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STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE

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Draft Conclusions concerning the Patent Documents Service

1. The Standing Subcommittee decided to invite the Director General to continue negotiations with the Austrian Government, with the International Patent Institute (IIB) and with Derwent Publications Ltd. (London), upon the following basis and with the following aims:

(a) the Patent Documents Service ("Service") should, to the greatest possible extent in cooperation with the IIB, be operated by an Institute to be established by the Austrian Government in Vienna ("proposed Institute"); the role of WIPO should be along the lines proposed by the Austrian Government in its replies to the WIPO questionnaire;

(i) the IIB should produce the computer input of the bibliographic data of countries it needs for its own services whereas the proposed Institute should produce the computer input of the bibliographic data of all other countries,

(ii) the proposed Institute and the IIB should agree on compatible carriers of the information and each should exchange with the other the input and output produced by it; should the contribution of one substantially exceed the value of the contribution of the other, a formula for compensating the difference should be worked out,

(iii) the data should comprise those described in the WIPO questionnaire, including the IPC symbols where available, but not national classification symbols, titles of inventions, and names of applicants, patentees, inventors or assignees;

(iv) arrangements should be made between the proposed Institute and the IIB for common development of the computer software and for reciprocally licensing the use of future developments and improvements achieved by either party;

(v) the proposed Institute and the IIB should, each, enjoy full freedom to use, exploit and sell the products of their separate or cooperative efforts.

2. It should be explored whether the proposed Institute and the IIB could not arrive at an arrangement with Derwent, particularly in the field of marketing.

3. Parallel to the negotiations between Austria, the IIB and the International Bureau, the International Bureau should contact the main producers of patent documents and competent information centers to explore the extent to which and the ways and means in which they could facilitate the tasks of the Service, particularly by furnishing data in machine-readable form, and the conditions under which they would be willing to furnish such data.

4. The Director General should convene the Standing Subcommittee as soon as the negotiations have sufficiently advanced in order to:

(i) inform the Standing Subcommittee of the detailed plans, including in particular the coverage of the countries by the Service, the timetable for the initiation of the Service, the cooperation of IIB with the proposed Institute, the role of

national Offices and national documentation centers, and the costs of the operations and services,

(ii) submit for approval any draft agreement to which the International Bureau would be party.

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