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World Intellectual Property Organisation

WIPO Convention

Accession

HONDURAS

The Government of Honduras deposited, on August 15, 1983, its instrument of accession to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, signed at Stockholm on July 14, 1967.

Honduras will belong to Class C for the purpose of establishing its contribution towards the budget of the WIPO Conference.

The said Convention will enter into force, with respect to Honduras, on November 15, 1983.

WIPO Notification No. 124, of August 16, 1983.

International Unions

Hague Agreement

Amendments to the Agreement

The following amendments to the Complementary Act of Stockholm of July 14, 1967, to the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs of November 6, 1925, entered into force on November 3, 1980:

- in Article 2 (2) (a) (v), "triennial" is replaced by "biennial"; and
- in Article 2 (4) (a), "third" is replaced by "second."

Those amendments affect the periodicity of the program and budget as well as of the sessions of the Assembly of the Hague Union.

The said amendments were unanimously adopted by the Assembly of the Hague Union on October 2, 1979. Their entry into force was brought about upon the

receipt by the Director General of WIPO of notifications of acceptance of those amendments by the required number of the States members of the Assembly of the Hague Union at the time the said Assembly adopted those amendments. The said notifications of acceptance were received, in chronological order, from the following seven States, the date of receipt being indicated after each State: Liechtenstein (November 16, 1979); Germany (Federal Republic of) (December 11, 1979); Monaco (January 23, 1980); France (January 31, 1980); Suriname (March 3, 1980); Switzerland (July 3, 1980); Luxembourg (October 3, 1980).

The said amendments bind all the States members of the said Assembly at the time those amendments entered into force and will bind all other States that became or become members of that Assembly subsequent to their date of entry into force.

The Hague Notification No. 19, of July 11, 1983.

Nice Agreement

I. Amendments to the Agreement

The following amendments to the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks of June 15, 1957, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and at Geneva on May 13, 1977, entered into force on September 6, 1982:

- in Article 5 (2)(a) (iv), "triennial" is replaced by "biennial"; and
- in Article 5(4)(a), "third" is replaced by "second."

Those amendments affect the periodicity of the program and budget as well as of the sessions of the Assembly of the Nice Union.

The said amendments were unanimously adopted by the Assembly of the Nice Union on October 2, 1979. Their entry into force was brought about upon the receipt by the Director General of WIPO of notifications of acceptance of those amendments by the required number of the States members of the Assembly of the Nice Union at the time the said Assembly adopted those amendments. The said notifications of acceptance were received, in chronological order, from the following 21 States, the date of receipt being indicated after each State: Liechtenstein (November 16, 1979); Germany (Federal Republic of) (December 11, 1979); Norway (December 14, 1979); Denmark (December 24, 1979); Ireland (January 4, 1980); Sweden (January 9, 1980); Spain (January 17, 1980); Monaco (January 23, 1980); France (January 31, 1980); Italy (February 26, 1980); Czechoslovakia (April 15, 1980); United States of America (June 2, 1980); Switzerland (July 3, 1980); Luxembourg (October 3, 1980); United Kingdom (November 4, 1980); Hungary (February 19, 1981); Finland (October 23, 1981); Soviet Union (October 30, 1981); Australia (November 13, 1981); Israel (November 15, 1981); German Democratic Republic (August 6, 1982).

The said amendments bind all the States members of the said Assembly at the time those amendments entered into force and will bind all other States that became or become members of that Assembly subsequent to their date of entry into force.

Nice Notification No. 58, of July 11, 1983.

II. Ratification of the Geneva Act (1977)

LUXEMBOURG

The Government of Luxembourg deposited, on September 16, 1983, its instrument of ratification of the Geneva Act of May 13, 1977, of the Nice Agreement of

June 15, 1957, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967.

The Geneva Act (1977) of the said Agreement will enter into force, with respect to Luxembourg, on December 21, 1983.

Nice Notification No. 59, of September 21, 1983.

Locarno Agreement

Amendments to the Agreement

The following amendments to the Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs, signed at Locarno on October 8, 1968, entered into force on November 23, 1981:

- in Article 5 (2)(a) (iv), "triennial" is replaced by "biennial"; and
- in Article 5 (4)(a), "third" is replaced by "second."

