Working Group 2: Rules and Regulations

WG2 mainly discussed the following points:

1. Industrial Standard

2. Working Permit and VISA
   ✓ Progress from the last IJBG General Assembly of May 2008
   ✓ Further expectation for smoother personnel transfer both from Japan to Italy and within EU

3. Fight against Counterfeit Goods
   ✓ Sharing the same problems in both markets and third countries.
   ✓ Agreement for supporting the ACTA

4. Patent Prosecution Highway

5. Further Economic Integration between Japan and Italy (EU)
   ✓ Introduction to the EU-Japan Business Round Table (BRT)
   ✓ Welcomed the initiatives for deepening economic relations between EU and Japan

6. Other business obstacles
   ✓ Double taxation, in particular on withholding taxation and income tax
   ✓ Trade barriers: High tariffs, Quotas, Public procurement and Non Tariff Barriers
   ✓ Difficulty of Funding/Finance in local market etc.