



**OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET**  
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS)

BUDGET COMMITTEE  
The Chairperson

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Dear Mr Reeves,

Concerning your request for being granted observer status in the Budget Committee of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market, I have the pleasure to inform you that this item was discussed in the recent session of the Budget Committee on 18 November in Alicante. The Budget Committee took a unanimous decision to invite ECTA to send an observer to the next two sessions of the Budget Committee foreseen in 2010 – thus adopting the same approach as the Administrative Board. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Budget Committee (Regulation BC-1-09 of May 2009), observers will be able to take part in the deliberations on all items not defined as confidential.

Looking forward to welcoming a representative of ECTA at the next meeting in April 2010.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Ullrich

Chairman of the Budget Committee  
of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market