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COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) AND THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF MEMBER NATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (IPA CIS)

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

Considering intellectual property (IP) as an important driver of innovation, socio-economic and cultural development,

Realizing the importance of efficient legal protection and enforcement of IP to promote mutually beneficial trade and economic cooperation among states,

Bearing in mind that WIPO is a specialized agency of the United Nations dedicated to the promotion of innovation and creativity for the economic, social and cultural development of all countries, through a balanced and effective international IP system,

Recognizing the role of IPA CIS in developing model legislative acts for the harmonization and alignment of the national laws of the IPA CIS countries, adopting recommendations on bringing the laws of the IPA CIS Member Nations in line with the provisions of international treaties signed by the Member Nations in the framework of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Having regard to the WIPO experience related to the balanced evolution of the international normative framework for IP, providing technical assistance in the development of national legislation in the field of IP, organizing capacity building activities and training in the field of IP, and building respect for IP,

Emphasizing the importance of the cooperation between WIPO and IPA CIS aiming at the development and promotion of the IP system, including the development of mechanisms for legal protection and enforcement of IP,

Have decided to sign the following Cooperation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”):

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Agreement is to establish a framework for mutually beneficial cooperation between the Parties aiming at:

- Development of the normative framework for IP in the IPA CIS countries;
- Strengthening and development of human resources in the field of IP in the IPA CIS countries;
- Strengthening IP awareness and building respect for IP in the IPA CIS countries.

II. SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The Parties will implement joint projects and activities for the attainment of the objective of the Agreement. Any joint project and activity shall be taken upon mutual consent of the Parties and with due account paid to budgetary and personnel limitations faced by each Party.

In particular, the Parties in the framework of this Agreement will:

- Ensure the promotion of the international treaties administrated by WIPO among the IPA CIS countries;
- Organize joint capacity building activities, such as trainings, seminars, workshops, roundtables, on different aspects of IP;
- Facilitate, where applicable, technical assistance in the elaboration of IP-related model laws for the IPA CIS countries;
- Share, as appropriate, relevant information, best practices, expertise and analytics;
- Hold meetings and consultations, where necessary, to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Whenever deemed necessary for the achievement of the objective of the Agreement, the Parties may establish other forms of cooperation.

The Parties shall agree on the procedures, terms and financial arrangements of the implementation of joint projects and activities on a case-by-case basis.

III. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in, or relating to, this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the Parties defined by their statutory documents or the international law.

IV. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of both Parties, expressed in writing.

V. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Any dispute or disagreement arising from the interpretation and (or) implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through negotiations between the Parties.

VI. ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

This Agreement will come into effect upon signature by the Parties. The duration of the Agreement is not limited. Either Party may terminate this Agreement, subject to two months written notice prior to the termination date.

The termination of this Agreement by one of the Parties shall not affect the obligations previously entered into force through projects or activities being implemented under separate arrangements agreed by the Parties in accordance with paragraph 4 Article II of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed.

VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

This Agreement shall not be considered as an international treaty, and it shall not create any rights and obligations under the international law. Furthermore, this Agreement shall not impose any financial obligations on the Parties.

Any matters that are not described in the Agreement shall be subject to discussion and agreement by the Parties.

Upon coming into effect, this Agreement supersedes the *Memorandum of Cooperation between the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Secretariat of the Council of Interparliamentary Assembly of the Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States* of July 2, 1998.

Signed on ^{2 October} 2018 in the city of ^{Geneva} in four original copies, two in English and two in Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the World Intellectual
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