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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS OTHER THAN BRAZILIAN AND OAMPI  
PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PERIOD FROM  
NOVEMBER 1974 TO AUGUST 1975

*Report prepared by the International Bureau*

1. This document relates to developments of interest to the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Assistance, hereinafter referred to as "the Interim Committee", with respect to technical assistance projects other than the Brazilian Project which have occurred since the preparation of the report presented to the Interim Committee at its Third Session (see document PCT/TAS/IV/8). For the Brazilian Project, reference is made to document PCT/TAS/V/3 and for the OAMPI Project to document PCT/TAS/V/4.
2. In this context, the attention of the Interim Committee is drawn to the following projects which could become PCT Technical Assistance Projects, once preparations have further developed.
3. Algeria. With the aid of a consultant, coming from the Hungarian National Office of Inventions, officials of the International Bureau advised the competent authorities of Algeria on their plans for the modernization of the industrial property legislation and the reorganization of the industrial property office of Algeria. Assistance has so far been provided by establishing a work plan which included the preparation of draft laws on innovations and inventions. These drafts were prepared and were discussed with the Algerian Authorities in Algeria in April, May and June, 1975. On the basis of the discussions, revised drafts have been prepared by WIPO and transmitted to the Algerian Authorities.
4. Cuba. In April 1975, the Government of Cuba requested the assistance of the International Bureau in the form of an expert who would provide training in Cuba for a two-week period on the application of the International Patent Classification (IPC) and give advice on the classification of search files. In the meantime, an expert, coming from the German Patent Office in Munich, has been selected with the agreement of the government authorities of Cuba and the date of the mission has been fixed for October 1975.

5. Ecuador. In February 1975, the Government of Ecuador requested the assistance of the International Bureau in modernizing the industrial property legislation and in reorganizing the industrial property office of Ecuador. Discussions took place between the government authorities of Ecuador and the International Bureau, both by correspondence and during a visit by an official of the International Bureau to Quito in March 1975, concerning the possible assistance and financing which could be provided.

6. Kuwait. In May 1975, the Government of Kuwait requested the advice of the International Bureau on its plans to use patent documents for obtaining advanced technical information for the research program of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, and also on the possibilities of using the International Patent Classification (IPC) and organizing training in its use for a staff member of the Institute. Discussions are taking place by correspondence concerning the means for meeting this request.

7. Nigeria. In April 1975, the Government of Nigeria informed the International Bureau of its plan to modernize its industrial property office and requested the assistance of the International Bureau in studying its needs and making recommendations. An evaluation mission, consisting of three officials of the International Bureau, to visit the government authorities of Nigeria took place in June 1975.

8. During this visit the present activities, organization and facilities of the Registry for Patents, Trademarks and Design were examined and discussion took place with officials of the Ministry of Trade, responsible for industrial property matters. As a result of the mission, a detailed report was prepared. This report contained various short and long term recommendations concerning the modernization of the Nigerian industrial property office. It was furthermore recommended to study the possibilities of regional cooperation with other African industrial property offices, of ratifying or acceding to several international conventions and agreements and of the creation of a technical information bank on the basis of patent documents. The report was submitted to the Nigerian Government and is being examined by the Ministry of Trade which will communicate any other assistance it might require in the implementation of the report in the near future.

9. Senegal. In March 1975, the Government of Senegal requested the assistance of the International Bureau in strengthening the Division of Evaluation of the Results of Scientific and Technical Research, located in the Scientific and Technical Research Administration of the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, by providing the services of an expert and by training a counterpart staff member. Consultations are taking place by correspondence concerning the possibilities of meeting this request. The Government of Senegal also requested, in March 1975, the assistance of the International Bureau in organizing within the Department of Industry of the Ministry of Industrial Development a unit to be responsible for industrial property matters. Consultations are taking place by correspondence concerning the details of this request, including the functions of the unit and the number of staff which would be necessary for its operation.

10. Industrial Development Centre for Arab States (IDCAS). Work continued on the draft plan for the creation of a regional patent documentation center under the aegis of IDCAS. A preliminary draft plan has been prepared by the Secretariat of IDCAS with the assistance of the International Bureau. In this connection, a staff member of IDCAS is undergoing training in patent documentation with a view to assisting in the further development of the draft plan.

11. *The Interim Committee is invited to take cognizance of this report and to give its advice, if any, concerning the projects referred to above.*

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