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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

CUBA

Notification

by the Director of the United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property relating to the Notification from the Republic of Cuba concerning the application of the provisional clauses of the Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property

WIPO Notification No. 2¹⁾

Paris Notification No. 2¹⁾

The Director of the United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property (BIRPI) presents his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of and, in accordance with the provisions of the above international instruments, adopted at Stockholm, has the honor to notify him of the notification deposited by the Government of the Republic of Cuba in which that Government indicates its desire to avail itself of the provisions of Article 21(2)(a) of the WIPO Convention and of Article 30(2) of the Paris Convention.

This notification entered into force on the date of its receipt, that is, on January 15, 1968.

In pursuance of the Articles mentioned, that State, which is a member of the Paris Union but has not yet become party to the WIPO Convention, may, for five years from the date of entry into force of the said Convention, exercise the same rights as if it had become party and may, for five years from such date of entry into force, exercise the rights provided for in Articles 13 to 17 of the Stockholm Act of the Paris Convention, as if it were bound by those Articles.

Geneva, January 30, 1968.

¹⁾ WIPO Notification No. 1 and Paris Notification No. 1 concern the list of Signatory Countries of the texts adopted by the Stockholm Conference (see *Industrial Property*, 1968, p. 33).

INTERNATIONAL UNIONS

Council of the Lisbon Union for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration

Second Session

(Geneva, December 20 and 21, 1967)

Report ¹⁾

Composition of the Session; Officers

The Council established by the Lisbon Agreement (herein after designated as "the Council") held its second²⁾ ordinary session on December 20 and 21, 1967, in Geneva.

Of the eight countries which, at that date, were party to the Lisbon Agreement, five were represented, namely: Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary, Israel and Portugal. The countries not represented were Cuba, Haiti and Mexico.

The following eight States, party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property but not to the Lisbon Agreement, were represented by observers: Cameroon, Denmark, Finland, Germany (Federal Republic), Italy, Malta, Norway, and Sweden.

The list of participants is attached to this report.

The following new Officers were unanimously elected: Mr. F. Savignon (France), Chairman, and Mr. E. Tasnádi (Hungary), Vice-Chairman.

Activities of the Special Union and Financial Questions

As regards the activities of the Lisbon Union in 1967, and the proposed budget for 1968, the Council noted with approval the reports of the Director of BIRPI.

The Council unanimously agreed to raise the registration fee per appellation of origin, from 50 to 200 Swiss francs; the increase became effective on January 1, 1968.

List of Participants

States Party to the Agreement

Czechoslovakia

Mr. M. D. Špunda, Head of Department, Office for Patents and Inventions, Prague.

France

Mr. F. Savignon, Director, National Institute of Industrial Property, Paris.

Mr. R. Labry, Counsellor of Embassy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris.

Mr. A. Devletian, Agricultural Expert; Head, External Service, National Institute of Appellations of Origin, Paris.

Mr. M. Bierry, Civil Administrator, Ministry of Industry, Paris.

¹⁾ This Report was prepared by BIRPI on the basis of the official documents of the session.

²⁾ As to the first session of the Council, see *Industrial Property*, 1966, p. 231.

Hungary

Mr. E. Tasnádi, President, National Office for Inventions, Budapest.
Mr. I. Sándor, Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Budapest.

Israel

Mr. Z. Sher, Registrar of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, Office of the Registrar of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, Jerusalem.
Mr. R. Cohn, Patent Attorney, Tel Aviv.

Portugal

Mr. J. Van Zeller Garin, Assistant to the Department of Trade, Industrial Property Office, Lisbon.
Mr. J. Mota Maia, Head of the Inventions Service, Industrial Property Office, Lisbon.

Observers**Cameroon**

Mr. G. Dieng, Head of the Trademarks and Designs Service, African and Malagasy Industrial Property Office, Yaoundé.

Denmark

Mr. G. Jensen, Ministry of Commerce, Copenhagen.

Finland

Mr. B. Godenhielm, Professor of Law, University of Helsinki, Helsinki.

Germany (Federal Republic)

Mr. A. Krieger, Ministerialrat, Ministry of Justice, Bonn.
Mr. H. Mast, Regierungsdirektor, Ministry of Justice, Bonn.
Mrs. Elisabeth Steup, Regierungsdirektorin, Ministry of Justice, Bonn.

