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OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF THE 9TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY ORGANISATION (ARIPO) AT THE GOLDEN TULIP HOTEL, DAR ES SALAAM ON 12TH AUGUST 2004

His Excellency Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein Vice-President of the United Republic of Tanzania will officiate at the opening ceremony of the 9th Session of the Council of Ministers of the African Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) on 12th August, 2004 at the Golden Tulip Hotel starting at 09.30 a.m. The decision to host this meeting in the United Republic of Tanzania was made during the 8th Session which was held in Mangochi, Malawi from 29th – 30th August 2002.

The Council of Ministers is the highest organ of ARIPO which was established following the conclusion of the Agreement in Lusaka, Republic of Zambia in 1976. This is the first time that the council of Ministers session is held in Tanzania since the organization was established in 1976. The United Republic of Tanzania is one of the founder members.

ARIPO has 16 member states so far, which includes Botswana, the Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania (host), Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

The session is expected to be closed on Friday the 13th August, 2004.

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