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ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Annex to this document lists a number of non-governmental organizations, which have requested to be granted observer status in sessions of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), according to SCT's Rules of Procedure (see document SCT/1/2, paragraph 6).

2. The SCT is invited to approve the representation in sessions of the Committee of the non-governmental organizations referred to in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED
REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVERS IN THE SESSIONS OF THE SCT

China Trademark Association (CTA)

German Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (GRUR)

HealthChek

China Trademark Association (CTA)

The China Trademark Association (CTA) is composed of reputable enterprises, trademark agencies and trademark experts. It has currently 662 members, including 572 group members (enterprises and trademark agencies) and 50 individual members (trademark experts and senior trademark practitioners). Since its foundation in the early 1990's, CTA has acted as a communication link between enterprises and government departments and it has organized a series of awareness-building activities in the area of trademarks, to facilitate the development of the trademark protection system.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization

- Create and promote awareness of the relevant national trademark laws and regulations in general public;
- Provide its members with consulting services, in order to enhance their trademark management ability and to protect their rights and interests;
- Conduct research studies on new trends and developments in the field of trademark law, both in China and around the world, and in-depth research on selected trademark issues both from the point of view of theory and practice;
- Organize seminars, lectures, forums and training courses on topical issues of trademark protection, with the view to monitoring developments worldwide;
- Provide legislature with comprehensive opinions of the relevant laws;
- Edit and publish the magazine “China Trademark”, as well as the internal “Newsletters for Members” and “China Trademark Report”. The latter are specially used to publicize trademark laws and regulations and to share successful trademark management experiences;
- Provide a trademark-monitoring service to its members;
- Promote international cooperation with similar trademark organizations and organize visits to other countries, as well as participate in international conferences dealing with trademark issues.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active

China.

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German Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (GRUR)

The German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR) was founded in Berlin, Germany in 1891. The organization's headquarters are established in Cologne. GRUR's members are mainly academics, judges, attorneys, patent agents, public servants, enterprises, associations. Today, GRUR counts more than 4,000 members. Though these members constitute somehow the Intellectual Property community in Germany, GRUR has also members from other countries.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization

GRUR's statutory purpose is the advancement and development of intellectual property protection as such. Studies extend from the national to the international level. GRUR's aims and purposes conform to the spirit, purposes and principles of WIPO and of the United Nations. According to its statutes, the Association's objective is to discuss and develop intellectual property protection and to provide legislature and administration with advice and guidance. To achieve this aim, GRUR does not represent any particular professional or commercial interest.

More precisely, GRUR discusses international news and information either in its seminars, on its annual conference and in its special committees. Two out of 10 committees deal especially with industrial designs and trademarks, respectively. The main task of these committees is to prepare statements on special legal and legislative issues.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active

Germany. However, GRUR has more than 250 members resident in 44 countries throughout the world.

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Healthchek

HEALTHCHEK is a non-governmental and non-profit making organization for the research, advocacy, and training on health, intellectual property and knowledge assets management, and offers political, economic and socio-cultural development services to a cross section of West Africans.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization

The basic purpose of HEALTHCHEK is to maintain an institutionalized network engaging in various phases of the community and human resource development efforts among the poor and the marginalized, researching, training and advocating for proper management of resources (natural, capital and human) among communities and individuals as well as community base organizations, so as to attain and sustain political-economic socio-cultural development.

The main services of HEALTHCHEK, in collaboration with donors, sister bodies and the academia, include the following:

- Researching into socio-cultural as well as political economic development issues, coordination and transformation of traditional, community and human resources towards socio-economic growth among communities and individuals;
- Intellectual property protection and human rights promotion;
- Training and development of organizations, corporations, individuals and social groups, for effective entrepreneurship and wealth creation;
- Empowering organizations, corporations, individuals and social groups for effective participation in community projects planning and implementation;
- Coordination, development and improvement of traditional medicine;
- Community and organizational based environment and health educational and management services;
- Other socio-economic related activities such as research and development, directly or through representatives or in participation with other persons, NGOs or entities.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active

HEALTHCHEK has its Headquarter office in Ghana, and operates across the West African region. However, no self-imposed or regulatory geographical limitations are placed upon its activities.

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