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INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION (PCT UNION)

ASSEMBLY

Third Session (2nd Extraordinary)* Geneva, April 25 to May 1, 1979

DRAFT AGENDA

Prepared by the Director General

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the PCT Assembly. The Officers of the PCT Assembly are Mr. Valentin Bykov (Soviet Union), Chairman, and Messrs. H. E. Martin Nzue Nkoghe (Gabon) and Paul Braendli (Switzerland), Vice-Chairmen. See the Rules of Procedure (annexed), Rule 9 of the WIPO General Rules of Procedure and document PCT/A/II/S.

2. Adoption of the agenda. See the present document.

3. Level of fees and prices; financial contributions. See document PCT/A/III/5.

4. Amendment of the PCT Regulations (PCT Article 58(2)

(i) Fees (PCT Rules 15, 16 and 57) See documents PCT/A/III/2 and 7.

(ii) Consideration of proposals for possible amendments to the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty on the

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International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (to be dealt with in a joint session with the Budapest Treaty Interim Committee on April 30, 1979) See document PCT/A/III/3.

(iii) Other amendments to (and interpretation of) the Regulations. See document PCT/A/III/4.

5. Appointment of the Australian Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority and approval of the draft agreement between that Office and the International Bureau. See document PCT/A/III/6.

6. Adoption of the report of the session

7. Closing of the session

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION (PCT) UNION

RULE 1: APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation (PCT) Union shall consist of the General Rules of Procedure of WIPO, supplemented and amended by the provisions set forth hereinafter.

RULE 2: SPECIAL OBSERVERS

(1) The following shall be invited as "special observers" to all sessions of the Assembly:

(i) states not members of the PCT Union which contribute to the budget of the PCT Union;

(ii) intergovernmental authorities having the power to grant patents effective in one or more States members of the PCT Union.

(2) Special observers shall have the same rights in the sessions of the Assembly as States members of the Assembly, except the right to vote.

RULE 3: DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda of each session shall be drawn up by the Director General. In the case of ordinary sessions, such draft shall follow the instructions of the Executive Committee once the Executive Committee is established (see PCT Articles 53(9) and 54(6) (a)). In the case of extraordinary sessions, the said draft shall include the item or items mentioned in the request referred to in Article 53(11) (c) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

RULE 4: PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT

The report on the work of each session, or a summary drawn up by the International Bureau, shall be published in the Gazette of the PCT Union and in the reviews of the World Intellectual Property Organization La Propriete industrielle and Industrial Property.

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