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The Annex to this document contains comments submitted by Romania concerning the working structure of IPC bodies.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX



OFICIUL DE STAT PENTRU INVENTII SI MARCI

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Dear Mr. Makarov,

Following the invitation launched at the thirty-first session of the Committee of Experts, adressed to the member states to submit a point of view referring to the proposal to abolish the ad hoc IPC Reform Working Group, to transfer all its duties to the Committee of Experts and to increase the number of annual meetings of the Committee to two, we ask you to take into consideration the following comments.

1. The Romanian State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM) supports the abolition of the ad hoc IPC Reform Working Group and the assumption of its tasks by the Committee itself, taking into consideration the following elements :

- the reform process is in an advanced phase of finalization and this process is irreversible;
- sometimes the activities are overlapping, the Committee often reconsidering what was already analyzed by the ad hoc IPC Working group;
- it is more efficient for the Committee to manage a smaller number of Working Groups and Task Forces, because - among other things - the number of periodic reports submitted to the Committee by its bodies will decrease;
- in the near prospect of the co-existence of two IPC levels, the Committee of Experts will get increased tasks of approving the proposed amendments to the two levels.

2. At the same time, OSIM considers that, by taking the ad hoc IPC Working Group tasks into its duties, the number of annual meetings of the Committee have to be increased from **one to two**.

We consider that more than two annual meetings of the Committee would not be convenient since this will lead to a significant increase of the expenses both for the Offices' and for I.B.

However, the increased amount of work on the agenda will possibly lead to the necessity of increasing the duration of the CE sessions.

3. We propose the extraordinary session of the Committee of Experts to be held about the mid of September 2002.

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