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EXAMINATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUP
OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND THE WORKING GROUP
OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
RELATED TO COPYRIGHT AND NEIGHBORING RIGHTS

Memorandum by the Director General

1. During the twenty-third series of meetings (held from September 21 to 29, 1992) of the Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO, it was decided that an item entitled "Examination of the Reports of the 1992 sessions of the Permanent Committees on Development Cooperation (PC/IP and PC/CR) and of the Reports of the 1993 sessions of the Working Groups of the PC/IP and PC/CR" would be included in the draft agenda of the WIPO Conference.
2. The Working Group of the Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property held its first session in Geneva on September 6 and 10, 1993, and the Working Group of the Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Copyright and Neighboring Rights held its first session in Geneva on September 7 and 10, 1993. The reports of those sessions are given in Annexes I and II, respectively.

3. The WIPO Conference is invited to note the contents of the reports of the two Working groups.

[Annexes follow]

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**WIPO PERMANENT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP

First Session

Geneva, September 6, 7 and 10, 1993

REPORT

adopted by the Working Group

INTRODUCTION

1. The Working Group of the Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property (referred to hereinafter as "the Working Group") met in Geneva on September 6 and 10, 1993.

2. Fifteen member States of the Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property (hereinafter referred to as the "Permanent Committee") designated by the Permanent Committee at its last session in November 1992 as members of the Working Group for 1993, were represented, namely: Algeria, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Zimbabwe. The list of the participants is annexed to this Report.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

3. On behalf of the Director General of WIPO, Mr. Shahid Alikhan, Deputy Director General, opened the session and welcomed the participants.

4. In his opening address, he referred to document PC/IP/WG/I/3; recounted the decision of the WIPO Coordination Committee at its September 1992 session establishing the Working Group and its principal tasks and modalities; recalled that at the present session, the Working Group would be requested to review and evaluate the progress of the Permanent Program for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property (hereinafter referred to as the "Permanent Program") since the last session of the Permanent Committee, and that the discussions would be based on the relevant parts of the Activities Reports.

5. He drew attention to the highlights of the activities as indicated in the documents on the activities in 1992, and on the activities from January 1 to June 30, 1993, and pointed out that many activities were still on-going and would only be completed by the end of the current budget period.

6. The Deputy Director General reported that for the period under review, WIPO had seen a steady increase in the level of demand from the developing countries for technical cooperation and assistance. In addition, the number of States party to the treaties administered by WIPO had continued to increase, and the membership of the Permanent Committee had risen to 110 member States.

7. The International Bureau, he further stated, had responded flexibly to wide-ranging requests for assistance in human resource development, the strengthening of legal and administrative infrastructure, the provision of patent documentation and information, including state-of-the-art technological information, the promotion of inventive and innovative activity, and the development of the teaching of intellectual property law in universities in developing countries. Encouraging cooperation among developing countries remained an important feature of WIPO's assistance.

8. He also referred to the various meetings, workshops and seminars organized globally, regionally and nationally for academics, attorneys, judges, and industrialists, as well as policy-makers and legislators; the number of officials from developing countries participating in WIPO-sponsored meetings and training programs was growing each year, and during the current year, the Orientation Seminar recently held in Geneva, was attended by the highest ever number of participants, around 160 from 77 developing countries.

9. He also referred briefly to the follow-up of the suggestions made at the last session of the Permanent Committee, namely the grant by WIPO of a limited number of long-term fellowships for post-graduate studies in intellectual property organised at the Franklin Pierce Law Center in the United States of America, upon the suggestion made by the delegation of Zimbabwe supported by some other delegations.

10. He also mentioned that upon the request of many delegations, WIPO had promoted the use of CD-ROM technology; the International Bureau had made available CD-ROM work stations free of charge to some 45 developing countries in all regions; supported the introduction of automated office and patent

information systems, together with on-the-job training for system users. The International Bureau had provided CD-ROM collections of patent documents to some 30 developing countries, and in cooperation with the Spanish Patent and Trademarks Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) had developed a prototype CD-ROM, DOPALES-PRIMERAS, containing first pages in facsimile form and published data in coded form of patents published in 1990 by the majority of Latin American countries. He also referred to the preparation by WIPO of a new, user-friendly, guide on the use of CD-ROM technology for patent information services in developing countries.

11. He also referred to the emphasis of linkages between industrial property management and economic development in developing countries, and to efforts to mobilize the industrial property system for greater economic integration and technological development.

