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PRIORITY NEEDS FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION

Communication from Rwanda

Addendum

The present document reproduces additional information received from the delegation of Rwanda by means of a communication dated 19 October 2010. It completes Rwanda's earlier communication on its priority needs for technical and financial cooperation by supplying Annex 2 of the submission. Annex 2 outlines the proposed Rwanda Development and IP capacity building project, with a view to translating the needs assessment into a concrete technical assistance project.

ANNEX 2

OUTLINE PROGRAMME PLANNING MATRIX

STRATEGIC GOALS & OBJECTIVES	IDENTIFIED NEEDS FOR TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	PROPOSED MAIN ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS NEEDS	LEAD NATIONAL AGENCIES	PROVISIONAL TARGET TIMETABLE	POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
Project 1: Implementation of IP Policy and Harmonization of Legal Framework	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training for policymakers on IPR concepts, TRIPS and international IPR conventions (including obligations, flexibilities, safeguards and exceptions applicable to Rwanda) and best practices from other countries. 2. Development of a multi-disciplinary IP policy teaching, research and analysis capacity in the academic community. 3. Development of IP management policies and procedures for national universities and research institutes. 4. Technical assistance in the Legislation of the Law governing Traditional Knowledge and expression of folklore. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of a "National IP Policy Forum", properly equipped to bring together the appropriate range of governmental and non-governmental stakeholder in the policy development process. The forum is expected to come up with the first draft on the law on TK. • Intensive training activity to develop sufficient national IP policymaking capacity based on solid understanding of IP issues, international IP conventions, and how they impact on Rwanda's national development objectives. • Development of IP policy research, analysis and teaching capacity in Universities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Trade & Industry • Ministry of Justice • Ministry of Health • Ministry of Agriculture • Office of the Registrar General (RG Office) • Rwanda National Science & Technology Council • Kigali Institute of Science and Technology • Rwanda Agriculture Development Authority • Civil Society & Private Sector representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All activities under Project 1 to commence as soon as possible and to be completed by July 2012 • Additional phase of technical and financial assistance may be required after July 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO (on industrial property training and development of a national IP strategy) • WTO (for development and implementation of IP policy training activities) • WTO (facilitate Rwanda's participation in the TRIPS Council) • UNESCO (on copyright, related rights and traditional knowledge policy and legislation) • WHO (on patents and public health regulation) • FAO (on GIs and plant variety protection policy and legislation) • ICTSD (IP and sustainable development policy)

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNCTAD (on transfer of technology policy) CoP-CBD (on ABS policy and regulation)
Project 2: Using IP for development, promoting innovation, creativity, and technology transfer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Improving business education and awareness about IP for SMEs targeting the creative industries (copyright and related rights), agricultural (plant varieties, trademarks, geographical indications) and manufacturing sector in particular (patents and trademarks). Identification of the potential economic value of national creative & cultural industries. Establishing a Collective Management Organization (CMO) to manage rights of authors and creators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of SMEs, staff managing the PIS, university and private sector researchers and legal practitioners (as potential patent agents) in patent database searching and reading patent documentation. Design and implementation of an online, fully searchable patent information service at the RDB/Office of the Registrar General (RG Office), and possibly other sites, based on global patent databases. Study to assess feasibility of adding limited technical search and examination resources to the RG Office to support patenting and dissemination of patented technical information. Support to IP management and technology transfer help desks, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Trade and Industry Ministry of Tourism RG Office Ministry of Sports and Culture Private sector associations representing SMEs Private Society of authors (Rwandan Society of Authors-RSAU) Kigali Institute of Science and Technology, Institute of Research in Science and Technology (IRST) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities under Project 2 to commence as soon as possible and to be completed by July 2012 Additional phase of technical and financial assistance may be required after July 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WIPO WTO ARIPO EPO (patent information services) UNIDO UNCTAD (on transfer of technology policy) ICTSD World Bank European Commission USAID UNESCO

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving IP education and undergraduate, graduate training teaching, IP professional skills development for legal practitioner 			
Project 3: Strengthening IP enforcement and regulation regime	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Improving consumer education and public awareness about IPRs. Training and qualification of private and public sector attorneys and agents. Training of enforcement agencies and rights holder organizations in IPR concepts, national legislation and IPR enforcement strategies. Provision of access to networked, computerised national intellectual property registries for the Rwanda Revenue Authority/Customs department and Rwanda Bureau of Standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design, implementation and monitoring of public education and awareness raising campaigns on IPRs targeting a broad range of audiences. Training programmes for attorneys, engineers and scientists in matters relating to patent prosecution and litigation. Training for enforcement agencies and rights holder organizations, including classroom-based, on-the-job, study tours, and training for trainers. Training for the judiciary in intellectual property and case management, including classroom-based, colloquia and study tours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RG Office Customs and Excise Department of Rwanda Revenue Authority National Police Rwanda National Bureau of Standards Commercial Division, High Court of Rwanda Private sector associations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities under Project 3 to commence as soon as possible and to be completed by July 2013 Additional phase of technical and financial assistance may be required after July 2013 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WIPO WCO INTERPOL UK IP Office and Customs service UNESCO World Bank (on customs infrastructure) European Commission USAID

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	5. Enhancing co-operation with foreign enforcement agencies on counterfeiting and piracy.				
