AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION
between
the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation
and
the World Intellectual Property Organization

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (the CCI of Russia) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), hereinafter called “the Parties”,

Confirming mutual desire to strengthen and enhance their interaction in matters that fall within the competence of the Parties,

Stressing the importance of capacity building in the sphere of development and protection of intellectual property rights,

Being aware of advantages that could be obtained from close cooperation between the Parties, including in developing a new generation of highly skilled specialists in priority spheres of technological development,

Desiring to take further practical steps to strengthen cooperation between the CCI of Russia and WIPO allowing to achieve mutual interests in the solution of issues of innovative economy development, as well as of the active use of intellectual property and technological innovations, and

Recognizing the development of respect for intellectual property rights as the main objective of their interaction,

Have concluded this Agreement on the following:

Article 1

The Parties will cooperate in preparation and implementation of events aimed at stimulating inventive and creative activities of entrepreneurs for the sustainable economic development.

In the framework of this avenue of cooperation, the Parties will pay special attention to the support of innovative business entities, particularly small innovative enterprises.

Article 2

The Parties will render assistance to business entities attracting their specialists to staff training and retraining programs in the sphere of legal and other protection, and commercialization of intellectual property.
Article 3

The Parties will contribute to the organization and conduct of meetings, conferences, seminars, forums, congresses, exhibitions and other events with regard to issues of mutual interest and will dispatch their representatives to take part in the aforementioned events.

Article 4

The Parties will cooperate in creating efficient mechanisms and developing institutions for settling disputes involving intellectual property rights.

Article 5

The Parties will contribute to the expansion of international ties of the business community with the purpose to develop partnership relations in the sphere of legal and other protection of intellectual property.

Article 6

In case of necessity, WIPO will provide the CCI of Russia with explanations and consultations on the issues of international registration and protection of patents, trademarks and other forms of intellectual property.

Article 7

The Parties will engage in the exchange of information and analytical materials, books and periodicals on issues of mutual interest including patent, scientific and technical information.

Article 8

The Parties will place information about the signing of this Agreement on their websites in the Internet and in other media.

Article 9

The CCI of Russia will dispatch information about this Agreement to territorial chambers of commerce and industry, unions, associations and other interested organizations with the purpose of efficient interaction and cooperation.

Article 10

Development and implementation of all forms of interaction under this Agreement shall not impose any financial obligations on the signatory Parties.
Article 11

This Agreement may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Parties, through an exchange of letters specifying the date of entry into force of the amendment concerned.

Article 12

Any dispute regarding this Agreement shall be settled amicably through negotiations between the Parties.

Article 13

This Agreement shall come into effect on the date of its signing and shall remain valid until notice of its termination is given in writing by either Party in which case the Agreement shall be terminated six months after the date of the said notice.

Done in Moscow on April 21, 2011 in duplicate in Russian and English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation

For the World Intellectual Property Organization

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