12. Regarding program financing, he gave details in regard to funding from UNDP and Funds-in-Trust from donor countries, and in respect of the latter, expressed WIPO's appreciation for the continuing contributions from France, Germany, Japan and Sweden.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN

13. The Working Group unanimously elected Mr. Piragibe dos Santos Tarrago (Brazil) as Chairman, and Mrs. Delia Meñez-Rosal (Philippines) and Mr. Jean-Baptiste Mozziconacci (France) as Vice-Chairmen. Mr. Vladimir Yossifov (WIPO) acted as Secretary of the Working Group.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

14. The Working Group adopted the agenda as contained in document PC/IP/WG/I/1.

REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PERMANENT PROGRAM SINCE THE LAST SESSION OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE (November 9-13, 1992)

15. Discussions were based on the reports on activities in 1992 and for the first six months of 1993.

16. The Working Group reviewed and evaluated the progress of the Permanent Program for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property since the last session of the Permanent Committee held in November 1992 and focused on the main orientations of the Permanent Program endorsed by the Permanent Committee at its 1992 session as contained in paragraph 71 of document PC/IP/XV/8. The discussion therefore addressed: (i) developing human resources ("training"); (ii) facilitating the creation or improvement of national or regional legislation and their enforcement; (iii) encouraging adherence to WIPO-administered treaties; (iv) facilitating the creation or improvement of governmental and other institutions for the administration and effective implementation of national or regional legislation ("institution-building"); (v) developing the teaching of industrial property law; (vi) developing the profession of industrial property lawyer and agent;

(vii) facilitating the acquisition of foreign, locally protected technology through licensing contracts; (viii) facilitating the access to, and use of technological information contained in patent documents; (ix) encouraging domestic inventive activity.

17. Eleven delegations intervened during the session, namely those of Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Romania, Spain, Switzerland and Zimbabwe.

18. All delegations which made statements expressed their appreciation to the WIPO for its development cooperation activities carried out in the period under review and underscored the importance they attached to these activities. Some delegations also referred to the usefulness of UNDP-financed, WIPO-executed projects in their countries and said they hoped such projects would continue and be expanded. They also welcomed WIPO's efforts to develop cooperation with regional or subregional organizations.

19. Some delegations suggested that, in order to assist in the review and evaluation of the Permanent Program, the documentation should give more information as to the subject matter and duration (dates) of the various meetings and training courses organized by the International Bureau.

20. The delegation of Romania commended the International Bureau on the documents at the meeting, noted the wide scope of activities undertaken within the framework of the Permanent Program and stressed the relevance of all such activities to countries in transition to market economy. The delegation expressed the desire that WIPO provide increased technical assistance. It emphasized the particular problems facing the countries in transition to market economy in the context of development cooperation activities. The Chairman and the International Bureau stated that the scope of this Working Group was limited to activities concerning developing countries.

21. The Working Group referred to the continuing importance of human resource development as one of the cornerstones of the Permanent Program and stressed the constant need of evaluation of the training programs by the participants, as well as the International Bureau.

22. Among measures proposed for maintaining the quality of WIPO-sponsored training in the field of industrial property and its evaluation, most of which are already features of the training program, the following suggestions were emphasized: the pursuit of diversified training encompassing academics, lawyers, the judiciary, industrialists and other users of the industrial property system; the training of trainers; avoidance of repetition in the selection of candidates and screening of their qualifications in the context of the course for which they are selected; and, finally, the choice of subject-specific topics or themes for training courses, workshops and seminars.

23. An exchange of views took place with the International Bureau on its practice in respect of evaluation of training programs. The International Bureau clarified that WIPO requests all participants in its regular training program to complete evaluation questionnaires and submit detailed reports on their experience of individual courses which provided a basis for assessing the benefits to participants of particular courses and for tailoring the content of future courses to evolving requirements. Also, on the basis of these reports, regular certificates are issued to individual participants in the various training courses. Some delegations mentioned that the efforts of the International Bureau to improve on evaluation arrangements should continue.

24. The International Bureau took note of the various suggestions of delegations for maintaining the dynamism of WIPO-sponsored training activities. In doing so, it confirmed measures it was already taking to guide training and awareness-building in the industrial property field in specific new directions appropriate for certain regions. Thus, it had organized seminars, symposia and meetings on industrial property management for countries with an export orientation, on licensing topics, on access to new and emerging technologies, on the commercialization of industrial property assets as well as in the area of computerized administration and the use of patent information on CD-ROM. Special attention was given to awareness-building meetings with legislators, the judiciary and policy-makers in developing countries. These efforts would continue.

