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STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE LAW OF TRADE MARKS, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

Seventh Session
Geneva, December 5 to 7, 2001

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Session

1. Ms. Debbie Rønning (Norway), Chair of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), opened the meeting. Mr. Marcus Höpferger (WIPO) acted as Secretary to the SCT.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Draft Agenda

2. The SCT adopted the Draft Agenda (document SCT/7/1) without modifications.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Draft Report of the Sixth Session

3. The SCT adopted the Draft Report of the sixth session (document SCT/6/6 Prov.) without modifications.

Agenda Item 5: Issues to be Considered by the Standing Committee

4. After an extended discussion, the Standing Committee decided that the International Bureau should, in preparation for discussions at the eighth session of the Standing Committee, revise document SCT/6/3 according to the comments made by delegations on that paper during the seventh session, and to supplement the revised document SCT/6/3 with an

addendum dealing with the following non-exhaustive list of issues: definition of geographical indications, protection of geographical indications in their country of origin, protection of geographical indications abroad, generic terms, conflicts between geographical indications and trademarks, and homonymous geographical indications.

Agenda Item 6: Future Work

5. The SCT agreed that its eighth session would tentatively be held from May 27 to 31, 2002, in Geneva, that it would last for five full working days, and that it would be dedicated to work concerning harmonization of laws for the protection of marks, and geographical indications.

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