Those amendments affect the periodicity of the program and budget as well as of the sessions of the Assembly of the Locarno Union.

The said amendments were unanimously adopted by the Assembly of the Locarno Union on October 2, 1979. Their entry into force was brought about upon the receipt by the Director General of WIPO of notifications of acceptance of those amendments by the required number of the States members of the Assembly of the Locarno Union at the time the said Assembly adopted those amendments. The said notifications of acceptance were received, in chronological order, from the following twelve States, the date of receipt being indicated after each State: Norway (December 14, 1979); Denmark (December 24, 1979); Ireland (January 4, 1980); Sweden (January 9, 1980); Spain (January 17, 1980); France (January 31, 1980); Italy (February 26, 1980); Czechoslovakia (April 15, 1980); United States of America (June 2, 1980); Switzerland (July 3, 1980); Hungary (February 19, 1981); Finland (October 23, 1981).

The said amendments bind all the States members of the said Assembly at the time those amendments entered into force and will bind all other States that became or become members of that Assembly subsequent to their date of entry into force.

Locarno Notification No. 20, of July 11, 1983.

Strasbourg Agreement

Amendments to the Agreement

The following amendments to the Strasbourg Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classifica-

tion of March 24, 1971, entered into force on February 25, 1982:

- in Article 7(2)(a)(iv), "triennial" is replaced by "triennial"; and
- in Article 7(4)(a), "third" is replaced by "second."

Those amendments affect the periodicity of the program and budget as well as of the sessions of the Assembly of the IPC Union.

The said amendments were unanimously adopted by the IPC Union on October 2, 1979. Their entry into force was brought about upon the receipt by the Director General of WIPO of notifications of acceptance of those amendments by the required number of the States members of the Assembly of the IPC Union at the time the said Assembly adopted those amendments. The said notifications of acceptance were received, in chronological order, from the following 21 States, the date of receipt being indicated after each State: Germany (Federal Republic of) (December 11, 1979); Norway (December 14, 1979); Denmark (December 24, 1979); Ireland (January 4, 1980); Sweden (January 9, 1980); Spain (January 17, 1980); Monaco (January 23, 1980); France (January 31, 1980); Brazil (February 8, 1980); Italy (February 26, 1980); Suriname (March 3, 1980); Czechoslovakia (April 15, 1980); United States of America (June 2, 1980); Switzerland (July 3, 1980); Luxembourg (October 3, 1980); United Kingdom (November 4, 1980); Portugal (December 15, 1980); Soviet Union (October 30, 1981); Australia (November 13, 1981); Israel (November 25, 1981); Egypt (January 25, 1982).

The said amendments bind all the States members of the said Assembly at the time those amendments entered into force and will bind all other States that became or become members of that Assembly subsequent to their date of entry into force.

Strasbourg Notification No. 33, July 11, 1983.

Budapest Treaty (Microorganisms)

Accession

BELGIUM

The Government of Belgium deposited, on September 15, 1983, its instrument of accession to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, done at Budapest on April 28, 1977.

The said Treaty will enter into force, with respect to Belgium, on December 15, 1983.

Budapest Notification No. 33, of September 19, 1983.

Nairobi Treaty (Olympic Treaty)

I. Ratification

QATAR

The Government of Qatar deposited, on June 23, 1983, its instrument of ratification of the Nairobi Treaty on the Protection of the Olympic Symbol, adopted at Nairobi on September 26, 1981.

The said Treaty entered into force, with respect to Qatar, on July 23, 1983.

Nairobi Notification No. 12, of August 23, 1983.

II. Signatory States

During the period during which it was open for signature, the following 37 States had signed the Nairobi Treaty, adopted at Nairobi on September 26, 1981:

Argentina, Austria, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Senegal, Soviet Union, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uruguay, Zambia.

As of the date of the present notification, the following States have already deposited, on the dates herein-after indicated, either an instrument of ratification (R) or accession (A) and the said Nairobi Treaty entered into force, in respect of the said States, on the dates hereinafter indicated:

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of Deposit of Instrument</i>	<i>Date of Entry into Force</i>
Kenya (R)	November 18, 1981	September 25, 1982
Ethiopia (A)	February 17, 1982	September 25, 1982
Equatorial Guinea (A)	August 25, 1982	September 25, 1982
Egypt (A)	September 1, 1982	October 1, 1982
Guatemala (A)	January 21, 1983	February 21, 1983
Congo (R)	February 8, 1983	March 8, 1983
Tunisia (R)	April 21, 1983	May 21, 1983
Qatar (R)	June 23, 1983	July 23, 1983
Greece (R)	July 29, 1983	August 29, 1983

States which have signed the Treaty and which have not yet deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval must, in order to become party to the Treaty, deposit such instruments.

