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AMENDMENT OF THE SCHEDULE OF FEES
ANNEXED TO THE PCT REGULATIONS

Memorandum of the Director General

1. The Assembly of the PCT Union adopted the biennial budget of the PCT Union for 1982-1983 (at its eighth session, held in Geneva from November 16 to 24, 1981) on the assumption that the basic and the designation fees would be raised by 22% for each of the years 1982 and 1983 (see paragraph 66 of document AB/XII/21 and paragraphs 29 and 66(iv) of document AB/XII/2). Indeed, the 22% increase took place in 1982. During its ninth session, however, which was held in Geneva on September 10, 1982, the Assembly decided that the increase for 1983 should be of 7.5% instead of 22% (see paragraphs 10 to 12 and 17 of document PCT/A/IX/3). That decision was based on the fact that it was possible to have, at that time (September 1982), more precise estimations as to the number of international applications and of designations expected in 1983 than when the biennial budget for 1982-1983 was drafted (July 1981) and when it was adopted (November 1981).

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2. When it took the decision to increase the fees by 7.5% for 1983, the Assembly of the PCT Union noted a statement made by the Director General to the effect that no deficit-covering contributions would be asked for in addition to those already decided upon for 1983 provided certain assumptions were confirmed by facts, including the assumption that the fees would be increased by 10% for 1984 and by another 10% for 1985 (see paragraph 11 of document PCT/A/IX/3).

3. The draft biennial budget of the PCT Union for 1984-1985 does not provide for deficit-covering contributions for 1984 and 1985 and has been established on the basis of assumptions contained in paragraph 49 of document AB/XIV/2 which include the assumption that the basic and the designation fees would be raised by 10% for 1984, so that they would be 623 francs and 150 francs, respectively, from January 1, 1984. (As to the assumption that the fees would be raised by a further 10% for 1985, the Assembly of the PCT Union will have to take a decision thereupon in 1984.)

4. It is proposed to amend the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations accordingly. Since the Schedule of Fees also contains other fees, it is proposed to apply a 10% increase to those fees too. The resulting new Schedule of Fees is reproduced in Annex I to this document.

5. Equivalent amounts in other currencies ("prescribed currencies"), as provided for under Rules 15.2 and 57.2 of the PCT Regulations, have been provisionally calculated on the basis of the exchange rates of June 1, 1983, as indicated in Annex II to this document. The calculation will be reviewed on September 1, 1983, Annex II will be updated if necessary and the updated version, if any, will be submitted to the Assembly on September 26, 1983. That procedure will constitute the consultation with each interested receiving Office and International Preliminary Examining Authority' which is provided for in Rules 15.2(b) and 57.2(c) of the PCT Regulations.

6. The Assembly of the PCT Union is invited

(i) to amend, with effect as of January 1, 1984, the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations as set out in Annex I;

(ii) to note the Table of Equivalent Amounts, reproduced in Annex II, or its updated version, if any.

[Annex I follows]

SCHEDULE OF FEES

<u>Fees</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
1. Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	
if the international application contains not more than 30 sheets	623 Swiss francs
if the international application contains more than 30 sheets	623 Swiss francs plus 13 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets
2. Designation Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	150 Swiss francs
3. Handling Fee: (Rule 57.2(a))	191 Swiss francs
4. Supplement to the Handling Fee: (Rule 57.2(b))	191 Swiss francs
<u>Surcharges</u>	
5. Surcharge for late payment: (Rule 16bis.2(a))	Minimum: 236 Swiss francs Maximum: 594 Swiss francs

[Annex II follows]

TABLE OF EQUIVALENT AMOUNTS

(calculated on the basis of the exchange rates valid on the morning of June 1, 1983)

Country Currency	Basic Fee where no Additional Amount Payable for Sheets in Excess of 30 Sheets Rule 15.2(a)	Amount Added to Basic Fee for Each Sheet in Excess of 30 Sheets Rule 15.2(a)	Designation Fee Rule 15.2(a)	Handling Fee Rule 57.2(a)
Australia Australian dollar	340	7	82	104
Austria Austrian Schilling	5,300	111	1,280	1,630
Belgium Belgian franc	15,200	320	3,660	4,660
Denmark Danish Kroner	2,720	55	655	-
Finland Markka	1,650	34	400	505
France French franc	2,280	47	550	700
Germany (Federal Republic of) Deutsche Mark	754	16	182	230
Japan Yen	71,400	1,500	17,200	21,900
Luxembourg Luxembourg franc or Belgian franc	15,200	320	3,660	4,660
Malawi Kwacha	328	7	79	100
Monaco French franc	2,280	47	550	700
Netherlands Dutch Guilder	848	18	204	260
Norway Norwegian Kroner	2,150	45	520	-
Soviet Union Rouble	218	4.50	52	67
Sweden Swedish Kronor	2,265	47	545	695
United Kingdom Pound Sterling	187	3.80	45	57
United States of America US dollar	300	6	72	-

Note: For payments to the European Patent Office, the amounts, if not in Swiss francs, are those appearing in the table above in the following currencies: Austrian Schilling, Belgian franc, Deutsche Mark, Dutch Guilder, French franc, Luxembourg franc, Pound Sterling, Swedish Kronor.

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