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## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

### INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE

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Report by the International Bureau

1. With reference to paragraph 11 of document PCT/TCO/SS/II/2, the International Bureau is in a position to report as follows:

(a) On March 23 and 24, 1972, representatives of Austria and WIPO met in Stockholm with representatives of the Swedish Patent Office and as a result of that meeting an Agreed Note--attached to this document--was adopted.

(b) According to the information provided by the Soviet Delegation, the consultations among the national Offices of the COMECON countries have not yet been concluded. The International Bureau will be advised on the results of those consultations as soon as they are completed.

2. In Annex L to document PCT/TCO/SS/II/2, the entries in the columns headed "Form and periodicity of data available for input by VIPD" and "Observations" relating to the United Kingdom should be completed as follows:

punched cards or magnetic  
tape, weekly or four-weekly

Certain data, including priority  
data, are not now available but  
could be provided without technical  
obstacles

[Annex follows]

## ANNEX

AGREED NOTE OF DISCUSSIONS HELD IN STOCKHOLM ON MARCH 23 AND 24, 1972, between the representatives of the Swedish Patent Office (SW), the Austrian Government (OE) and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), concerning possible cooperation between SW and the Institute to be established by Austria for the provision of a Patent Document Service.

Those present were:

SW:	Göran Borggård	Director General
	Torsten Gustafson	Deputy Director General
	Olle Hesselström	Head of Legal Section
	Göte Liljegren	Head of the Data Processing Section
	Gunnar Östh	Member of the Data Processing Section
Austria:	W. Pilch	Technical Expert, Austrian Patent Office
WIPO:	P. Claus	Technical Counsellor

1. The discussions took place in the context of document PCT/TCO/SS/I/17, paragraph 52 (decision of the Standing Subcommittee of the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation at its first session held in Geneva from December 8 to 11, 1971) and of document PCT/TCO/SS/II/2, paragraph 11.
2. At the outset it was agreed that the present discussion was concerned with the technicalities of exchanging data rather than the business arrangements.
3. A brief report was given about the discussions already held and summarized in Annexes A to K of document PCT/TCO/SS/II/2.
4. SW outlined the present legal procedure followed under the new Swedish patent law. About one week after the filing of the patent applications a list of these applications is made available to the public (stage one). Eighteen months after filing in Sweden or after the oldest priority date (in the case of priority claiming applications) the applications are made available to the public and the full text of the application can be obtained on microfiche (stage two). After searching and examination about 60% of the patent applications are published as examined applications (Utläggningsskrift: stage three). For three months these applications can be subject to opposition. After this period of time a patent can be granted. However, a new document is published only in the case of changes made either in the description, or in the claims (stage four).
5. SW indicated that the Official Gazette is published every first working day of the week and contains bibliographic entries of applications, which come in stage two, three and four. It was stated, that for the future also a bibliographic entry for new filings (stage one) would be inserted in the Gazette. It was noted that as regards the entries pertaining to stages two and three, all of the bibliographic data referred to in the decision of the Standing Subcommittee (subparagraph (a)(iv)) as well as other additional data are present.
6. SW stated that they were planning to produce in machine-readable form on a data carrier yet to be decided upon, all of the bibliographic data referred to in the decision of the Standing Subcommittee (subparagraph (a)(iv)) and other data appearing on the front page of the patent documents or in the Official Gazette, of all the applications filed from July 1973 onwards. It was noted that, as a result of this procedure, the needed data of the applications made available for the public (stage two) could be given to the proposed Vienna Institute at the latest by the end of 1974. These mentioned machine-readable data will be used for the internal purposes of the Swedish Patent Office as well as for the preparation of the Official Gazette.

7. SW stated that copies of the machine-readable data to be used for the preparation of the Official Gazette could be made available to the proposed Vienna Institute at the latest on the date of publication of the Official Gazette. Furthermore, it might be possible that the layout and presentation of the machine-readable data to be provided by the Swedish Office could be designed in close cooperation between the proposed Vienna Institute and SW.

8. SW stated that it was interested in receiving listings containing errors found by the proposed Institute in the data provided by SW and that it was prepared to feed back corrections on these errors.

9. The services likely to be available from the proposed Vienna Institute were outlined viz (i) on magnetic tape, the merged, reformatted data, based on those received from National Offices as well as the data provided by the Institute itself; (ii) the Patent Family Service, Identification by Classification Service and the Patent Copy Service.

10. SW stated that it would be interested in receiving the Patent Family Service and the Identification by Classification Service. It was noted that SW might require these services also in the form of a direct answering system in response to individual questions, e.g. by telex.

11. With regard to the Patent Copy Service it was stated that the SW Office has the intention to produce from May 1, 1972, and going back to January 1, 1972, aperture cards in ICIREPAT standardized format of all "Utläggningsskrifter." These 8-up aperture cards would be available from the SW Office without any copyright restrictions.

Stockholm, March 24, 1972.

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