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COMMUNICATION FROM THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN TO
CO-SPONSOR THE PROPOSAL BY THE KINGDOM OF BHRAIN ON THE
IMPORTANCE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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1. In a communication in Arabic dated June 15, 2005, the International Bureau received a letter from the Minister of Culture, Jordan, co-sponsoring the "Proposal on the Importance of Intellectual Property in Social and Economic Development and National Development Programs", submitted by Bahrain. (Please see document IIM/2/2.)
2. A translation of the said communication from the Minister of Culture, Jordan, is annexed to this document.
3. *The IIM is invited to note the contents of the attached communication from the Minister of Culture, Jordan.*

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

[Translation]
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Ministry of Culture
Department of the National Library

June 15, 2005

Dr. Kamil Idris
Director General
WIPO

Dear Sir,

Convinced of the importance of intellectual property and the role it should play in economic, social and cultural development, the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has been carrying out, in cooperation with WIPO, through the Arab Bureau, numerous activities that aim at enhancing and disseminating awareness of an intellectual property culture in Jordan. Also, significant efforts have been provided to adapt national legislation to international trends. In both areas, WIPO has provided the necessary efficient assistance and advice.

We thank WIPO for the work achieved and confirm our support for the efforts furnished to enhance assistance extended to Member States in various fields of intellectual property. We hope that the budget allocated to the Arab Bureau will be increased to enable it to achieve its objectives.

In this context, we co-sponsor the proposals made by the Kingdom of Bahrain, as submitted to WIPO for consideration by the Inter-sessional Intergovernmental Meeting on a Development Agenda for WIPO, particularly those contained in the last three paragraphs of the submission, regarding the development dimension in WIPO.

Sincerely yours,

Minister of Culture
Asma Khader

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