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POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS
IN THE PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION LIST

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1. At its third session, held in Geneva from June 21 to 25, 1993, the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (MIA) considered modifications relating to Section 503 of the PCT Administrative Instructions.
2. The MIA agreed that Section 503(c)(i) should be modified by adding "(abbreviations conforming to generally recognized international practice may be used)" after the word "publication."
3. The MIA further agreed that the International Bureau should take appropriate steps to put to the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation the question of the possible inclusion of standard abbreviations in the PCT Minimum Documentation list and that the question should be considered within the framework of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information (PCIPI) as to whether it would be desirable to establish a list of abbreviated titles for non-patent literature.
4. It should be noted that the International Bureau has included the request related to the PCIPI and mentioned in paragraph 3, above, on the draft agenda of the thirteenth session of the PCIPI Executive Coordination Committee (PCIPI/EXEC), to be held concurrently with the seventeenth session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (PCT/CTC).

5. The part of the report of the third session of the MIA which deals with that matter has been reproduced as an Annex to this document.

6. The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation is invited to consider the question raised by the MIA and to decide whether any action should be taken in addition to the consideration of that matter by the PCIPI/EXEC.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

EXCERPT FROM DOCUMENT PCT/MIA/III/9

Administrative Instructions of interest to the International Searching Authorities

13. Section 503. Discussion was based on proposals by the European Patent Office to modify Section 503 (see document PCT/MIA/III/2 Add.3, Annex, pages 12 to 14). The Meeting agreed that Section 503(a)(v) should not be changed, but that, in practice, if the publication date of a cited patent document could not be found or was difficult to retrieve, then the date need not be indicated in the international search report. It was agreed that Section 503(c)(i) should be modified by adding "(abbreviations conforming to generally recognized international practice may be used)" after the word "publication." It was further agreed that the International Bureau should take appropriate steps to put to the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation the question of the possible inclusion of standard abbreviations in the PCT Minimum Documentation list and that the question should be considered within the framework of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information (PCIPI) as to whether it would be desirable to establish a list of abbreviated titles for non-patent literature. The Meeting agreed that Section 503(c)(iii) should be modified to read "where necessary for identification of the publication, the place of publication (where only the location of the publisher appears in the periodical or other serial publication, then that location shall be indicated as the place of publication);". The Meeting agreed that Section 503(c)(iv) should be modified by inserting "(where appropriate, abbreviated or truncated)" after the word "title." The Meeting agreed that the example at the end of Section 503(c) should be supplemented with an example of an abbreviated citation as follows:

IBM Tech. Discl. Bull., Vol. 17, No. 5, October 1974,
J.G. Drop, "Integrated Circuit Personalization at
the Module Level," pages 1344 and 1345.

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