25. The Working Group then reviewed items (ii), (iii) and (iv) as listed in paragraph 16 of this Report together in an interrelated manner. The statistics and presentation of activities in the relevant sections of the document describing the activities in the first six months of 1993, were found to be comprehensive and showed the broad role of the Permanent Program in helping developing countries to modernize their industrial property legislations, to enhance their administrative infrastructures and to accede to WIPO-administered treaties.

26. Some delegations underscored the importance of facilitating institution-building activities in order also to promote the activities under items (ii) and (iii) in paragraph 16.

27. The Working Group noted with satisfaction the information provided in the course of discussion on certain activities of the Permanent Program in Africa, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean by the respective Directors of the Regional Bureaux which indicated WIPO's specific and active involvement in these regions. The Working Group found this very useful and wanted such presentation of regionwise information to be also given in the future and requested the International Bureau to follow up on its activities as at present in accordance with the specific needs and priorities of each region.

28. With respect to items (v) to (ix), as listed in paragraph 16 above, the Working Group stressed the need for strengthening the teaching of intellectual property law in universities, as well as the acquisition of foreign but locally protected technology, and also the development of inventive and innovative activity. Furthermore, while underlining the importance of developing the profession of industrial property lawyer and agent in developing countries, the Working Group noted with satisfaction the various initiatives in these areas cited by the International Bureau, including the forthcoming publication of the first WIPO Patent Agents' Manual, and suggested that such initiatives should be broadened and intensified.

29. Some delegations commended the efforts of the International Bureau in promoting the wider diffusion of technological information in patent document collections stored on CD-ROM, to obtain CD-ROM product subscriptions for developing country users at preferential prices and to encourage the production of collections of national patent documents on CD-ROMs (e.g. DOPALES-PRIMERAS).

30. One delegation suggested that considering the developments in the field of industrial property, it may be necessary to review the objectives of the Permanent Program.

31. In connection with the promotion of domestic inventive activity, it was clarified by the International Bureau that WIPO continues to assist developing countries, upon their request, in the establishment of support structures for inventors and facilitates contacts between such support structures and similar institutions in other countries, and also in organizing exhibitions and promotional events.

32. In conclusion, members of the Working Group:

(i) commended the International Bureau on its efforts in managing the Permanent Program within the orientations established by the Permanent Committee;

(ii) proposed specific additional information as to documentation as indicated in paragraph 19 above;

(iii) affirmed that human resource development, including evaluation procedures, was a basic priority of the Permanent Program and discussed specific measures for maintaining the present quality and relevance of training activities carried out thereunder;

(iv) emphasized the importance to developing countries of developing the teaching of industrial property law and the profession of industrial property lawyer and agent;

(v) suggested that the International Bureau give increased attention to institution-building and to facilitating the access of developing countries to foreign, locally protected technology.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSING OF THE SESSION

33. This report was unanimously adopted by the Working Group on September 10, 1993, after which the Chairman declared the session closed.

[Annex follows]

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**WIPO PERMANENT PROGRAM FOR
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION RELATED TO
COPYRIGHT AND NEIGHBORING RIGHTS**

**PERMANENT COMMITTEE
WORKING GROUP**

**First Session
Geneva, September 7, 8 and 10, 1993**

REPORT

adopted by the Working Group

Introduction

1. The Working Group of the Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Copyright and Neighboring Rights (referred to hereinafter as "the Working Group") held its first session in Geneva on September 7 and 10, 1993.
2. Thirteen member States of the Working Group out of the fourteen designated by the Permanent Committee at its last session in November 1992 were represented, namely: Argentina, Canada, China, France, Hungary, India, Japan, Kenya, Pakistan, Paraguay, Spain, Switzerland and the United States of America. The list of the participants is attached as Annex I of this Report.

Opening of the Session

3. Mr. Carlos Fernández Ballesteros, on behalf of the Director General of WIPO, opened the session and welcomed the participants.

