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