

**JOINT STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTING COOPERATION ACTIVITIES  
IN THE YEAR 2010 BETWEEN THE  
MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY  
AND THE  
STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Mr. Adolfo Urso, the Vice Minister for the Economic Development of the Republic of Italy and Mr. Tian Lipu, Commissioner of the State Intellectual Property Office of China, met in Beijing on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

They recalled the innovations brought forward by the Lisbon Treaty also in the domain of Intellectual Property Rights. They underlined the willingness of both parties to take full account of such innovations in their future co-operation in this field.

They recalled the fruitful meeting of the China-EU Joint Committee.

They recalled that bilateral cooperation and communication on industrial property between China and Italy have experienced a smooth growth since the signing of the Agreement of Cooperation on Intellectual Property between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Italy on 8 June 2004

In this context, they held discussions on issues related to bilateral cooperation on industrial property and agreed on the following:

1. Activities for promoting the Industrial Property awareness of SMEs both in China and Italy:

The two parties agree to organize jointly seminars respectively in China and Italy, which are tailored to SMEs in both countries, and to compile and publish brochures on this subject.

2. Activities of Enhancing the Industrial Property enforcement:

The two parties agree to explore the possibility of organizing seminars on Industrial Property protection and enforcement alternatively in China and Italy, in which experts are invited respectively from Italy's Board of Patent Appeal and courts, and from China's Patent Re-Examination Board and courts. Moreover the two parties will explore the possibility of organizing an informative campaign against counterfeiting aimed at final consumers and students. Specific topics and participants will be set later at the operative level.

3. Activities of exchanging experiences in the field of Patent Examination.

The two parties agree to exchange experience and information in the field of invention patent, utility model and design in 2010-2011.

Done in Beijing on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in Chinese, Italian and English languages.

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