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Addendum

The following communication, dated 7 September 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Norway.

In collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Norwegian Patent Office has held one basic two-week course on intellectual property rights annually since 2000. These courses have been attended by around 20 participants from national industrial property offices in developing countries. The courses have been financed by the Norwegian Patent Office and are free of charge for the participants. Travel costs have been covered by WIPO, which has also handled applications from potential participants.

The course is intended for officials who deal with intellectual property on a practical level, and aims to give them a better understanding of intellectual property rights, giving special attention to the administration of such rights. The courses have focused either on patents or on trademarks. The language of instruction is English. This year the course had to be cancelled for administrative reasons. However, similar courses are planned for the years ahead.

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