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INTRODUCTION

1. The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") held its twelfth session in Geneva from June 5 to 9, 1989. Following the decision establishing the WIPO Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information, the session of the Committee was held jointly with the fourth session of the Executive Coordination Committee of that Permanent Committee.
2. The following members of the the Committee were represented: Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Soviet Union, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, European Patent Office (EPO) (16). Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, Spain and Viet Nam (7) were represented by observers. The International Federation for Information and Documentation (FID), 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. Lev E. Kostikov, Deputy Director General, welcomed the participants on behalf of the Director General of WIPO.
4. The session was opened by the Chairman of the Executive Coordination Committee, Mr. G.K. Lindsey (United Kingdom). Mr. P.A. Higham, Head, Patent Information Section, 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 participants, 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

Inventories of Patent Documents According to PCT Rule 34.1 (Project P 39)

7. The Committee noted that the International Bureau had issued Circular PCIPI 1186, dated March 3, 1989, requesting updating information in respect of the inventories of patent documents forming part of the minimum documentation according to PCT Rule 34.1 and that the inventories, when updated, would be published in the next set of updating pages of the WIPO Handbook on Patent Information and Documentation. The Committee agreed that the said inventories should contain, for each kind of patent document published by an office and forming part of the said minimum documentation, only that information necessary to clearly establish the range of publication numbers of the patent documents concerned, and should not, in particular, give ranges of publication numbers used for publication periods when an office issues sequentially numbered patent documents. Finally, the Committee gave the International Bureau the task to update the inventory every three years and to refer back to the Committee only if difficulties should arise.

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

8. The Committee took note of the action taken by the International Bureau since its last session, as given in Annex 39 to project file PCIPI/P 42/79 Rev.15, concerning the possible creation of an inventory of English-language abstracts of Japanese patent documents that are generally available according to PCT Rule 34.1(e). The Committee unanimously agreed, in view of the fact that only one office had expressed a willingness in principle to purchase a copy of the said inventory if it would be produced, that no further work should now be done and that this project should be considered terminated.

## PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION: NON-PATENT LITERATURE

List of Periodicals According to PCT Rule 34.1.b(iii) (Project P 43)

9. In recalling its discussion at its last session (see document PCT/CTC/XI/3, paragraph 13), the Committee requested the International Bureau to issue, by September 15, 1989, with replies to be received by January 31, 1990, a Circular Letter to its members, inviting offices to comment on the relative coverages of the abstract publications "Biotechnology Abstracts", published by Derwent Publications Limited, and "Chemical Abstracts", published by the American Chemical Society, so as to discover which abstracts published by the former publication were not covered by the latter publication, and vice versa. Depending upon an analysis of replies to be received to the said Circular Letter, the Committee would then, at its next session, finally determine whether the former publication should be added to the list of periodicals established according to PCT Rule 34.1(b)(iii).

## STATISTICS CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF PATENTS GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS FILED UNDER THE PCT (Project P 909)

10. The Committee, having noted that the International Bureau had considered it of fundamental interest to gather statistics concerning the number of industrial property rights that had been granted based upon international applications filed under the PCT, agreed that the whole question of offices providing the said statistics to the International Bureau should be investigated by issuing a Circular Letter to all national offices of, or acting for, the PCT Contracting States which would cover the following questions:

(a) are the required statistics available to offices? If so, are offices prepared to submit them to the International Bureau? If not, what difficulties do offices have in giving them?

(b) is the current questionnaire issued annually by the International Bureau for gathering statistical information in general concerning industrial property applications and grants (see project file PCIPI/P 909/88, Annex 1, Appendix II) suitable to gather the said statistics, and, if not, what amendments thereto should be made to make it suitable?

(c) should the said statistics be continued to be collected annually with all the other statistical information, or should a separate questionnaire, restricted to gathering the said statistics, be issued?

(d) what opinions do offices have of the usefulness of the said statistics?

11. The Committee agreed to recommend to the PCIPI Executive Coordination Committee that this task should be given to a Working Group of the PCIPI, and requested that the Circular Letter referred to in paragraph 10 above should be issued by the end of June 1989 with replies thereto to be received by the International Bureau no later than September 15, 1989.

12. This report was unanimously adopted by the Committee at its closing meeting on June 9, 1989.

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