States which have not signed the Treaty must, in order to become party to the Treaty, deposit their instruments of accession; any such State must be a member of WIPO or any of the other specialized agencies brought into a relationship with the United Nations, the Paris Union for the Protection of Industrial Property or the United Nations.

Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be deposited with the Director General of WIPO.

Nairobi Notification No. 13, of August 29, 1983.

III. Ratification

INDIA

The Government of India deposited, on September 19, 1983, its instrument of ratification of the Nairobi Treaty.

The said Treaty entered into force, with respect to India, on October 19, 1983.

Nairobi Notification No. 14, of September 22, 1983.

IV. Accession

UGANDA

The Government of Uganda deposited, on September 21, 1983, its instrument of accession to the Nairobi Treaty.

The said Treaty entered into force, with respect to Uganda, on October 21, 1983.

Nairobi Notification No. 15, of September 22, 1983.

Vienna Agreement (Classification of Figurative Elements of Marks)

Ratification

LUXEMBOURG

The Government of Luxembourg deposited, on September 16, 1983, its instruments of ratification of the Vienna Agreement Establishing an International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks, done at Vienna on June 12, 1973.

A separate notification will be made of the date of the entry into force of the said Agreement when the required number of ratifications or accessions is reached.

Vienna (Classification) Notification No. 5, of September 21, 1983.

Plant Varieties

International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Ratification of the 1978 Act

UNITED KINGDOM

The Government of the United Kingdom deposited, on August 24, 1983, its instrument of ratification of the

Act of October 23, 1978, of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961, as revised at Geneva on November 10, 1972.

The said Act entered into force, with respect to the United Kingdom, on September 24, 1983.

UPOV Notification No. 29, of August 29, 1983.

Activities of Other Organizations

International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys

Resolution on the Right of Priority

The Executive Committee of the International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI) met in Ottawa from September 27 to October 2, 1982. During that meeting, it adopted the following resolution concerning the right of priority under the Paris Convention.

Resolution

FICPI,

recognizing that there are differences between countries members of the Paris Union concerning the treatment of cases where failure to file by the expiry of the priority term can result in a loss of rights,

and that distinctions are drawn in some national laws and practices between failure to observe a term set for taking a certain action and failure to observe the priority term,

urges member States of the Paris Union to provide reasonable remedies to applicants to enable a priority claim to be allowed in cases where an applicant's intention to file within the priority term was frustrated, and thereafter an application is made to the relevant industrial property office, at least if such application is submitted shortly after the expiry of the priority term.

WIPO Meetings

Paris Union

Committee of Experts on the Legal Protection of Computer Software

Second Session
(Geneva, June 13 to 17, 1983)

NOTE*

The Committee of Experts on the Legal Protection of Computer Software (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee of Experts" held its second session¹ in Geneva from June 13 to 17, 1983.

Thirty States members of WIPO, of the International (Paris) Union for the Protection of Industrial Property or of the International (Berne) Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works participated in the session. One State participated as observer. Five intergovernmental organizations, 16 international non-governmental organizations and four national associations participated in the meeting as observers. The list of participants follows this Note.

The Committee of Experts dealt with three questions. The first question was whether a new international multilateral treaty should be concluded under the terms of which the governments of the Contracting States would undertake to take measures against the unauthorized commercial use of computer software originating in the Contracting States. The second question was whether the protection of integrated circuits could also be covered by such a treaty. The third question was whether a mechanism for the international deposit of computer software should be established. Such deposit would not be a condition of the legal protection of computer software but would facilitate the proof of ownership in the deposited software.

* Prepared by the International Bureau.

¹ For the Note on the first session, see *Industrial Property*, 1980, p. 30.

