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COMMUNICATION FROM YEMEN TO CO-SPONSOR THE PROPOSAL BY THE
KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN 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 Ministry of Industry and Trade, Yemen, 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 Ministry of Industry and Trade, Yemen, is annexed to this document.

3. *The IIM is invited to note the contents of the attached communication from the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Yemen.*

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

[Translation]
Republic of Yemen
Ministry of Industry and Trade

June 15, 2005

Dr. Kamil Idris
Director General
WIPO

Dear Sir,

I would like to express gratitude and appreciation for your efforts in promoting intellectual property as a tool for economic development, as well as for the role of WIPO, particularly the Economic Development Bureau for Arab countries, in strengthening capacities of Member States.

I would like to reaffirm our support for the Organization's efforts in promoting the benefits of, and facilitating wider access to intellectual property for the achievement of development objectives. It is our hope that WIPO increases and enhances its assistance to Member States, particularly least development countries, which are in the process of accession to the World Trade Organization, as is the case of the Republic of Yemen.

The Republic of Yemen co-sponsors the document presented by the Kingdom of Bahrain which includes a proposal on the Importance of Intellectual Property for Social and Economic Development and National Development Programs, for submission to the Inter-sessional Intergovernmental Meeting on a Development Agenda for WIPO, to be held WIPO in Geneva, from June 20 to 22, 2005.

Sincerely yours,

Fadel Mokbul Mansour
Director General, Intellectual Property Protection

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