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**Regional Conference on
“Intellectual Property Crimes”**

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Kingdom of Bahrain

Draft Agenda

First day: Sunday 13 April, 2007	
09:45 – 10:15 09:45– 10:15	Opening session: Opening statements Break
10:15 – 11:45	<p>First session: protecting intellectual property, a means for progress and development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual property and its relation to development • the importance of intellectual property on the social, cultural, and economic levels • intellectual property crimes and the reasons behind their increase • intellectual property crimes: one form of economic crimes <p>General discussion</p>
11:45 – 12:00	Break
12:00 – 14:00	<p>Second session: specific intellectual property crimes : piracy and counterfeit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • types of intellectual property crimes • piracy crimes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - definition, elements and forms - a specific crime: copyright infringements • counterfeit crimes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - definition, elements and forms - a specific crime: trademark counterfeiting <p>General discussion</p>
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 17:00	<p>Third session: the legislative situation of intellectual property crimes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the legal framework of intellectual property rights as stated in international conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Trade Organization’s Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) - European Directive on the enforcement of intellectual property (2004) • the legislative situation in the Project's pilot countries (Experience Presentation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the state of national legislations - the development of court decisions in the field of intellectual property crimes - the required measures to enhance the protection of intellectual property <p>General discussion</p>

Second day: Monday 14 April, 2007

9:00 – 11:00	<p>Fourth session: Combating intellectual property crimes and preventative measure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the role of the judiciary and the public prosecution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the role of public prosecutors in the prosecution and penalization of intellectual property crimes - the necessity to build the capacities of the judges and the public prosecutors - the legal and technical obstacles that face the investigation, prosecution, and criminalization of intellectual property infringements - the importance of modern investigation techniques, means of information collection, and methods of prosecuting these crimes - the role of the judiciary in imposing sanctions on intellectual property infringements while guaranteeing the secrecy of information obtained during investigation • the role of intellectual property offices in monitoring and reporting intellectual property crimes <p>General discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 13:15	<p>Fifth session: Promoting co-operation and co-ordination in combating intellectual property crimes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting co-operation and co-ordination among the different specialized agencies on the national level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intellectual Property Offices, the judiciary, customs, and civil society organizations • the importance of regional and international co-operation in combating intellectual property crimes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the importance of establishing regional and international conventions that criminalize the violation of intellectual property rights - the importance of promoting cooperation mechanisms in the prosecution, investigation and exchange of technical assistance <p>General discussion</p>
13:15 – 14:00	Closing session
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch