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**RESPONSE TO THE EUROPEAN UNION'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 63.3 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHINA

1. The Government of China always attaches great importance to IPR protection and will further improve IPR legislation and enforcement in accordance with the WTO rules and China's WTO accession commitments. China will also continue making its notifications to the WTO in a timely manner. Meanwhile, China maintains contacts with other WTO Members including the European Union, in various forms and at different levels, with an aim to sharing information and strengthening cooperation in the field of IPR.
2. China has taken note of the request for information by the European Union pursuant to Article 63.3 of the TRIPS Agreement. Despite the fact that there is no such obligation under the TRIPS Agreement for China to respond, China still has made its best efforts to provide the following information in the spirit of good faith, cooperation and transparency.
3. With a view to implementing the open trial principle, promoting judicial justice and improving judicial credibility, the Supreme People's Court of China promulgated the Provisions on the Publication of Judgments on the Internet by the People's Courts in July 2016, which prescribes the types of documents and publication time on the "China Judgments Online". The Provisions can be found at the following website: <http://www.court.gov.cn/fabu-xiangqing-25321.html>.
4. It should be pointed out that the "typical" cases, "typical technology cases" and "big" cases mentioned in the EU communication are cases for reference and have no legal effect of general application. These cases and adjudication guidelines extracted from these cases serve to timely summarize the trial experiences, strengthen publicity of the rule of law and provide references for judicial practices and legal education.
5. China and the European Union have established the China-EU IP Working Group, and China stands ready to have further discussions through such existing bilateral channel.
