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Dear Ms. Doctorow,

We refer to your letter of February 22, 2005, seeking clarification on the policies of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) concerning participation of civil society non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the upcoming April 2005 meetings to consider the proposal to establish a WIPO Development Agenda.

In response to your questions, we hereby confirm that all WIPO-accredited NGOs are being invited to participate in the said April meetings. Non-accredited NGOs will be able to participate in the International Seminar, as per the decision of the WIPO General Assembly.

Please note that the WIPO Secretariat does not dictate to NGOs the size or the composition of their delegation. For example, the number of seats per delegation to the forthcoming meetings will be determined by the number of Member States, IGOs and NGOs that sign up to attend the said meetings.

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Finally, we should like to confirm that all registered NGOs attending the meetings will be invited, at the discretion of the Chair, to make floor statements if they so wish.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Kwakwa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward Kwakwa
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