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**Seminar on the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs: Practical Approach to the System and Feedback from the Offices of Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America as Designated Contracting Parties**

**Geneva, June 23, 2016**

PROGRAM

*prepared by the Secretariat*

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.15 OPENING

 Welcome address by:

Mr. Yves Closet, Head, Information and Promotion Section, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector

9.15 – 10.00 **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: Mr. Jean-François Ouellette, Associate Business Analyst, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector

10.00 – 10.15 Coffee Break

10.15 – 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 Gabriele, Examiner, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector

10.45 – 11.00 Questions

11.00 – 11.30 **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

11.30 – 12.00 **Managing an International Registration**

Change in Ownership and Other Changes

Renewal

Speaker: Ms. Yin Wu, Examiner, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector

12.00 – 12.15 Questions

12.15 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 14.45 **Practical Guidance to Users Designating Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America**

Speakers: Mr. Ho Beom Jeon, Examiner, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector

 Ms. Rashida Johnson, Examiner, Operations Service, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector

 Ms. Sachiko Chiba, Examiner, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector

14.45 – 15.00 Questions

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.15 **Feedback from the Offices of Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America as Designated Contracting Parties**

Moderator: Mr. Yves Closet

Speakers: Mr. Hiroyuki Ito, Director, Design Registration System Planning Office, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo

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20 mn) Ms. Eunmi Sohn, Deputy Director, Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), Seoul

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

16.15 – 17.00 Discussions and Closing

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