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## **Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications**

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**PROPOSAL BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

*Document prepared by the Secretariat*

In a communication dated March 4, 2022, the Delegation of the United States of America transmitted to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) the proposal contained in the Annex of the present document.

[Annex follows]

## Proposal from the Delegation of the United States of America

At the forty-fourth session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) under agenda item 7, Geographical Indications, the Committee agreed to invite members to present at the forty-fifth session of the SCT, proposals for topics for an Information Session on Geographical Indications, to be held in conjunction with the forty-sixth session of the SCT.<sup>1</sup> On December 21, 2021, the SCT Secretariat reminded delegations of the invitation to submit proposed topics for consideration at the forty-fifth session of the SCT.

Responsive to the aforementioned invitation, the Delegation of the United States of America formally submits the following proposed topics for consideration:

- Geographical indication protection for services and non-agricultural goods (**co-sponsored by Switzerland**);
- Non-protectability of generic terms in compound geographical indications: evaluation in examination and public notice; and
- Geographical indication maintenance requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> Document SCT/44/7.