After a thorough discussion of all these questions, the Committee of Experts arrived at the following conclusions:

"I. Protection of Computer Software"

"1. The WIPO Committee of Experts on the Legal Protection of Computer Software, meeting in Geneva from June 13 to 17, 1983, noted with great appreciation the work undertaken by WIPO in many ways during the last decade in order to secure efficient protection of computer software. The Committee also noted with great appreciation the elaboration by the International Bureau of a draft Treaty for the protection of computer software. It had, on the basis of that draft and other working documents, including the WIPO Model Provisions on the Protection of Computer Software (1978), a detailed discussion on the substance matter of the protection desirable in respect of computer software. As regards the form for such protection, various suggestions were made for solutions other than the proposed draft Treaty, such as a recommendation to States on the principles for the international protection in this field.

"2. The Committee expresses the unanimous view that, whatever the form would be, there should be effective international protection of computer software.

"3. The Committee took note of the information given at the meeting on the increasing trend at the national level in a certain number of countries of granting protection under copyright law to computer software. It noted that this situation could have—thanks to the principle of national treatment—the consequence that the need for international protection may, between such countries, be satisfied to a considerable extent by means of the international copyright conventions. The Committee also noted that WIPO, jointly with Unesco, suggested undertaking a study and convening a committee of governmental experts on the protection available for computer software under existing copyright laws and treaties.

"4. In view of the foregoing considerations and of the complexity of the problem, the Committee considered it premature to take, for the time being, a stand on the question of the best form for the international protection of computer software and recommended that the consideration of the conclusion of a special treaty as presented to it should not be pursued for the time being.

"5. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that the results of its present session, together with supplementary observations to be invited from governments and interested international organizations (for example, as to whether any mechanism for the protection of ideas or concepts on which software is based, such as methods, processes, or systems of operation, would be desirable), as well as a compilation of relevant court decisions, be brought to the attention of the governments,

interested organizations and the said joint WIPO/Unesco Committee of Governmental Experts.

"6. The Committee also recommended that it should, at a later stage, be convened to consider once more the issue of the best form of international protection in connection with or in the light of the work conducted within the framework of the joint WIPO/Unesco study.

"7. Finally, the Committee recommended convening a working group for examining certain technical issues, in particular the definition of computer software.

"II. Protection of Integrated Circuits"

"8. The WIPO Committee of Experts on the Legal Protection of Computer Software discussed the increasingly important question of the protection of integrated circuits.

"9. The Committee recommended that WIPO should prepare as a matter of priority, with the help of consultants, a working paper on the protection of integrated circuits. It expressed the wish that this working paper be submitted to the governments and interested organizations in sufficient time before such paper is taken up for examination in the forum to be designated for that purpose in the framework of the Paris Union.

"III. International Deposit of Computer Software"

"10. The WIPO Committee of Experts on the Legal Protection of Computer Software discussed the question of an international deposit of computer software.

"11. The Committee is of the opinion that the study of establishing such a deposit, at least at an international level, should not be pursued at this time."

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WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI)

I. Working Group on Planning

Eleventh Session

(Geneva, May 26 to June 3, 1983)

NOTE*

The Working Group on Planning (hereinafter referred to as "the Planning Group") of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information (hereinafter referred to as "the PCPI") held its eleventh session in Geneva from May 26 to June 3, 1983. Fourteen members of the Planning Group were represented at the session. The list of participants follows this Note.

The Planning Group approved its report on the effectiveness of the PCPI program for the biennium 1982/83 and agreed that it should be submitted to the PCPI.

The Planning Group reviewed the long-term program of the PCPI as adopted by the PCPI at its session in 1982. The long-term program of the PCPI gives the objectives, present status and current work of each of 14 broad headings which reflect the objectives and tasks embodied in the Organizational Rules of the PCPI. Those broad headings relate to:

- (a) matters concerning patent information sources, i.e.:
 - guidelines and standards;
 - use and revision of the International Patent Classification (IPC);
 - indexing, classifying and coding patent documents according to their technical content;
 - industrial property statistics;
 - search files and their organization;
 - exchange of patent documents;
 - organization of patent documentation and information centers;
 - training;
- (b) matters concerning dissemination of patent information, i.e.:
 - bibliographic referral services;
 - sources of patent information;
 - users of patent information and their needs;
 - users' guides to patent information;
 - monitoring technical developments relevant to the needs of patent information;

* Prepared by the International Bureau.

