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**Seminar on the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs: Practical Approach and How to Use it**

**Geneva, November 19, 2015**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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8.00 – 8.50 Registration

8.50 – 9.00 OPENING

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

9.45 – 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, Examiner, Operations Service, The Hague Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

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, WIPO

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, WIPO

12.00 – 12.15 Questions

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.45 **Practical Guidance to Users Designating Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America**

Speakers: Mr. Hiroshi Okutomi, WIPO

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

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

14.45 – 15.00 Questions

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.00 **Viewpoint of a Private Practitioner Regarding a Possible
Filing Strategy**

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

16.00 – 16.30 Discussions and Closing

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