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INTRODUCTION

1. The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") held its ninth session in Geneva from September 1 to 5, 1986. Following the decision establishing the WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information, the session of the Committee was held jointly with the tenth session of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information (hereinafter referred to as "the Permanent Committee").
2. The following members of the Committee were represented: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Soviet Union, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, European Patent Office (EPO) (21). Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Poland, Portugal, Viet Nam, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia (8) were represented by observers. The African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), the Commission of the European Communities (CEC), the International Patent Documentation Center (INPADOC), the Patent Documentation Group (PDG) and the publishers of the journal 'World Patent Information' were also represented by observers. The list of participants is attached as Annex I to this report.
3. Mr. L.E. Kostikov, Deputy Director General, welcomed the participants on behalf of the Director General of WIPO.
4. The session was presided over by the Chairman of the Permanent Committee, Mr. A. Wittmann (Federal Republic of Germany). Mr. P. Claus, Director, Classifications and Patent Information Division, WIPO, acted as Secretary of the session.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. The Committee unanimously adopted the agenda which is attached as Annex II to this report.

CONCLUSIONS

6. As decided by the Governing Bodies of WIPO at their tenth series of meetings (see document AB/X/32, paragraphs 51 and 52), held from September 24 to October 2, 1979, the report of this session reflects only the conclusions (decisions, recommendations, opinions, etc.) of the Committee and does not, in particular, reflect the statements made by any participant, except where any reservation in respect of any specific conclusion of the Committee was made or repeated after the conclusion was arrived at.

PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION: PATENTS

Inventory of Patent Documents 1920 to 1985 According to PCT Rule 34.1(b)(i) and (ii) (Project P 39)

7. The Committee approved the new inventory prepared by the International Bureau on the basis of contributions received from all Offices whose patent documents are referred to in the said Rule and as contained in Annex 10 to project file P 39. It was noted that the International Bureau would again update the inventory in 1989, i.e., in three years' time, following an earlier decision made to that effect by the Committee (see Annex 8 to Project file P 39 and paragraph 8 of document PCT/CTC/V/2).

Sorted Collections of Patent Documents According to PCT Rule 34.1(c)(vi) (Project P 41)

8. The Committee noted that, in response to a circular sent to all PCT Union members, only two Offices had ordered the inventories of Australian, Austrian and Canadian patent documents according to PCT Rule 34.1(c)(vi), which inventories had been produced by the International Bureau following an earlier decision of the Committee. Following the proposal made by the International Bureau, the Committee decided:

(a) that the regular updating of the machine-readable data file created by the International Bureau should be discontinued;

(b) that the cooperating Offices nevertheless should continue to forward their data to the International Bureau; and,

(c) that the International Bureau could continue to make copies of the data available to it at cost to any Office so requesting.

Inventories of English-Language Abstracts of Patent Documents According to PCT Rule 34.1(e) (Project P 42)

9. The Committee noted the latest correspondence between the International Bureau and Chemical Abstracts Services (CAS) on their cooperation in this area (see Annex 25 to Project file P 42) and decided that, notwithstanding the very negative attitude of CAS, the project should be pursued.

10. The Committee heard a declaration by the representative of INPADOC who said that later this year INPADOC would have available in its on-line services, in its IFD tape and in its IPG service, references to all three sources of English-language abstracts, namely JAPIO, CAS and Derwent. (The CAS and Derwent information would be complete as far as the INPADOC data base was concerned and the JAPIO information complete from June 21, 1985, onwards; the use of the CAS references in the IFD tape being restricted to those subscribers having a special agreement with CAS.)

11. The Committee invited the International Bureau to go ahead and purchase the missing data for the inventories from Derwent and JAPIO, it being understood that the monies from the four Offices that had declared their firm intention to purchase the updated tapes (DE, SU (JP inventory only), US, EPO) should cover the expenses of the International Bureau. Finally, the Committee requested to be kept informed about any further developments in this area.

PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION: NON-PATENT LITERATURE (PROJECT P 43)

12. The Committee noted the proposal made by Hungary to amend the list of periodicals established under PCT Rule 34.1 b(iii) so as to take into account the rapidly evolving field of biotechnology (see Annex 105 to project file P 43) as well as comments received thereupon from the United States of America (see Annex 107 to the same project file).

13. The Committee decided to recommend to the Permanent Committee to put the study of the proposal by Hungary on the PCPI program for the biennium 1986-1987 and more particularly as a task for the PCPI Working Group on Special Questions. While doing so the Committee emphasized that any revision of the list of periodicals should be preceded by the gathering of objective data on the use of the journals and citation rates of articles contained therein.

14. The Committee noted a declaration by the Delegation of Japan which recalled the earlier decisions made by the Committee at its fourth (1981) and sixth (1983) sessions, namely that amendments to the list of periodicals should involve replacement rather than an increase in number of periodicals and that no proposal for replacement could be made within the next five years. The Delegation of Australia supported the declaration made by Japan.

15. The Committee finally noted with thanks the information provided by the United States of America regarding certain journals on the list, namely, in connection with PCT numbers:

- 22: title change
- 80: original title split into three parts
- 88: ceased publication
- 126: title change

16. This report was unanimously adopted by the Committee at its closing meeting on September 4, 1986.

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