

Republic of Moldova

Concerning the proposal of the USA Delegation on the amendment of draft agenda of the SCP session (document SCP/6/7) concerns, we have the pleasure to communicate to you the following:

- The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova has ratified the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) by Law No. 433-XV of June 27, 2001.
- The procedures of the State Agency on Industrial Property Protection of the Republic of Moldova with respect to the applications and patents provide for the possibility of reinstatement of the applicants/owners' rights, where loss of rights took place in '*force majeure*' circumstances, in conformity with the PLT requirements.

However, the Republic of Moldova supports the need of granting facilities to the applicants/owners of the USA going beyond the PLT provisions, such as:

- suspension of procedures of the Office for an application or patent within a time limit earlier than 12 months following the expiration of the prescribed time limit without payment of additional fees;
- possibility of claiming priority for an application which was filed after the expiration of the time limit period of 12 months within at least 6 months following the expiration date of the priority period;
- possibility of priority granting, where copy of an earlier application would be filed within a time limit which would not exceed 22 months following the filing date of such application.

In all cases mentioned above there would not be required any declaration or other evidence proving the "*force majeure*" circumstances.