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Initiative with a draft decree that enacts the General Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms

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On January 24, 2023, an initiative with draft decree was published in the Senate Gazette by which the General Law of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms is enacted.

The purpose of this law is to regulate the third paragraph and first part of the fifth paragraph of Article 17 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States, the purpose of which, among others, is -according to point I of Article 1. Nature and Purpose of the Law, that of: "establishing the principles, requirements and conditions to regulate the bases of alternative dispute mechanisms, such as negotiation, neutral evaluation, mediation, conciliation, restorative procedures and arbitration in the civil, family, commercial, community, school, condominium, indigenous, administrative, **intellectual property**, **copyright**, tax, environmental, agrarian and electoral areas, among others.

Article 4, entitled Procedure, also establishes that: The alternative mechanisms shall proceed at the mutual will of the parties, with the purpose of preventing, managing or solving a common controversy in the civil, mercantile, family, community, community, school, condominium, indigenous, administrative, **intellectual property**, **copyright**, fiscal, agrarian and electoral areas, among others.

Initiative with draft decree adding section XX BIS to Article 5 of the Federal Law for the Protection of Industrial Property

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On February 14, 2023, an initiative with draft decree was published in the Gazette of the Senate, whereby a section XXBIS is added -correcting the subsequent sections in their order- to Article 5 of the Federal Law for the Protection of Industrial Property regarding the powers of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property. The purpose is for such Authority to include in its powers: "To promote the declaration of protection of an appellation of origin or geographical indication in the languages recognized in the country through any means of communication, to support its development and to advise on the processing of the declaration of protection".

According to the explanatory memorandum of this project, it is essential to promote the declaration of protection of both appellations of origin and geographical indications in order to strengthen local development, encourage economic production and generate sources of employment and production opportunities. This will result, among other things, in the recognition of Mexico's original wealth at national and international level.

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