

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION AND THE OMANI ASSOCIATION FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter “the Memorandum”) is concluded between:

The World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter “WIPO”), having its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and

The Omani Association for Intellectual Property (hereinafter “the Association”), having its headquarters in the Sultanate of Oman,

Each referred to individually as “the Party” and collectively as “the Parties”.

Considering the value and importance of industrial property rights,

Desiring to strengthen cooperation between the two Parties in the area of industrial property rights (protection, raising awareness of, education and training on industrial property rights),

In furtherance of the objectives of both Parties to raise awareness as to the importance of industrial property, to promote innovation and to exchange experiences and knowledge on topics relating to industrial property,

The Parties have agreed the following, taking into account their respective legislations:

### Article 1

#### Purpose of the Memorandum

1-1 The purpose of this Memorandum is to promote cooperation and establish a general framework for the development of joint activities between WIPO and the Association, with a view to protecting industrial property rights, promoting innovation, disseminating a culture favorable to industrial property and combating infringements of industrial property rights, in accordance with the applicable legislations.

1-2 This Memorandum does not and may not establish a relationship of representation, partnership or joint venture between the Parties. Neither of the Parties has the power to represent, bind or compel the other Party in any way or to provide information on behalf of or on account of the other Party, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

## **Article 2**

### **Areas of cooperation**

2-1 The Division for Arab Countries shall assume the role of coordinator in WIPO for the purposes of the implementation of the present Memorandum.

2-2 The Parties agree to assist one another, to the extent reasonable, in undertaking joint activities in areas related to innovation, the protection and enforcement of industrial property rights, awareness raising and organizing workshops, conferences, training programs and other activities relevant to industrial property and innovation.

2-3 The Parties agree to exchange views in order to further the objectives of this Memorandum.

2-4 The Parties will identify other areas of common interest for cooperation purposes.

## **Article 3**

### **Duration of the Memorandum**

This Memorandum shall enter into force with effect from the date of its signature thereof and shall remain valid for a period of five years unless one of the Parties declares in writing its intention to terminate the Memorandum to the other Party, with two months' prior notice. A decision by one of the Parties to terminate this Memorandum should not affect existing obligations arising from projects or activities being implemented within the framework of this Memorandum, unless otherwise agreed.

## **Article 4**

### **Final clauses**

4-1 Any of the provisions of this Memorandum may be amended by written agreement between the Parties.

4-2 Any dispute arising with regard to the implementation or interpretation of this Memorandum shall be resolved amicably through negotiations between the Parties.

4-3 None of the provisions of this Memorandum shall be considered or interpreted as an express or implicit waiver of the privileges and immunities granted to WIPO as a specialized international organization of the United Nations.

4-4 The present Memorandum is signed in four original copies, two in Arabic and two in English, both Arabic and English texts being equally authentic.

For

**the Omani Association for Intellectual  
Property**



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