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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
(GDIP)

AND

THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY – ITALIAN
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (DGPI-UIBM) OF THE MINISTRY OF
ENTERPRISES AND MADE IN ITALY OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The General Directorate of Industrial Property of the Republic of Albania (GDIP) and the Directorate General for Industrial Property – Italian Patent and Trademark Office (DGPI-UIBM) of the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy of the Italian Republic hereinafter referred as “the Offices” by:

CONSIDERING that the Directorate General for Industrial Property – Italian Patent and Trademark Office (DGPI-UIBM) is the Italian body responsible for combating counterfeiting and for protecting and promoting industrial property rights at national and international level;

CONSIDERING that the General Directorate of Industrial Property of the Republic of Albania (GDIP), is responsible for the administration of intellectual property rights in Albania;

CONSIDERING the importance of industrial property for economic development, innovation and technology exchange;

RECOGNISING the need to promote innovation and to improve and strengthen national industrial property systems with a view to guaranteeing proper administration, protection and use of intellectual property rights;

REALIZING the value of bilateral cooperation between the Offices to strengthen existing industrial property systems by establishing a mechanism to have regular exchange of information and best practices and to jointly undertake training and other cooperative activities;

DESIRING to foster cooperation between the Offices in order to promote economic and technological exchanges;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

Article 1

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish a flexible framework for developing and fostering bilateral cooperation between the Offices in the field of industrial property in accordance with the responsibilities of the Offices in this area.
2. The Offices plan to cooperate on issues related to the registration, utilization and protection of industrial property rights (IPRs) in their respective systems.
3. For this MoU, the term "IPRs" includes patents, designs, trademarks, and other types of industrial property rights managed by the Offices.

Article 2

Areas of Cooperation

The cooperation activities may cover the following areas:

1. Exchange of information on legislation and policy measures in the field of industrial property;
2. Exchange of publications in the field of industrial property;
3. Cooperation on industrial property-related training programs;
4. Cooperation in the field of patent information processing and services to the public;
5. Cooperation and mutual exchanges between the Offices regarding online processing of applications, search reports, examination procedures, etc.
6. Exchange of information and best practices related to policies and initiatives aimed at preventing and combating counterfeiting, as well as enforcing IPRs;
7. Exchange of information as regards the implementation of activities under the framework of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the European Patent Organization (EPO).

Article 3

Monitoring Committee

The Offices will establish a Monitoring Committee, composed of representatives from both Offices, tasked with monitoring and assessing the implementation of this MoU.

The Monitoring Committee will meet as often as the Offices deem appropriate.

Article 4
Single Contact Points

The Offices will establish a Single Contact Point (SCP) to be responsible for the matters regarding this MoU.

Article 5
Legislation and International Agreements

This MoU does not constitute an international agreement and does not create rights or obligations under international law.

The MoU will be implemented in accordance with the relevant legislation of Italy and Albania, as well as for the Italian Office, the obligations arising from Italy's membership in the European Union.

This MoU is not intended to bind either party to amend their current laws and regulations or to join any international agreements.

Article 6
Difference in the interpretation

Any differences arising between the Offices regarding the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably through direct consultations or negotiations between them.

Article 7
Funding

1. The Offices will finance the cooperation activities solely using the resources allocated in their respective budgets, subject to their availability, budgetary approval and the provisions of their national legislation.
2. Unless agreed differently each Office will pay its own expenses, particularly travel expenses and expenses for officials and experts staying in the office or institution of the other Office. All activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the availability of funds and other resources.

Article 8
Information sharing and publications

1. In accordance with their respective legislation, the Offices will freely exchange information within the framework of this MoU, except in cases where the providing Office has set restrictions on its use or disclosure.
2. If the shared information is confidential, the receiving Office will be informed in writing of its confidentiality. In the absence of such a notification, the Offices will treat that information as non-confidential.
3. Under no circumstances, either Office will transfer restricted information to a third party, without prior written consent of the other Office.
4. The information resulting from cooperation activities will be published or disclosed to third parties only with prior written consent from the other Office, except where the disclosure is mandatory under domestic legislation.
5. To ensure the confidentiality of personal data exchanged for the implementation of this MoU, each Office agrees not to transfer such data to third parties or process it in a manner incompatible with the agreed purposes without the prior written consent of the other Office.

Article 9

Final Provisions

1. This MoU shall enter into force on the day following the date of its signature by all Offices and will remain valid for a period of four (4) years unless one of the Offices provides prior written notice of termination, at least sixty (60) days before the date of expiration.
2. This MoU will automatically renew for additional periods of four (4) years, providing a writing mutual consent, following a review of the cooperation activities and the results achieved.
3. Any amendments to this MoU can be done by a mutual agreement of the Offices, notified by letters that specify the effective date of the amendments.
4. The Offices will make their best efforts to complete any ongoing projects initiated under this Memorandum in the event of its termination.

Signed aton 27-07.....2026, in two (2) originals in the English language and Albanian language, with one (1) original to each Office. In case of any divergences, the English version shall prevail.

On Behalf of the:

**GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF
ALBANIA**

(GDIP)

Director General

Ms. Maria SOLIS KAPEDANI



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