Italy

Mr. A. Pelizza, Inspector General, Ministry of Industry, Rome.

Malta

Mr. O. Grech, Higher Executive Officer, Department of Trade, Valletta.

Norway

Mr. L. Nordstrand, Director, Patent Office, Oslo.

Sweden

Mr. C. A. Ugglá, Legal Advisor to the Board of Appeal; Swedish Patent and Registration Office, Stockholm.
Mr. H. Linton, Secretary of Embassy, Permanent Delegation of Sweden, Geneva.

Officers

Chairman: Mr. F. Savignon (France)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. E. Tasnádi (Hungary)
Secretary: Mr. Ch.-L. Magnin (BIRPI)

United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property (BIRPI)

Professor G. H. C. Bodenhausen, Director.
Mr. Ch.-L. Magnin, Deputy Director.
Mr. B. A. Armstrong, Counsellor; Head, Division of Finance, Personnel and General Administration.
Mr. L. Egger, Counsellor; Head, Division of Registrations.

LEGISLATION**ITALY****Decrees****concerning the Temporary Protection of Industrial Property Rights at Twelve Exhibitions**

(of October 23, November 20 and 27, December 14, 1967 and January 15, 1968)¹⁾

Single Article

Industrial inventions, utility models, designs and trademarks relating to objects appearing at the following exhibitions:

Mercato internazionale della pelletteria MIPEL (Milan, January 20 to 24, 1968);

II° Salone delle attrezzature albreghiere turistiche et di pubblico esercizio per il mezzogiorno et l'oltremare - EXSPO-SUDHOTEL (Naples, January 27 to February 4, 1968);

VI° Salone internazionale del giocattolo (Milan, January 31 to February 6, 1968);

VII° Salone nautico internazionale e Salone internazionale rimorchio campeggio (Genoa, February 1 to 11, 1968);

V° Salone internazionale macchine per movimenti di terra, da cantieri e per l'edilizia rurale S.A.MO.TER (Verona, February 7 to 12, 1968);

XXIV° Salone mercato internazionale dell'abbigliamento (Turin, February 16 to 19, 1968);

LXX° Fiera internazionale dell'agricoltura e della zootecnica, XXI° Salone della macchina agricola (Verona, March 10 to 19, 1968);

38° Salon international de l'Automobile (Geneva, March 14 to 24, 1968);

XI° Salone internazionale dell'alimentazione (Bologna, March 30 to April 7, 1968);

V° Fiera internazionale del libro per l'infanzia e la gioventù (Bologna, April 27 to May 1, 1968);

XXXII° Salone internazionale delle calzature, del cuoio, delle macchine e degli affini (Vigevano (Pavia), August 30 to September 5, 1968);

IV° Salone internazionale dell'industrializzazione edilizia (Bologna, October 5 to 13, 1968)

shall enjoy the temporary protection provided by laws No. 1127 of June 29, 1939²⁾, No. 1411 of August 25, 1940³⁾, No. 929 of June 21, 1942⁴⁾, and No. 514 of July 1, 1959⁵⁾.

¹⁾ Official communications from the Italian Administration.

²⁾ See *La Propriété industrielle*, 1939, p. 124; 1940, p. 84.

³⁾ *Ibid.*, 1940, p. 196.

⁴⁾ *Ibid.*, 1942, p. 168.

⁵⁾ *Ibid.*, 1960, p. 23.

NEWS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS other than BIRPI

Cooperation Between the United Nations and BIRPI in 1967

As was indicated in the January issue at page 4, BIRPI has continued and extended its cooperation in industrial property matters with the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies during 1967.

By virtue of the Working Agreement established in 1964 between the United Nations Secretariat and BIRPI (see *Industrial Property*, 1964, page 207), BIRPI was represented at a number of meetings of United Nations bodies including, in particular, the Trade and Development Board, the Industrial Development Board, the Economic and Social Council, the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, the Economic Commission for Europe, and the General Assembly.

United Nations Conference on Olive Oil, Geneva, March 1967

Having cooperated on certain matters with the Olive Oil Council for some years, BIRPI was invited to be represented at the United Nations Conference on Olive Oil in Geneva in March 1967. The object of the Conference was to extend the existing Olive Oil Treaty, due to expire in September, for a further twelve months pending a revision of the treaty. The BIRPI representative took the opportunity to mention to the Conference the coming into force of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration, a convention which might be of interest to producer-countries of olive oil.

