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Dear Madam, Dear Sir:

RE: Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA)

The Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) is the professional association of patent agents, trade-mark agents, and lawyers practicing in all areas of intellectual property law. Our membership totals 1,700 individuals, consisting of practitioners in law firms and agencies of all sizes, sole practitioners, in-house corporate intellectual property professionals, government personnel, and academics. Our members' clients include virtually all Canadian businesses, universities, and other institutions that have an interest in intellectual property (e.g. patent, trade-marks, copyright, and industrial designs) in Canada or elsewhere, and also foreign companies who hold intellectual property rights in Canada.

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Enclosed is the submission prepared by IPIC for the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. In the context of the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA), those recommendations which concern trade and in particular those concerning customs, will likely be of more immediate interest in

the present context. However, in order to benefit from the full scope of IPIC's views, it was felt that providing the entire submission may be more beneficial.

We thank you for this opportunity to comment on the ACTA at its early stages. As discussion progresses, we would be pleased to comment on the proposals being considered. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Michel Gérin, at 613-234-0516 or mgerin@ipic.ca.

Sincerely,



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