4. Referring to document CP/DA/GT/I/3, he recounted the decision of the WIPO Coordination Committee at its September 1992 session establishing the Working Group and its principal tasks and modalities. At its present session, the Working Group would discuss the progress of the Permanent Program for Development Cooperation Related to Copyright and Neighboring Rights since the last session of the Permanent Committee in November 1992. Many activities, he pointed out, were still ongoing and would only be completed by the end of the current budget period. Since the Working Group met half way in the program of activities for 1993, the representative of the International Bureau enumerated all the activities already undertaken but not mentioned in the document, as well as the future ones already approved and agreed with the respective governments to be carried out until the end of 1993. Nonetheless, the scope and diversity of the Permanent Program were clearly indicated in the relevant parts of the documents on WIPO Activities Reports for 1992 and for the first six months of 1993 which had been distributed to all members of the Working Group.

5. The representative of the International Bureau reported that, for WIPO, the period under review had seen an important increase of cooperation activities for developing countries in the field of copyright and neighboring rights, as well as a steady level of demand for legal and technical assistance from developing countries. The number of States party to the copyright and neighboring rights treaties administered by WIPO, in particular the Berne Convention, had continued to increase. The International Bureau had responded flexibly to wide-ranging requests for assistance in human resources development, the strengthening of legal and collective administration infrastructure and the promotion of awareness of copyright and neighboring rights in developing countries.

6. He also referred briefly to the follow-up of the suggestions made at the last session of the Permanent Committee, namely to extend national and regional seminars to new fields and to new groups of persons, as those organized for judges and customs officers in Latin America since the last session of the Permanent Committee.

Election of Officers

7. On the proposal of the delegation of the United States of America, supported by the delegations of China, France, Japan and Paraguay, the Working Group unanimously elected Ms. Graciela Peiretti (Argentina) as Chairman, and Mr. Paul Omondi Mbago (Kenya) and Mr. Gábor Faludi (Hungary) as Vice-Chairmen. Mr. Carlos Fernández Ballesteros (Director, Developing Countries Division, (Copyright)) acted as Secretary of the Working Group.

Adoption of the Agenda

8. The provisional agenda contained in document CP/DA/GT/I/1 was adopted by the Working Group.

Review and Evaluation of Activities Under the Permanent Program Since the Last Session of the Permanent Committee

9. Discussions were based on documents CP/DA/GT/I/2 and AB/XXIV/9.

10. All the delegations that took the floor expressed their appreciation of, and indicated their full support for, WIPO's cooperation activities in the field of copyright and neighboring rights in developing countries, e.g. advice and assistance in legislation, development of human resources and institution-building. They all noted the enormous increase of activities undertaken since the last meeting of the Permanent Committee in November 1992.

11. Some delegations suggested that, in the future meetings of the Permanent Committee, the structure of the documents also emphasize the relationship between activities and outcome of the work undertaken by the International Bureau for the benefit of developing countries. It was also suggested that the documents be established in a manner to show the implementation of the cooperation activities following the structure of the relevant items of the WIPO Program and Budget.

12. The delegation of Paraguay said that its country had benefited from WIPO's assistance and mentioned the various meetings which took place recently in Paraguay, namely the WIPO National Workshop on Practical Aspects of Collective Administration of Copyright and Neighboring Rights for the technical and administrative staff of the Paraguayan Authors' Society (APA), the eleventh Regional Training Course on Copyright and Neighboring Rights for Latin America, and the VIIIth International Congress on the Protection of Intellectual Rights. The delegation expressed its satisfaction with the constructive cooperation between WIPO and its Government which led to the success of these meetings and contributed largely to a better awareness of copyright not only in its country but also in the region.

13. The delegation of Argentina, while expressing its satisfaction for WIPO's activities for developing countries, noted that there was an increase of specialized courses taking into account the questions related to the impact of emerging technologies in the field of copyright and neighboring rights. It also noted that increased emphasis was given to the protection of authors and artists through the establishment or strengthening of collective administration institutions of copyright and neighboring rights. It welcomed WIPO's efforts undertaken in this respect and referred, in this context, to recent seminars on collective administration of copyright, as well as other regional seminars organized by WIPO which benefited to the Latin American countries, in particular the series of meetings intended for members of the judiciary. The delegation recalled that, in the framework of the economic integration process that was taking place within MERCOSUR, its country had suggested during the last session of the Permanent Committee that, in the framework of WIPO's development cooperation program, assistance be granted to the developing countries concerned to facilitate harmonization and development of their respective copyright and neighboring rights systems.