Industrial Development Board, First Session, New York, April 1967

It is recalled that the Twenty-First Session of the General Assembly in 1966 set up a new body, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), one of whose functions is to propose, "in cooperation with the international bodies or intergovernmental regional bodies concerned with industrial property, measures for the improvement of the international system of industrial property with a view to accelerating the transfer of technical know-how to developing countries and to strengthening the role of patents consistent with national interests as an incentive to industrial innovations."

UNIDO consists of all the Members of the United Nations and of any of the Specialized Agencies and operates mainly through a Board of 45 members, each of whom remains in office for three years. This Board held its first meeting in New York in April 1967.

In the general debates, the opinion was widely expressed that UNIDO should mainly be a coordinating body in regard

to work which was already being satisfactorily done by other Organizations.

This Session of the Board adopted its Rules of Procedure, which provided for the designation of international organizations to be in permanent association with the Board. Under this provision, BIRPI is one of only four intergovernmental organizations designated so far, having expressed its wish to be associated and having been unofficially represented at the meeting.

In private session, a Sessional Committee of the Board considered UNIDO's future program and a Resolution, adopted by the Board, laid down certain guide-lines for the Executive Director. This program at present provides for a meeting of an "Advisory Committee on Patents for Developing Countries," but the program will only be finalized by the next meeting of the Board in April 1968, when it may become more apparent how this Committee is to be constituted and what it will do. BIRPI expects to be invited by the Secretariat to cooperate.

The program also proposes publication in the "Industrial Legislation Series" of all laws and regulations affecting industry, including those on patents and trademarks, and BIRPI has also been asked to cooperate on this.

Trade and Development Board, Invisibles Committee, New York, April 1967

BIRPI was represented at this meeting, which had before it two papers prepared by the Fiscal and Financial Branch of the Department of Social and Economic Affairs of the United Nations dealing in part with the transfer of technology and acknowledging cooperation with BIRPI in the industrial property field. It was, however, suggested that ECOSOC should initiate the preparation of "basic texts" of legislation on various economic subjects, including industrial property. On this point the BIRPI representative, in order to avoid the danger of duplication, drew attention to BIRPI's Model Laws in this field.

Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, Seventh Session, New York, May 1967 - Eighth Session, Paris, November 1967

BIRPI was represented at both these meetings, the former dealing mainly with the use of natural resources, and the latter with science education for developing countries. It is the wish of the Committee that BIRPI should maintain contact with it as it has on its program of future work the consideration of the transfer of technology.

Economic and Social Council, Forty-Second Session, New York, March 1967

BIRPI was represented at this Session of ECOSOC, which considered, inter alia, "arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries" in the Second Committee. There were several appreciative references to the work of BIRPI in this field by way of assistance to developing countries on legislation, and its training scheme for officials likely to be engaged in industrial property administration. The BIRPI

representative, in describing the BIRPI program, pointed out the necessity for creating a favorable climate in developing countries to encourage the transfer of technology and observed that an essential element was a satisfactory patent system.

**Economic and Social Council, Forty-Third Session,
Geneva, July-August 1967**

BIRPI was represented also at this Session of ECOSOC, where its interest lay mainly in two items on the agenda, namely, "The Report of the Industrial Development Board" and "Relations between the Economic and Social Council and Non-United Nations Intergovernmental Organizations in the Economic and Social Field."

As to the first, the Report duly showed BIRPI as having been designated under the Rules of Procedure to be in permanent association with UNIDO.

As to the second point, the Secretary-General of the United Nations had proposed that relations between ECOSOC and non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations should be reconsidered. This derives from a lacuna in the Charter of the United Nations, which makes no reference to intergovernmental organizations other than specialized agencies, a lacuna which naturally leaves a large body of useful expertise untapped. It appears that it is the wish of the Secretary-General to establish more formal relations with certain of these intergovernmental organizations.

On this question a resolution was adopted by the Council inviting the Secretary-General "where he considers it would help to further the aims and work of the Council, to propose to the Council the names of intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system that should be represented by observers at sessions of the Council."

BIRPI's present relationship with the United Nations depends mainly on an exchange of letters between the Director of BIRPI and the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations. This has worked satisfactorily so far but it may be that as a result of the above resolution a more formal basis may be established. It is likely that the Secretary-General's list will include those intergovernmental organizations with whom a relationship has already been established.

