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**US Embassy hosts Intellectual Property Rights Workshop**  
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The US Embassy, in conjunction with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, will host an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Enforcement Workshop, on February 26-27, 2004, at Hotel Torarica. The workshop will be conducted by Peter N. Fowler, a Senior Counsel for Enforcement with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The enforcement of intellectual property rights is of growing interest and concern to Intellectual Property rights holders and governments in the region. The focus of this workshop is to educate members of the judiciary, law enforcement, public prosecutor's office, customs officers, and members of the private sector about the enforcement of IPR under international standards and in line with efforts to create a regional trade agreement framework. About 40 participants are expected to attend the workshop.

The workshop will utilize a case study approach to discuss current legal concerns and techniques in IPR enforcement. It will provide an opportunity for participants to share experiences and discuss the need for coordination of IPR enforcement activities.