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I.   Evolution of Registration Activities:

- There are no changes in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to previous year.
- There are no trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year.

II.   Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, and distribution of secondary sources of trademark information, i.e., trademark gazettes:

Turkish Patent Institute (TPI) publishes Official Trademark Bulletins monthly and informs the public about the trademarks which will be registered in case of no objection. All trademark applications are published on the Trademark Bulletin before registration;

TPI also publishes Official Trademark Gazette bi-monthly. All trademark applications for which the last decision is taken and the decision is registration, are published on Official Trademark Gazette.

TPI publishes two kinds of information guides about trademark applications, one for domestic applications and one for international applications. These documents include necessary information (like fees, list and class of goods and services, sample of application form etc.) to file a trademark application.

All these documents about trademarks are printed. TPI has its own web site, (http://www.turkpatent.gov.tr) containing basic information about each types of industrial property issues.

III.   Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of trademark information:

- TPI applies International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification), and International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Classification). TPI also uses sub-classes for classification of goods and services.
- There is no use of electronic classification systems in TPI.

- Although TPI suggest to the applicant to submit the class numbers of the goods and services, there is no obligation for applicants to use pre-defined terms of the classification.
- Bibliographic data of the registered and applied trademarks are recorded into the trademark database. In similarity search process for the word marks can be done by using this database. But the similarity search for the figurative part of the trademarks is done manually.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

All applications are collected in files, as well in database. All changes after registration are recorded not only on database but also on the files.

Files are kept in the archives. There are two kinds of archives, one is for applied files and the other is for registered files.

Romarin CD's and WIPO Gazette of International Marks are received periodically.

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems:

Trademark similarity search system is a computerized in-house system. This trademark database which is used for only for search processes for internal purposes is not open to public.

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, registering trademarks, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

All kinds of information about trademark registration can be received from TPI. Trademark registry is open to the public and registry extracts are available to the public by payment.

It is also possible to make similarity search before filing an application. Official publications of TPI (Official Trademark Bulletins and Official Trademark Gazettes) are also available to the public. Information documents are free of charge.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information:

There is an exchange of trademark statistics related the number of the applications and registrations between TPI – WIPO and TPI - OHIM.

VIII. **Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries:**

There is no such education and training activities including technical assistance to developing countries.

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