**Trade and Development Board, Fifth Session,
Geneva, August-September 1967**

BIRPI was represented at this Session of the Board, where a large part of the discussions was directed to the objectives and planning for the Second United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (2nd UNCTAD) in New Delhi in February and March 1968. There appears on the agenda for this conference the item "Transfer of technology, including know-how and patents," an item of direct interest to BIRPI.

**General Assembly, Twenty-Second Session,
New York, September-December 1967**

BIRPI was represented during the earlier part of this Session, of which the principal features, from BIRPI's point of

view, were (a) the establishment of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), (b) the decision to hold a Diplomatic Conference on the Law of Treaties and (c) the receipt of an information document from the developing countries outlining their approach to the 2nd UNCTAD.

As to (a), as reported in the February 1967 issue of *Industrial Property* at page 48, the Twenty-First Session of the General Assembly adopted a resolution to establish UNCITRAL and it was left to the Twenty-Second Session to appoint the 29 Member States. This was done by secret ballot and the following countries were nominated to serve for six years (except those marked with an asterisk, which were drawn by lot to serve only for three): Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile*, Colombia*, Congo (Kinshasa), Czechoslovakia*, France*, Ghana*, Hungary, India, Iran, Italy*, Japan*, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria*, Norway*, Rumania, Spain, Syria, Tanzania*, Thailand*, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics*, United Arab Republic*, United Kingdom*, and United States of America.

Provision is made for cooperation with intergovernmental organizations and, in advance of permanent arrangements, BIRPI received an invitation to be represented at the first session of the Commission beginning on January 29, 1968, whose task — among other things — is to decide the priorities to be given to the study of legislation in a number of fields relating to trade, including industrial property and copyright.

As to (b), the General Assembly approved a resolution to hold a Diplomatic Conference to establish a Convention on the Law of Treaties, the first session of which will be held in Vienna in March and April, 1968, and a second in 1969. The conference will base its work on a draft convention prepared by the International Law Commission and BIRPI has received an invitation to be represented. As administrator of several international treaties BIRPI is greatly interested in the development of treaty law.

As to (c), during the early part of the Session the developing countries were holding a private meeting in Algiers, which adopted the so-called "Charter of Algiers" for submission to the 2nd UNCTAD and which was before the General Assembly as an information document. This contains, inter alia, recommendations on industrial property and shows the appreciation of the developing countries of the necessity of the transfer of technology for their development.

**International Symposium on Industrial Development,
Athens, December 1967**

This Symposium, at which BIRPI was represented by an observer, was organized by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and attracted the participation of 78 countries, of which 54 were members of BIRPI. The debates ranged over the whole field of industrial development, including industrial property, and led to many recommendations for action by UNIDO. One of them urges developing countries to help themselves to attract technology on reasonable terms by adopting proper patent legislation.

Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva, 1967

BIRPI has continued its cooperation with the Working Party of the Economic Commission for Europe set up to prepare guide-lines for clauses on the licensing of know-how in engineering contracts.

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) each year organizes a six-months training course in Geneva for foreign service officers from developing countries. In 1967, for the first time, it was arranged that this course should visit BIRPI. Thus, in August, the course, consisting of trainees from 21 developing countries, was addressed in BIRPI's Conference Room on the structure, functions and objectives of BIRPI and made a tour of the building.

Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Patents

(Strasbourg, November 6 to 8, 1967)

Note

The Committee of Experts on Patents of the Council of Europe met from November 6 to 8, 1967, at the Headquarters of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

The following Member States of the Council of Europe were represented: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom. Spain and the United States of America participated with observers.

BIRPI was represented by Mr. K. Pfanner, Counsellor, Head of the Industrial Property Division, and Miss G. Davies, Legal Assistant.

The Committee elected Mr. J. Voyame (Switzerland) to be Chairman in the place of Mr. G. Grant (United Kingdom) to whom it expressed its gratitude for his eminent services.

The Committee discussed in particular the following points:

Program of the Council of Europe for 1968

The Committee took note of the program which provides for the continuation of its work in the fields of the harmonization of patent laws and the International Patent Classification. Several delegations underlined the importance of a close cooperation between the Council of Europe and BIRPI. They stressed the geographically limited character of the activities of the Council of Europe and the fact that activities of a world-wide character in the field of intellectual property fall within the province of BIRPI by virtue of the world-wide scope of the Conventions administered by them.

