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Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice

Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment (Geneva, 1 October 2001)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 11 a.m. on Monday, 1 October 2001

Security measures at the Palais des Nations have been significantly increased and official badges are needed to have access. The procedure for this is accelerated if the Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities receives the names of delegates in advance. For further details, please see annex.

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 - (f) Future support projects
 - (g) Other projects
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- 6. COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS FROM PRIVATE SPONSORS
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Explanatory Notes

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe, the first item on the provisional agenda is adoption of the agenda (TRADE/WP.5/AG.3/2001/1).

Item 2: **Election of officers**

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Advisory Group is expected to elect a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons. At the Inaugural Meeting of the Advisory Group on 17 September 1999, Mrs. Irina Savelieva, Moscow City Bar Association, Russian Federation was elected Chairperson, and Mrs. Ludmila Sterbova, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic and Mr. Domenico Sindico, Rossotto and Associates, Italy were elected Vice-Chairpersons.

Item 3: Progress reports

- (a) <u>Estonian support project</u>. The meeting will be informed on the follow-up activities undertaken after the Consultative Visit to Estonia (6-7 April 2000);
- (b) <u>Latvian support project</u>. The meeting will be informed on the follow-up activities undertaken after the Consultative Visit to Latvia (13-14 November 2000);
- (c) <u>Lithuanian support project</u>. The meeting will be informed on the follow-up activities undertaken after the Consultative Visit to Lithuania (16-17 November 2000);
- (d) <u>Russian Federation support project</u>. The meeting will be informed on the results of the Consultative Visit to the Russian Federation (23-24 April 2001);

- (e) <u>Ukrainian support project</u>. The meeting will be informed on the preparations for the Consultative Visit to Ukraine (October 2001);
- (f) <u>Future Support Projects</u>. The Chairperson will inform the meeting on possible future support projects which could be implemented at the request of Governments;
- (g) Other Projects. The Chairperson will inform the meeting on the other activities undertaken during the reporting period.

Information on sub-items (a) - (e) will be provided in document (WP.5/AG.3/2001/1) and on sub-items (f) and (g) orally by the Chairperson.

<u>Item</u> 4. **Reports from the sub-groups**

The meeting will be informed by the Chairpersons of three sub-groups on education and training; sustainable enforcement; and certification against counterfeit on the activities of these sub-groups during the reporting period.

<u>Item 5.</u> Comments and proposals from partner Governments and international organisations

The meeting is expected to listen to comments as well as new proposals from representatives of those countries which have hosted or intend to host Consultative visits as well as from international organizations. Member countries are invited to assess the work accomplished by the Advisory Group so far, and share their expectations and views on the future directions of the Advisory Group's activities. The meeting is furthermore expected to discuss a proposal to promote cooperation amongst the UN Regional Commissions and WIPO on the topic of intellectual property and development on the basis of a note prepared by the secretariat (WP.5/IPR/2001/2).

<u>Item 6.</u> Comments and proposals from private sponsors

The meeting is expected to listen to the comments from the private sponsors participating or willing to participate in the Advisory Group's activities.

<u>Item 7.</u> Guidelines for the operation of the UNECE Advisory Groups involving representatives of business community

Under this item the meeting is expected to discuss Guidelines for the operation of the UNECE Advisory Groups involving representatives of business community on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat (WP.5/AG.3/2001/3).

<u>Item 8</u>. **Sub-group mandates**

During the reporting period the Steering Group decided to expand the mandate of the Sub-group on sustainable enforcement to cover the issues previously dealt with by the Sub-group on databases thus merging the Sub-group on databases with the Sub-group on sustainable enforcement. The meeting is expected to approve the revised mandate on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat (WP.5/AG.3/2001/4). The meeting is also expected to approve the appointments of the Sub-group Chairpersons made by the Steering Group during the reporting period.

Item 9. **Budget and financing**

The meeting will discuss the report on fund-raising activities by the Project Manager. The Special Fund Administrator will report on the status of the Advisory Group's Special Fund. At the last Steering Group meeting it was agreed to renew the Agreement with ICC for two years and the meeting is expected to approve this renewal.

The meeting is also expected to adopt a new level of sponsorship fees as well as benefits to be provided according to the sponsorship's level which were agreed at the last Steering Group meeting on the basis of proposals submitted by the Steering Group (WP.5/AG.3/2001/5).

<u>Item 10</u>. **Project manager**

Since the contract with Magpie Links Ltd. will expire on 16 September 2001 the meeting is expected to discuss the nomination of a Project manager for the next two years. At its last meeting the Steering Group decided to prolong the contract of Magpie Links Ltd. for another 6 months under the present terms.

Item 11. **Programme of work**

The meeting is expected to approve the programme of work of the Advisory Group on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat (WP.5/AG.3/2001/6).

Item 12. Steering Group's membership

During the reporting period a number of changes have occurred in the membership list of the Steering Group which was endorsed by the second AG meeting in September 2000. The meeting is therefore expected to approve the new membership criteria for the SG membership and the new membership list of the Steering Group on the basis of proposals elaborated by the Steering Group (WP.5/AG.3/2001/7).

Item 13. **Other business**

Under this item, the Advisory Group may wish to decide on the dates of its next meeting and/or any other issues which may be raised during the present meeting.

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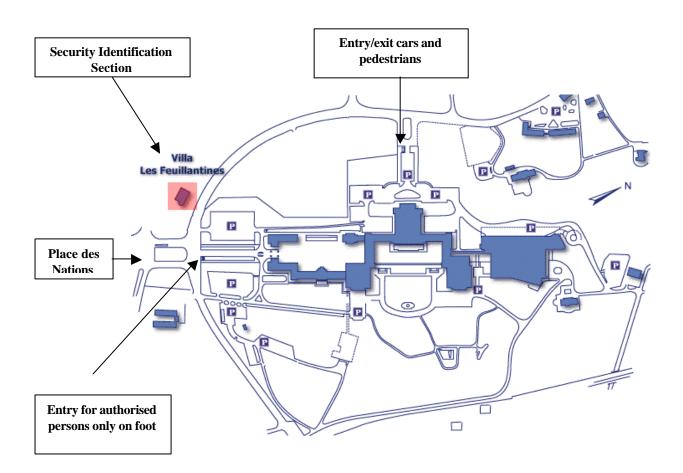
Annex

REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

Access to the Palais des Nations

Security measures have been strengthened at the Palais des Nations and delegates attending meetings are required to have badges issued by the Security Unit and bearing their names, which will give access to the Palais grounds. Delegates are invited to complete the Conference Registration Form and send it to the ECE secretariat by fax (+ **41 22 917 01 78**). Once in Geneva, delegates will be required to proceed with the original of the form to the Security Identification Section situated at the Villa Les Feuillantines (as indicated on the map below; opening hours: 08:00 a.m.-05:00 p.m.), where the entrance badges will be awaiting. Delegates should plan on about an hour to obtain the badge and reach the meeting room.

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