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**Seminar on the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs: Advantages and Functioning of an Ever Expanding System**

**Geneva, November 10, 2016**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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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 – 9.45 **Introduction to the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs**

What Are the Advantages of the Hague System?

The Hague Agreement: A System in Full Expansion

Speaker: Mr. Yves Closet

9.45 – 10.00 **Overview of The Hague Registry Operations**

Speaker: Mr. Patrick Cartant, Head, Operations Service, The Hague Registry

10.00 – 10.15 Coffee Break

10.15 – 11.30**From Filing to Expiring: The Lifecycle of a Registration**

The Filing of an International Application and its Examination (step 1)

 Administration of an International Registration (step 2)

 **E-Tools: Ongoing Developments**

Speakers: Mr. Jean-François Ouellette, Associate Business Analyst, Operations Service

 Ms. Kateryna Gabriele, Examiner, Operations Service

 Ms. Yin Wu, Examiner

11.30 – 12.00 Questions

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00  **Follow-up after the Accession of Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America**

Speaker: Mr. Ho Beom Jeon, Examiner

 Ms. Rashida Johnson, Examiner

 Ms. Sachiko Chiba, Examiner

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 17.00 **The Hague System: Practical Experience From a Practioner’s Point of View**

 Moderator: Mr. Yves Closet

 Speakers: Mr. Bernard Volken, Attorney-at-law, Fuhrer Marbach and Partner, Bern

 Mr. Hubert Doléac, Senior Legal Counsel, Intellectual Property, Nestlé Legal, Nestec Ltd, Vevey

17.00 CLOSING

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