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MEMORANDUM FOR: Michelle K. Lee
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

FROM: Richard Bachman
Assistant Inspector General for Financial
and Intellectual Property Audits

SUBJECT: Audit of USPTO's Performance Indicators for Prioritized Countries

We are initiating an audit of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) performance indicators established for prioritized countries. Our audit objectives are to (1) assess USPTO's process to select prioritized countries of interest in need of improved intellectual property protection and enforcement, and (2) determine whether USPTO's performance indicators for selected prioritized countries are measured and reported appropriately. We will conduct our fieldwork at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, when we will discuss this audit in further detail. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-2877 or Amni Samson, Director, at (571) 272-5561.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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