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## Draft decree adding section XXXV to Article 5 of the Federal Law for the Protection of Industrial Property

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On November 9, 2022, a bill was published in the Senate Gazette to add section XXXV to Article 5 of the Federal Law for the Protection of Industrial Property, regarding the powers of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property ("IMPI"). Such section seeks that the IMPI include in its powers: "Design, implement and evaluate policies to promote and encourage the participation of women in industrial property, mainly in the area of inventions, for which purpose it may enter into cooperation and coordination agreements with the governments of the States, as well as with public or private, national or foreign institutions".

According to the explanatory memorandum included in the published document, industrial property, and specifically the area of inventions, represent a development tool in which the State must ensure that its benefits permeate all areas of society. It also provides that, following the line that the World Intellectual Property Organization ("WIPO") itself has drawn, public policies must be included to reduce the gender gap in this area, for which inclusion programs are especially relevant.

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The Political Coordination Board of the Chamber of Deputies signed on November 30, 2022 the agreement by which the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property is urged to initiate the necessary studies and procedures in order to issue -in the use of its powers and faculties- the declaration of protection of the denomination of origin or geographical indication corresponding to the *Chile de Simojovel*, and the *Queso de Bola de Ocosingo*. The protection of appellations of origin as well as geographical indications seeks to recognize the existence of those products that have their own characteristics, with a special quality being especially attributable to their place of origin, due to the natural conditions of the place as well as to the traditional techniques of production or extraction. With such declarations, the material and gastronomic wealth of the State of Chiapas would be protected, encouraged and publicized.

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