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Re: Name change for Moldova in WIPO Standard ST.3

Dear Mr. Deputy Director General,

With reference to the notification C. SCIT 2653/-8 dated 13 May 2008 according to which the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) acquaint us with the changes in WIPO Standard ST.3 of the current entry for the Republic of Moldova which should be changed with Moldova (in English, Spanish and French languages),

The State Office for Inventions and Trademarks, takes this opportunity, on behalf of Romania, to communicate that does not agree to change the name of "Republic of Moldova" with "Moldova" for the following reasons and to explain the necessity of using the constitutional name for the "Republic of Moldova":

There are strong political, historical and linguistic reasons that require to properly refer at all times to the "Republic of Moldova" by this name and not by "Moldova", which is a shorter formula that is sometimes used for practical purposes.

The use of the "Republic of Moldova", which is constitutional name of this country, will avoid an undesirable confusion with the historical and geographical region of Romania, which neighbours directly, over the river Prut, the Republic of Moldova.

Therefore it is preferable to avoid the use in official documents of an inappropriate name of our neighbour which could bring confusion and dissatisfaction to a great deal of citizens from our country, and also to other parties involved.

With the hope that you will pay special attention to this matter, please accept, Mr. Deputy Director General, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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