- promotion of the value of patent information.

Under each broad heading of this long-term program, possible future work areas are given. The Planning Group evaluated the said future work areas on the basis of comments received and agreed on a list of nine items for which detailed proposals should be invited in 1984, namely:

- standardization of official gazettes and other industrial property "announcement" journals;
- elaboration of guidelines for the publication of indexes issued yearly/half-yearly/quarterly by industrial property offices;
- identification of areas of the IPC that are inefficient for searching;
- improvement of working procedures and elaboration of instruction materials, aiming at the unification and streamlining of the publication process of successive editions of the IPC;
- establishment of an internationally agreed program for the elaboration of hybrid systems (that is, systems which combine classification techniques with indexing techniques);
- studying means of reducing the bulkiness of search files, e.g. by excluding patent families and multiple publications, by revising arrangements as to cut-off dates, by the use of microfilms, etc.;
- providing better access outside Japan to Japanese patent documents;
- studying the use of patent information as an indicator for the trend of technologies;
- studying further the developments of hybrid systems including development of automatic search systems based on IPC symbols and textual information (e.g., keywords).

The Planning Group established a draft PCPI program for the biennium 1984/85 consisting of 31 tasks, including six new tasks and 80 IPC revision proposals relating to 86 IPC subclasses. In elaborating that draft program, the Planning Group agreed that certain questions, concerning the PCPI and its relation to developing countries, and the PCPI and its broad objectives, should be drawn to the attention of the PCPI.

The Planning Group finally recommended that, for working on the tasks foreseen on the PCPI program for the next biennium, five Working Groups be established in 1984 as follows:

- a Working Group on Planning;
- a Working Group on Special Questions;
- a Working Group on General Information;
- a Working Group on Search Information;
- a Working Group on Patent Information for Developing Countries.

A schedule of sessions of the PCPI and its five Working Groups in the biennium 1984/85 was tentatively agreed upon.

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II. Working Group on Special Questions

Third Session

(Geneva, May 26 to June 3, 1983)

NOTE*

The Working Group on Special Questions (hereinafter referred to as "the Working Group") of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information (hereinafter referred to as "the PCPI") held its third session in Geneva from May 26 to June 3, 1983. Thirteen members of the Working Group were represented at the session. The list of participants follows this Note.

The Working Group, in its discussions of *computerized searching aids*, noted the information collected by the International Bureau concerning the use and the extent of use of patent data bases and the results of a certain number of model searches conducted in the said data bases. The Working Group also noted that all Offices which had reported use of patent data bases had

* Prepared by the International Bureau.

emphasized that the results of searches in those data bases were mere "aids," supplementary tools to alleviate the burden of the patent examiners when searching, and not means to replace in total the actual search procedures. The most important computerized searching aids identified were the on-line data bases offered by IFI Plenum Data Corporation (United States of America), Pergamon Infoline (United Kingdom), SDC/Derwent Search Service (United Kingdom) and Télésystèmes-Questel (France). The most common type of search conducted with the help of these searching aids was that in which symbols of the International Patent Classification (IPC) were searched in combination with keywords.

The Working Group discussed the revision of the *list of periodicals* established for the purposes of the PCT minimum documentation, [under PCT Rule 34.1(b)(iii)] it agreed to recommend that 16 periodicals on the said list—which now contains 171 periodicals—should be deleted, and identified 19 new periodicals as candidates for addition to the list. A majority of the members of the Working Group were in favor of a proposal to replace a further eleven periodicals by new periodicals, on the basis that the new periodicals cover the same areas of technology as those they would replace but have a higher content of articles useful for the purposes of patent examination.

The Working Group also discussed the more general question of the technical coverage given by the periodicals presently on the said list, since, on the basis of a preliminary analysis made by the International Bureau, a certain imbalance seemed to exist between technical subjects covered by published patent documents and technical subjects covered by items of non-patent literature selected for adding to search files. The Working Group also discussed whether, in view of the now widely available on-line computer data bases which provide access to most, if not all, of the items of non-patent literature published in the periodicals on the said list, a need still existed to define a minimum list of periodicals.

The Working Group completed its work of considering the *philosophy of the revision work* of the International Patent Classification during the third revision period.

