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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Wednesday, March 15, 2017

08.00 – 08.30 Registration

08.30 – 09.00 Opening Ceremony

 Mr. Musalam Hamdan Al-Enzi on behalf of H.E. Mr. Khaled Nasser Abdullah Al-Roudan, Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and H.E. Sheikh Nimer Al Sabah, Assistant Undersecretary, International Organizations and Foreign Trade Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Mr. John Sandage, Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland

09.00 – 09.45 **The ePCT System: Presentation and Live Demonstration**

Speaker: Mr. Ali Jazairy, Senior Counsellor, PCT International Cooperation Division, Patents and Technology Sector, WIPO

09.45 – 10.15 **Exercise 1 on ePCT: Preparation and Filing of a PCT Application using the ePCT System**

Experts: Dr. Lobna Ahmed Okashah

 Program Manager, Innovation Directorate,

 Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of the

 Sciences (KFAS)

 Mr. Musalam Hamdan Al-Enzi,

 Director, Trademarks and Patents Department,

 Intellectual Property Department,

 Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 11.00 **Exercise 2 on ePCT: Processing of the PCT Application by the ePCT Receiving Office**

Experts: Mr. Musalam Hamdan Al-Enzi,

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 Intellectual Property Department,

 Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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11.00 – 11.30 **Exercise 3 on ePCT: Interactions between Users, Representatives, and the Receiving Office in ePCT**

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11.30 – 11.45 **Summary and Closing Address**

Ms. Shereen Abdulwahab, Head, Intellectual Property Department,

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Mr. Ali Jazairy, Senior Counsellor, PCT International Cooperation Division, Patents and Technology Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland

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