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Ms. Darina KYLIÁNOVÁ
Deputy Chair of the Administrative Board
Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market

Mr. Robert ULLRICH
Chair of the Budget Committee
Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market

Dear Ms. Kyliánová and Mr. Ullrich:

In 2008 and 2009, along with AIM, BUSINESSEUROPE, ECTA and MARQUES, INTA was invited to participate in the meetings of the Administrative Board and of the Budget Committee as Observer. We were honoured by the invitation and delighted to accept and hope that our contributions have been viewed as constructive and useful.

We note that the “Admission of Observers” is on the agenda of the Joint Administrative Board and Budget Committee Meeting next November 23. Since our two-year term is coming to an end, we would like to use this opportunity to reiterate our interest in continuing to serve on both entities.

We hope that our initiative will be looked upon favourably and look forward to continuing to build a constructive relationship with you and the national offices represented in OHIM’s governing bodies in this challenging and exciting time for the EU trademark system.

With kind regards,

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Heather Steinmeyer
President
International Trademark Association

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Alan C. Drewsen
Executive Director
International Trademark Association

cc: Antonio S. Campinos