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STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Report by the International Bureau

1. The Standing Subcommittee of the Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the Standing Subcommittee) is invited to consider the question of its rules of procedure. In this context, the attention of the Standing Subcommittee is drawn to the fact that the Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation suggested itself, in its first session, that its rules of procedure be those applicable to "ad hoc Committees of Experts" which are provided for in the General Rules of Procedure of WIPO, subject to the understanding that the members would be States and would be represented by government-appointed delegations (see document PCT/TCO/I/6, paragraph 12).
2. It is proposed that the Standing Subcommittee, in making a decision on the question of its rules of procedure, follow the example of the Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation (see paragraph 1 above).
3. Furthermore, the attention of the Standing Subcommittee is drawn to the fact that the Director General intends, under Rule 51 of the General Rules of Procedure, to provide that documents intended for the Standing Subcommittee will be drawn up in English only and that oral interventions in the sessions of that Committee should be made in English only. That provision on oral interventions would be applied with the proviso that any participant may make interventions in a language other than English if he provides for simultaneous interpretation into English and if the Director General has been notified sufficiently in advance so that the simultaneous interpretation

equipment can be placed in working order. The Director General's intention to make such provision is motivated by the following considerations:

- (i) the present composition of the Standing Subcommittee is such that the fact of working in English only would not seem to present appreciable difficulties;
- (ii) the work of the Standing Subcommittee being extremely technical, to perform it in more than one language would be particularly complicated and would place a heavy burden on the staff of the International Bureau;
- (iii) the work of the Standing Subcommittee requires the preparation of rather voluminous documents and to produce such documents in more than one language would entail considerable additional expenditure for the International Bureau.

It is, however, the intention of the Director General to review the provisions outlined above should any change in the present situation, in particular with respect to the composition of the Standing Subcommittee, seem to require such review.

4. The Standing Subcommittee is invited

(a) to adopt its rules of procedure, and

(b) to note the information contained in paragraph 3 above.

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