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Protokollerklärung Deutschlands, Frankreichs und Portugals

Wir unterstützen den geplanten Beitritt der Europäischen Union zur Genfer Akte des Lissabonner Abkommens über Ursprungsbezeichnungen und geografische Angaben (sog. GIs), damit diese ihre ausschließliche Zuständigkeit für Ursprungsbezeichnungen und geografische Angaben im Lissabonner System ordnungsgemäß wahrnehmen kann. Mit dem Beitritt verpflichtet sich die EU zur Anerkennung eines Schutzregimes, das auch nicht-landwirtschaftliche Produkte umfasst. Der Schutz für Bezeichnungen für nicht landwirtschaftliche Produkte muss deshalb schnellstmöglich in der EU geschaffen werden. Wir bitten die Kommission, einen solchen Verordnungsvorschlag nach dem Beitritt zur Genfer Akte zeitnah vorzulegen.

Statement by Denmark and Sweden

Denmark and Sweden support the objective of ensuring a high level of protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, though the primary focus should be on the fundamental intellectual property rights. We are still not convinced as to the potential of the EU's accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications. Denmark and Sweden can however accept the present compromise proposal, as the proposal does not go beyond the scope of the current protection under EU law.

Statement by the Netherlands

The Netherlands supports the European Union's planned accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (GIs), in order for it to properly exercise its exclusive competence for appellations of origin and geographical indications in the Lisbon system. The Netherlands accepts the present compromise proposal, as the proposal does not go beyond the scope of the current protection under EU law.