14. The delegation of Kenya expressed its gratitude for the assistance received from the International Bureau which contributed to the elaboration of a national legislation in harmony with the Berne Convention and which led to the accession of its country to that Convention. It said that its country would organize next year in cooperation with the International Bureau a Regional Seminar for Eastern African Countries which would contribute to a better awareness of the importance of development of copyright and neighboring rights in the region.

15. The delegation of France welcomed WIPO's efforts to develop cooperation activities of copyright and neighboring rights in developing countries. It pointed out that its country was willing, as in the past, to continue to contribute to the WIPO program, in particular to intensify action undertaken for the benefit of collective administration institutions from French-speaking developing countries, as well as enforcement of legislation in the fight against piracy in African countries where associations of performers were more active in this respect. The delegation expressed its support for training courses in French authors' societies and it mentioned that the French copyright societies were ready to increase the number of trainees they received every year within the framework of WIPO's cooperation program on copyright and neighboring rights. It also mentioned the readiness of its country to contribute with WIPO in the organization of conferences similar to the Regional Conference of Ministers in charge of Copyright in West Africa on the Eradication of Piracy of Musical, Literary and Artistic Works, which took place in Dakar in March 1992 and to which the Government of its country gave assistance. The delegation said that its country was also ready to cooperate with the International Bureau in activities undertaken in the field of copyright and neighboring rights in South East Asia as well as in Central and Eastern European countries.

16. The delegation of Hungary recalled that its country, in particular the Hungarian Bureau for the Protection of Authors' Rights (ARTISJUS), had contributed to WIPO's cooperation program since 1979 through the organization of general introductory training courses in every third year, the last one being in November 1991. It mentioned that ARTISJUS had also cooperated in receiving trainees from developing countries for special training courses focusing on the various practical aspects of collective administration. The delegation also mentioned that the contact maintained with the trainees was very fruitful in order to follow up developments in setting up of collective administration systems in their respective countries. It said that its country would continue organizing such courses and receiving trainees on the same basis as in the past.

17. The delegation of the United States of America expressed thanks to the International Bureau for its significant efforts undertaken under the cooperation program since the last session of the Permanent Committee, and supported the International Bureau's efforts focusing on cost-effective programs and long-range planning that had the prospect of promoting substantive improvements in copyright and neighboring rights systems. The delegation referred to the International Copyright Institute (ICI) created by the United States Congress within the US Copyright Office. It mentioned various ICI seminars, in particular the one organized in cooperation with WIPO in May 1993 for Central American and the Caribbean Basin countries, and where topics included the potential impact of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in the region. The delegation said that the Institute would continue offering training programs and expressed its readiness to cooperate closely with the International Bureau in this respect.

18. The delegation of Switzerland said that training courses on collective administration of copyright and neighboring rights were of great importance in the process of implementation of copyright legislation of developing countries, as well as in the reinforcement of protection of authors at both national and international levels. It said that its country, in particular the Swiss Authors' Society for Musical Works (SUISA), was ready to continue to cooperate with the International Bureau.

19. The delegation of Japan expressed its satisfaction and support for WIPO's development cooperation activities. It said that its country had launched a voluntary contribution to the WIPO development cooperation program in the field of copyright and neighboring rights for the purpose of holding seminars and training courses, to allow fellowships and to provide for expert missions in Asia and the Pacific Region. It added that the first regional seminar organized by the International Bureau in cooperation with its Government, under the Japanese Trust Fund, would be held in November 1993 in Tokyo.

20. The delegation of China thanked the International Bureau for its assistance, particularly in respect of implementation of the copyright law of China and training of officials in view of the setting up of a proper collective administration system throughout its country. The delegation pointed out that such system would require a long-term cooperation program and expressed its hope for the continuation of that fruitful cooperation with the International Bureau in the future.

21. The delegation of Spain noted that the documents prepared by the International Bureau provided useful references on the various activities undertaken under the WIPO cooperation program in 1992 and in the first half of 1993. It recalled the offer made by its country at the last session of the Permanent Committee to cooperate with the International Bureau for organizing the first introductory copyright course for Spanish-speaking countries in Spain in 1994, if the budgetary provisions permit it.

22. At the end of the discussion, the representative of the International Bureau thanked the delegations for their remarks and suggestions. He welcomed the support expressed by the Working Group and said that the suggestions and new ideas put forward by the Working Group would be carefully studied by the International Bureau in the follow-up of its future program of activities.

Adoption of the Report and Closing of the Session

23. The Working Group unanimously adopted this report after which the Chairman declared the session closed.

[Annex follows]

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