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на № _____
Ms. Binying Wang
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Dear Ms. Wang,

Referring to the Circular of the World Intellectual Property Organization C. 8361 of May 12, 2014, concerning the proposal of the Delegation of Jamaica entitled “Draft Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Country Names” made at the thirty-first session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (presented in the document SCT/31/4), the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the State Service) has learned the said Circular and has a pleasure of informing on the following.

The Ukrainian side would like to express its full support to the proposal developed and made by the Delegation of Jamaica considering the fact that Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property contains no provisions on protection of country names.

Ukraine recognizes the need for the protection of country names, taking into account that the national legislation provides for such protection, namely, Article 6 of the law of Ukraine “On Protection of Rights to Marks for Goods and Services” states that the legal protection shall not be granted for indications that represent or imitate official country names. The said indications may be included into a mark as its non-protected elements, provided that the consent of the relevant authorized body or owners of such indications is obtained. In Ukraine the authorized body

with respect to country names is the collegial body established by the State Service.

The Ukrainian side would also like to express its gratitude to the Delegation of Jamaica and other Delegations of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications for the elaboration of the constructive proposal concerning the legal norms regulating the protection of country names that can be used, by member states, as practical recommendations during examination of trademarks.

We believe that the aforementioned recommendation will contribute greatly to a global structured and efficient dialogue on the issue of the protection of country names.

I would like to express sincere gratitude for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kovinya', written in a cursive style.

Mykola Kovinya
Chairman