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**WIPO Seminar Series on
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Geneva, June 16, 2010

13.30 – 13.40 Introduction

Moderator: Mr. Carsten Fink, Chief Economist, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

13.40 – 15.00 The Quality Factor in Patent Systems

Speaker: Mr. Bruno van Pottelsberghe de la Potterie, former Chief Economist of the European Patent Office (2005-2007); Professor, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management; and Senior Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels

Abstract: The presentation puts forward a new methodology that aims at comparing quality across patent systems. An in-depth analysis of the operational designs of the novelty and inventiveness conditions compares patent quality between the European Patent Office, the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Japanese Patent Office. The strong observed international differences in term of quality call for a sharp convergence of patent systems before worldwide mutual recognition and work-sharing practices are put in place.

Time will be reserved for an open discussion.

The session will start at 13.30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at the headquarters of WIPO, 34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva (Conference Room B).

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