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MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION: NON-PATENT LITERATURE

Questionnaire on the Use of Periodicals

1. The Subcommittee set up a Working Group to draft a questionnaire which would be circulated to each prospective Authority with a view to ascertaining the use of periodicals in that Authority.
2. The Working Group proposed the draft questionnaire reproduced in Annex 1 of this document.
3. An alternative draft of the questionnaire as proposed by the Delegation of Germany (Federal Republic) is reproduced as Annex 2 of this document.

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Proposal of the Working Group of the Subcommittee  
DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Annex 1

For the non-patent literature (NPL) (defined as in paragraph 2 of PCT/TCO/SS/I/3) and Proceedings of technical conferences, conventions, etc., please complete the following table:

Title	Circulated to Examiner for			Kept in central file, library, etc.	How accessed in central file	Rating for search purposes (mark S) Rating based on frequency of citation, if available (mark C)				
	Copies for files	Retention in Examining Area	Current awareness and background information			Extremely important	Very important	Fairly important	Some importance	Little importance

/Annex 2 follows/

PROPOSAL OF THE DELEGATION OF GERMANY  
(FEDERAL REPUBLIC)

DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE

Questions on "systematic use" of non-patent literature (NPL) such as technical periodicals, progress reports, conference papers, etc., for the purpose of searching.

1. In what form and manner is NPL filed in your Office?

- (a) in the form of bound volumes,
- (b) in the form of a selection of technical publications from periodicals, etc., and filed according to date of publication,
- (c) according to classification:
  - (i) national patent classification (indicate which),
  - (ii) International Patent Classification (Int. Cl.),
  - (iii) Universal Decimal Classification,
  - (iv) other classifications (indicate which),
- (d) according to other criteria (indicate which).

2. In which way NPL is made accessible to examiners in your Office?

- (a) by presentation of periodicals, etc., at a central place, such as in a search room,
- (b) by circulation of periodicals, etc., among examiners for:
  - (i) selection of copies of full articles or parts thereof to be entered in the search file,

- (ii) information, training, encouraging awareness of technical development,
  - (c) selection of technical articles or parts thereof by experts outside the examination staff but within your Office for entering into the examiner's search file,
  - (d) by other methods (indicate which).
3. If copies of articles or parts thereof are entered into the search files, who chooses the classification?
- (a) the examiners working in the field in question,
  - (b) staff outside examiner's staff but within your Office,
  - (c) others (indicate whom).
4. Does your Office subscribe to secondary publications, such as abstract journals?
- (a) which kind of secondary publication,
  - (b) in which fields?
5. In which form is access provided for to secondary publications?
- (a) through card files in classified or other order (indicate which) being a part of the search file,
  - (b) through indexes,
  - (c) through other methods (indicate which).
6. In which technical fields does the use of NPL exceed the use of patent literature?