of intellectual property.

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WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION (UEMOA)

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Christophe Joseph Marie Dabire, on behalf of the President of the Commission, Acting Commissioner

MANDATE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

Owing to the increased ease with which products circulate within the market of the Union as a result of trade liberalization, there is now a need to ensure that this space, with all the freedoms it entails, does not encourage the development of unfair business practices.

Thus, in the face of the spread of counterfeiting throughout the countries of the UEMOA zone, a phenomenon which constitutes a danger to public health, innovation, creation, investment and the economy as a whole, the Commission has made a program to combat counterfeiting, based on the strengthening of mechanisms for monitoring and promotion of intellectual property rights, a priority in terms of its activities.

Aims:

- (a) to strengthen the competitiveness of the Member States' economic and financial activities;
- (b) to ensure convergence of the economic performance and policies of the Member States;

- (c) to create a common market based on the free circulation of persons, goods and services among Member States, as well as a common external tariff and trade policy;
- (d) to establish coordination in terms of national sectoral policies through the implementation of joint actions and, possibly, common policies; and
- (e) to harmonize, to the extent required for the proper functioning of the common market, the laws of the Member States and, in particular, the tax system.

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