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CIBJO releases EU Committee Special Report, discusses liaison with the European Commission

MILAN, ITALY: May 12, 2014 -With one week to go to the opening of the 2014 CIBJO Congress in Moscow on May 19, 2014, the eighth of the CIBJO Special Reports has been released. Prepared by the CIBJO EU Committee, headed by CIBJO President Gaetano Cavalieri and coordinated by Thilo Brückner, the report looks at liaison activities conducted by CIBJO with the European Commission, with the goal of advancing the interests of the jewellery industry in the countries of the European Union.

The EU Committee was established at the 2013 CIBJO Congress, which took place last May in Tel Aviv Israel. Just one month later, a delegation of CIBJO members led by CIBJO President Gaetano Cavalieri, including representatives from France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom, met with representatives of the EU Commission in Brussels. The EU team was led by Tung-Lai Margue, the head of the body's service for foreign policy instruments.

One of the goals of the EU Committee was to convince the the European Commission from avoiding the unintended consequences of the conflict minerals legislation contained in the Dodd-Frank act in the United States, which many feel has led to a de facto embargo of gold producers from the Great Lakes region of Africa.

As Mr. Brückner writes, the lobbying efforts appear to have been successful. "The first regulation proposal presented by the EU Commission in March 2014 avoids compulsory legislation," he states in the report.

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The 2014 CIBJO Congress will take place in Moscow, Russia, May 19-21, 2014, with pre-congress meetings on May 17 and May 18. The congress will be hosted by the Russian Jewellers' Guild, whose headquarters will also serve as the main congress venue.

The official hotel is the five-star Hotel Nikol'skaya Kempinski, one of Moscow's most prestigious establishments, which is offering especially low rates for attendees of the CIBJO congress. Located in an historic building that was constructed in 1870, it is located in the heart of historic Moscow, within short walking distance from the Kremlin, Red Square and the Bolshoi theatre.