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**Seminar on the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs**

**Geneva, April 9, 2015**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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8.00 – 8.45 Registration

8.45 – 9.00 Welcome Address by:

Mr. Yves Closet, Head, Information and Promotion Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

9.00 – 09.20 **General Overview of the Hague System**

Objectives and Basic Features of The Hague System

Geneva Act of The Hague Agreement and Latest Developments

Speaker: Mr. Yves Closet, WIPO

09.20 – 09.45 **The New E-Filing Interface for the International Registration**

 **of Industrial Designs Under the Hague Agreement**

How to Use the New E-Filing Environment: Create a User Account; File an Application; and Manage Your Applications Through the E-Filing Portfolio Manager

How to File an International Application Through the New E-Filing Interface

Practical Exercises

Speaker: Ms. Kateryna Gurinenko, Examiner, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

09.45 – 10.00 Coffee Break

10.00 – 10.45 **International Application and Examination**

Examination of an Application by the International Bureau of WIPO

Irregularities

Examination and Requirements Concerning Reproductions

Speaker: Ms. Kateryna Gurinenko, WIPO

10.45 – 11.00 Questions

11.00 – 11.20 **International Registration**

Effects of an International Registration

Possibility of Refusal

Speaker: Mr. Hiroshi Okutomi, Senior Legal Officer, Legal Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

11.20 – 11.40 **Managing an International Registration**

Change in Ownership and Other Changes

Renewal

Speaker: Mr. Patrick Cartant, Head, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

11.40 – 12.00 Questions

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.00 **Practical Guidance to Users for Meeting the Requirements Set by the**

 **Offices of Japan and the Republic of Korea**

Speaker: Mr. Hideo Yoshida, Associate Officer, Legal Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

14.00 – 15.15 **Practical Guidance to Users When Designating the United States of America in an International Design Application and In Case of Possible Objections**

Speaker: Mr. David Gerk, Patent Attorney, Office of Policy and International Affairs (OPIA), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Department of Commerce, Alexandria

15.15 – 15.30 Questions

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 16.30 **Viewpoint of a Private Practitioner Regarding a Possible
Filing Strategy**

Speaker: Mr. Bernard Volken, Attorney-at-Law, Fuhrer Marbach and Partner, Bern

16.30 – 17.00 Discussions and Closing

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