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**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:
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UNITED KINGDOM

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INTRODUCTION

Collated activities from across the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) of the United Kingdom (UK) on cooperation/assistance activities.

ANNEX¹

Name of programme or project	Patent Examiner Technical Exchange
Date and end date	26 June 2023 - 30 June 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	China
Brief description	IPO Officials met virtually with CNIPA Patent Examiners and shared UK practice on examining hybrid electric vehicles and hydrocarbon drilling technology.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Bilateral Meeting IPO/ NCAC
Date and end date	8 February 2023 - 8 February 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	China
Brief description	Virtual bilateral meeting between IPO Director of Business and International Policy (in lieu of Director of Copyright and Enforcement) and Director-General of NCAC, to discuss copyright framework and enforcement.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

¹ In English only.

Name of programme or project	Bilateral Meeting IPO/ CNIPA
Date and end date	7 July 2023 - 7 July 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	China
Brief description	In-person bilateral meeting between IPO CEO and CNIPA Head of Office at the WIPO GAs to discuss IP framework and upcoming legislative changes.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	IP Presentation
Date and end date	17 June 2023 - 17 June 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	China
Brief description	China Attaché presented at the China Trademark Festival at the Forum of International Trademark Law to promote the UK's Counterstatement System.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	IP Presentation
Date and end date	28 March 2023 - 28 March 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	China
Brief description	IPO supported a CITMA/ CIPA webinar to Chinese Patent and Trademark attorneys on UK's IP protection post-Brexit, the EU's new unitary patent system and UK's counter-notice system.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Meeting with Government and Industry
Date and end date	1 August 2023 - 1 August 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Meeting with Cyberages, Public Prosecutor's Office of Sao Paulo and industry associations to share best practices on combating piracy.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	International Congress of ABPI
Date and end date	27 March 2023 - 27 March 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	UK IPO lecture in ABPI's international congress for women in IP regarding artificial intelligence.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Awareness Campaigns for Brazilian Government
Date and end date	1 June 2023 - 30 June 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Collaborative educational campaigns with CNCP and other government bodies to enhance public awareness and understanding of the dangers of counterfeit products and the consequences of buying and using them, with a focus on the medicine and cosmetics sector.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Training in UK
Date and end date	2 October 2022 - 7 October 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Mission for training in London for Brazilian prosecutors to share intel and share best practices for combating piracy.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Launch of CiberLab
Date and end date	2 April 2023 - 2 April 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Launch of the laboratory for investigation of ciber operations (ciberlab) of the Public Ministry of Sao Paulo. The IPO talked about the importance of protecting IP, sharing best practices, and best ways of combating piracy.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Lecture for Industry
Date and end date	1 August 2023 - 1 August 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Lecture for Industry and Enforcement Agencies to discuss best practices in the combat against illegal markets.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Bilateral Meeting
Date and end date	4 June 2023 - 9 June 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Meeting with the Undersecretary for International Affairs of the São Paulo State Government for collaboration projects between the State and the UK in IP.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Bilateral Meeting
Date and end date	5 March 2023 - 10 March 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Meeting with INPI to exchange best practices and knowledge on Artificial Intelligence and IP.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	ANATEL and UK Government Meeting
Date and end date	12 January 2023 - 12 January 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Bilateral meeting with ANATEL (Brazil's Telecom Agency) to discuss best practices fighting online piracy.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Women in IP
Date and end date	2 August 2023 - 2 August 2022
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Participation in the Women in IP event to discuss best practices in IP and gender issues in Brazil.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	Bilateral Meeting
Date and end date	9 July 2023 - 14 July 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Bilateral meeting between the UK IPO CEO and INPI's President (National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil) to discuss collaboration between the two countries; what are the biggest challenges to be tackled regarding IP in Brazil; sharing best practices between the two offices, updating recent IP legislation in Brazil and in the UK.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	

Name of programme or project	IP Talks
Date and end date	4 June 2023 - 4 June 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	First dialogue between Foreign Governments and members of the Brazilian Government who work with the Intellectual Property agenda in Brazil, with the aim at learning about this new Administration's priorities and activities, as well as sharing best practices.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
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Name of programme or project	Operation 404 - Phase 5
Date and end date	15 March 2023 - 15 March 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Brazil
Brief description	Participation in the phase 5 of Operation 404, which aims at combating all crimes against IP, including physical infringement, piracy and online crime. This year Operation 404 was able to suspend 72 domains dedicated to copyright infringement in Peru and 25 in the United Kingdom. In Brazil 102 illegal streaming and gaming sites, 63 music apps, 128 dynamic domain were blocked, in addition to the blocking of 6 messaging app channels, which had more than 4,000 subscribers and were used for distribution of songs not officially released.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
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Name of programme or project	IP Country Guide Launch
Date and end date	13 August 2023 - 13 August 2023
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Chile; Colombia
Brief description	IP Country Guide launch to support businesses to navigate the local IP system.
Beneficiary institution or audience	
Technical cooperation provider(s)	
Outputs or impact	
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