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III. Working Group on Search Information

Tenth Session
(Geneva, June 6 to 16, 1983)

NOTE*

The PCPI Working Group on Search Information (hereinafter referred to as "the Working Group") held its tenth session in Geneva from June 6 to 16, 1983. Twelve member States and the European Patent Office (EPO) were represented at the session. The International Federation for Documentation (FID) was represented as observer. The list of participants follows this Note.

The following items were discussed:

IPC Revision Projects Carried Over from the 1982 Program. The Working Group discussed 42 revision projects and completed 40 of them. It rejected two of them and invited further action on one revision project.

IPC Revision Projects on the Program for 1983. The Working Group discussed 30 IPC revision projects of the IPC revision program for 1983, and completed 22 of them. It rejected two of them and invited further action on six revision projects.

IPC Revision Projects on the Program for 1984/1985. The Working Group noted the IPC revision

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sion projects recommended for the IPC revision program for 1984/1985, the actions on those projects and related deadlines.

X-Notations. The Working Group considered a certain number of X-notations, allotted by various industrial property offices, and approved amendments to various IPC subclasses, which will permit appropriate classification according to the fourth edition of the IPC to be allotted to the patent documents in question.

New Presentation and Layout of IPC Notes. The Working Group approved the French version of those notes of the IPC for which a new presentation and layout had been approved in English at the ninth session of the Working Group and the English and French versions of the remainder of the notes.

Amendments to References in the IPC. The Working Group set forth the deadlines for actions relating to the checking of references in the IPC, which is necessary as a consequence of the amendments agreed upon during the current revision period.

Amendments to Class and Subclass Indexes. The Working Group set forth the deadlines for actions relating to the checking of the IPC class and subclass indexes, which is necessary as a consequence of the amendments agreed upon during the current revision period.

Pilot Project in IPC Class C 12. The Working Group agreed on a final evaluation of the effectiveness in developing the common computerized search file in the area of IPC class C 12, i.e., the area relating to subclasses C 12 M, N, P, Q and R.

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General Studies

The Agritechnical Criteria in Plant Breeder's Rights Law*

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Calendar of Meetings

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WIPO Meetings

(Not all WIPO meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

1983

November 21 to 25 (Manila) — Workshop on Industrial Property Licenses and Technology Transfer Arrangements (in conjunction with the third "Technology for the People" International Trade Fair)

November 28 to December 2 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI) — Working Group on Special Questions and Working Group on Planning

December 5 to 7 (Geneva) — Berne Union, Universal Copyright Convention and Rome Convention — Subcommittees on Cable Distribution of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union, of the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee and of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Rome Convention (convened jointly with ILO and Unesco)

December 8 and 9 (Geneva, ILO Headquarters) — Rome Convention — Intergovernmental Committee (convened jointly with ILO and Unesco)

December 12 to 16 (Geneva) — Berne Union — Executive Committee — Extraordinary Session (sitting together, for the discussion of certain items, with the Intergovernmental Committee of the Universal Copyright Convention)

1984

January 30 to February 3 (Geneva) — International Patent Cooperation (PCT) Union — Assembly (Extraordinary Session)

February 27 to March 24 (Geneva) — Revision of the Paris Convention — Diplomatic Conference

UPOV Meetings

1983

November 7 and 8 (Geneva) — Administrative and Legal Committee

November 9 and 10 (Geneva) — Hearing of International Non-Governmental Organizations

1984

March 15 to 17 (La Minière) — Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs

June 11 to 15 (Bet Dagan) — Technical Working Party for Vegetables and Subgroups

June 26 to 29 (Lund) — Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops and Subgroups

August 21 to 23 (Hanover) — Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees

Other Meetings Concerned with Industrial Property

1983

European Patent Organisation: December 6 to 9 (Munich) — Administrative Council

International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property: November 7 to 9 (Athens) — Council of Presidents

1984

Inter-American Association of Industrial Property: May 16 to 19 (Montreal) — VIII Congress

International Vine and Wine Office: April 9 to 29 (Montpellier) — Séminaire international supérieur de viticulture

Royal Patent and Registration Office: June 13 to 15 (Stockholm) — Symposium on the Centenary of the Swedish Patent System

1986

International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property: June 8 to 13 (London) — XXXIII Congress