



TECHNICAL CONSULTATION - ARAB STATES REGION
Examination of Pharmaceutical Patents from a Public Health Perspective

Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel, Cairo, Egypt
14-15 April 2009

Tuesday 14 April 2009

- 08:30-09:00AM** Registration
- 09:00-09:45AM** Opening Address
- Khadija Moalla, HIV/AIDS Regional Programme in the Arab States, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - Germán Velásquez, World Health Organization (WHO)
 - Belgacem Sabri, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO)
 - Ahmed Abdel Latif, International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICSTD)
 - Carlos Correa, University of Buenos Aires (UBA)
An Overview of the Consultation
- 09:45-10:00AM** Patents in the Context of Public Health: Balance between protection and access to medicines
Germán Velásquez, WHO
- 10:00-10:30AM** Defining Patentability Criteria and Disclosure: TRIPS vs. local flexibilities
Carlos Correa, UBA
- 10:30-10:45AM** *Tea/coffee break*
- 11:30-01:00PM** TRIPS-Plus health-related provisions under Free Trade Agreements
Mohammed El Said, University of Central Lancashire
- Presentations from region's country patent offices experiences:
Algeria, Egypt, GCC Patent Office and Jordan
- 01:00-02:00PM** *Lunch*
- 02:00-03:15PM** Typical Claims in Pharmaceutical Patents
- Formulation and Composition
 - Combinations
 - Dosage and Dose
- 03:15-03:30PM** *Tea/coffee break*

- 03:30-04:30PM** Typical Claims in Pharmaceutical Patents (continued)
- Salts, ethers, and esters
 - Polymorphs/Hydrate/Solvates
 - Markush Claims
 - Selection Patents
- 04:30-05:00PM** Discussion and Q&A
- 06:30-08:00PM** *Welcome Reception*
Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel, Swimming Pool area

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- 09:00-10:30AM** Presentation by the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR)
- Presentations from region's country patent offices experiences:
Jordan, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia
- 10:30-10:45AM** *Tea/coffee break*
- 10:45-12:30AM** Typical Claims in Pharmaceutical Patents (continued)
- Analogy Processes
 - Enantiomers
 - Active metabolites and pro-drugs
- 12:45-01:45PM** *Lunch*
- 01:45-02:30PM** Typical Claims in Pharmaceutical Patents (continued)
- Methods of treatment
 - Use claims, including second indications
 - TRIPS requirements
 - Experiences in developed countries and problems arisen
- 02:30-03:30PM** Mechanisms to enhance the examination of pharmaceutical patents from a public health perspective:
- Pre-grant and post grant opposition: the need for a balance of opportunity
 - Examination Rules and Procedures
- 03:30-03:45PM** *Tea/coffee break*
- 03:45-05:00PM** Summing up, experience sharing and conclusions
