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Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market
(Trade Marks and Designs)
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Dear Mr Campinos,

I would like to thank you for your invitation to BUSINESSEUROPE to nominate a representative as an observer to the Administrative Board of the Office for the Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trademarks and designs) (OHIM) for a period of two years.

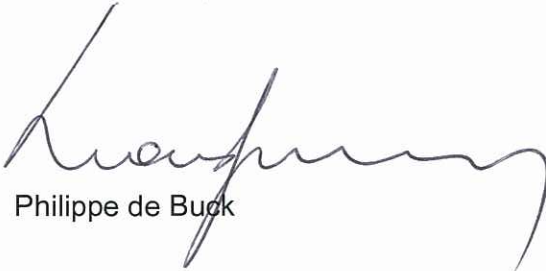
Representing European companies from all industry sectors that make use of the Community trade mark and design systems, BUSINESSEUROPE has consistently supported all efforts towards efficient and cost-effective Community trade mark and design systems for Europe's innovation and competitiveness.

We have appreciated a close working relationship with OHIM and EU Member States in this direction.

We would like to accept this invitation and nominate Gerhard Bauer, Chairman of our "Trade marks & Designs" Working Group, as our representative to the Administrative Board.

We hope that we can contribute to the work of OHIM's Administrative Board by providing directly to representatives of EU Member States users' practical experience, knowledge and expertise.

Yours sincerely,



Philippe de Buck