



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION AND THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter – WIPO),

and

the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia (AIPO), hereinafter referred to individually as the “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”,

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

Realizing the importance of cooperation in the field of IP,

Having regard to the efforts of the Government of Armenia to develop the IP field in Armenia,

Have decided to sign this Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”):

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this MoU is to enhance cooperation between the Parties aiming at:

- Further development of the national IP system of the Republic of Armenia;
- Development of human resources in the field of IP and technology commercialization;
- Strengthening the capacities of universities and research institutions in the field of IP education and commercialization;
- Encouraging the dissemination of new knowledge and commercialization of IP;
- Strengthening IP awareness and building respect for IP rights.

II. SCOPE OF COOPERATION

The Parties will implement joint activities for the attainment of the objective of this MoU. Any particular cooperation project will be taken upon mutual consent of the Parties and executed with due account paid to budgetary and personnel limitations faced by the Parties. The format and other details of the activities will be coordinated between the Parties considering the Covid-19 pandemic and travel restrictions.

In particular, the Parties will:

- Facilitate the development of the IP System in Armenia;
- Encourage the cooperation on the possibility of implementation of various programs on capacity building and establishment of an IP educational institution customized to Armenia's needs;
- Promote the development of the national Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) network;
- Encourage implementation of the National IP Strategy, currently being developed with the assistance of WIPO;
- Organize joint IP awareness and capacity building activities;
- Encourage, where applicable, technical assistance in the development of the national IP system, including policies and educational programs;
- Promote the international treaties administered by WIPO;
- Hold meetings and consultations, where necessary, to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Whenever deemed appropriate for the achievement of the objective of this MoU the Parties may establish other forms of cooperation.

III. FINAL PROVISIONS

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the Parties and shall remain in force for 4 years from that date. It may be extended by the Parties' mutual written consent and may be terminated at any time by either Party with two months' prior written notice to the other Party.

This MoU may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties, expressed in writing.

Any dispute between the Parties that may arise under this MOU shall be resolved amicably by negotiation between the Parties.

Nothing in this MOU may be deemed or interpreted as a waiver of any privileges or immunities accorded to WIPO as an international organization and specialized agency of the United Nations.

Signed in Geneva on July ____, 2022, in two original copies, each in English and Armenian, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergences in interpretation of the provisions of this MoU, the English text shall prevail.

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