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REFORM OF THE PCT: PROPOSALS BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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1. The proposals appearing on the following page were made by the Czech Republic in a submission to the International Bureau received on March 28, 2001. Background information appears in document PCT/R/1/2.¹

2. The Committee is invited to consider the proposals contained in this document.

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PROPOSALS BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Industrial Property Office fully supports simplification and streamlining of the PCT procedures. The elaboration of a new PCT legal provisions would have to take into account the technical questions and their solutions envisaged under the IMPACT project. We believe that the rapid implementation of these technical solutions will facilitate very much the PCT process, including the data handling and the data creation. We consider this close relation very important and actual.

We also support simplification of the PCT formalities, in particular, the international filing date requirements, in accordance with the Patent Law Treaty.

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