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1. At its eighth, and final, session held in Geneva from January 17 to 20, 1978, the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation noted and approved the "Summary of Technical Activities of the PCT Interim Committee" as contained in document PCT/TCO/VIII/2.
2. The International Bureau, on the basis of the said summary, has prepared a draft program of tasks for the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation in 1979. The said draft program is contained in the Annex to this document.
3. The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation is invited to establish the program of tasks for 1979.

[Annex follows]

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1. PCT Minimum Documentation "Patents"

(a) explore methods of maintaining the inventory of patent documents issued since January 1, 1920, up to date both as regards recently published documents and documents added to remove previously reported gaps;

(b) explore the feasibility of establishing and regularly updating the list of patent documents according to PCT Rule 34.1(c)(vi) in a machine-readable form with a view to obtaining computer listings of such documents, e.g., on microfiche, at regular intervals;

(c) continue, and, if possible, complete, a machine-readable inventory (starting with the year 1970) of English-language abstracts of patent documents according to PCT Rule 34.1(e) and propose a method of regularly updating such an inventory.

2. PCT Minimum Documentation "Non-patent Literature"

(a) consider measures necessary to maintain the list of minimum "non-patent literature" up to date both as regards the current specific details of each technical journal, e.g., title, publishing authority, as well as steps necessary to maintain the minimum list truly comprehensive in coverage as useful sources of technical references so as to take account of possible changes of the editorial policy associated with the technical journals and assessing the need to add to the list any newly published technical journal title;

(b) explore the feasibility of studying the benefits of cooperation among the International Searching Authorities and other interested organizations concerning exchanging information, e.g., in a machine-readable form, concerning:

- (i) bibliographic identification data of disclosures contained in the PCT Minimum Documentation "non-patent literature" relating to suitable technological information for incorporation in search files,
- (ii) IPC information appropriate to the disclosures under (i),
- (iii) exploring possible ways in which the work involved in (i) and (ii) can be shared between the International Searching Authorities and other interested organizations, e.g., on the basis of different organizations being responsible for defined technical areas or on the basis of country of publication of the technical journal,
- (iv) establishing an inventory of disclosures contained in the PCT Minimum Documentation "non-patent literature" organized according to the IPC and suitable for inclusion within:
 - the CAPRI Project to thus form part of the PCT technical assistance to developing countries
 - the "common search file."