The International Patent Classification

The complete elaboration of the International Patent Classification in the English and French languages, prepared by the Classification Working Party over more than 15 years of intensive work and which contains a classification system comprising some 40,000 sub-divisions, was approved by the Committee. It will probably enter into force in the second half of 1968.

The Committee also:

- (a) approved the texts of a Foreword and Guide to the Classification which form an integral part of the Classification;
- (b) authorized the Classification Working Party to complete the Catchword Indexes in English, French and German;
- (c) agreed to the principle of five years' revision periods for the Classification;
- (d) replaced the present Classification Working Party by a Classification Sub-Committee of the Committee of Experts on Patents.

The tasks of this Sub-Committee shall be:

- (i) to address to Contracting Parties during intervals between the five years' revisions recommendations with the purpose of facilitating the use of the Classification System;
- (ii) to prepare the five years' revisions of the Classification System and the revisions of the Foreword and Guide;
- (iii) to see to the uniform application of the Classification System;
- (iv) to assist, as far as possible, in establishing translations of the classification into languages which are not official languages of the Council of Europe.

A debate took place concerning the future of the Classification Convention. The Committee stressed the interest that has been shown in the International Patent Classification outside the countries of the Council of Europe. The fact that, under the present system, third countries have no possibility of participating in decisions on future modifications of the Classification on an equal basis was stressed. The Committee, therefore, agreed that the Classification Convention should be given a more universal character in order to facilitate its world-wide adoption. In particular, States using the International Classification should be encouraged to adhere to the Convention, and all Contracting Parties should have an equal status.

The Committee requested the Secretariat-General, in collaboration with BIRPI, to study the ways — such as a revision of the Convention — in which this result could be obtained, and to submit a report before its next meeting.

Harmonization of Patent Law

The Committee authorized the continuation of the work of the Working Party set up to consider the revision of the European Convention Relating to the Formalities Required for Patent Applications (1953) and other proposals for harmonization of patent law.

Harmonization of Trademark Law

The representative of BIRPI informed the Committee that BIRPI is preparing a Conference to revise the Paris Conven-

tion for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks which is expected to be held in Vienna in 1972. It is very likely that this Conference will deal with a number of trademark problems. Under these circumstances, the Committee found it preferable to defer any study on the harmonization of trademark law until after the results of the Vienna Conference are known.

LETTERS FROM CORRESPONDENTS

Letter from Czechoslovakia

Dr. Karel NEUMANN, Prague

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Meetings of BIRPI

Date and Place	Title	Object	Invitations to Participate	Observers Invited
1968				
March 12 to 14 Geneva	Working Group - Stockholm Recommendation No. III (Copyright)	Study of ways and means for giving effect to the Recommendation	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; Council of Europe; International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers; Internationale Gesellschaft für Urheberrecht; International Literary and Artistic Association; International Publishers Association; International Writers Guild; individual consultants	Persons invited individually
March 25 to 29 Geneva	Working Group — Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)	Questions concerning Searching, etc.	<i>Countries in which over 5000 patent applications were filed in a year according to latest statistics:</i> Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany (Fed. Rep.), India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America	<i>Intergovernmental Organizations:</i> United Nations; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; International Patent Institute; Organization of American States; Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty for Central American Economic Integration; Latin-American Free Trade Association; Council of Europe; European Atomic Energy Community; European Economic Community; European Free Trade Association; African and Malagasy Industrial Property Office <i>Non-Governmental Organizations:</i> Committee of National Institutes of Patent Agents; Council of European Industrial Federations; European Industrial Research Management Association; Inter-American Association of Industrial Property; International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property; International Chamber of Commerce; International Federation of Patent Agents; Japan Patent Association; National Association of Manufacturers (U. S. A.); Union of European Patent Agents; Union des industries de la Communauté européenne
March 30 Geneva	Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Examining Patent Offices (ICIREPAT) - Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee	Structural questions	Germany (Fed. Rep.), Japan, Netherlands, Soviet Union, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America	International Patent Institute
April 1 to 7 Moscow	Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Examining Patent Offices (ICIREPAT) - Standing Committee III		This meeting is not organized by BIRPI	
April 22 to 26 Munich	Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Examining Patent Offices (ICIREPAT) - Advisory Board for Cooperative Systems - Standing Committees I and II		These meetings are not organized by BIRPI	

Date and Place	Title	Object	Invitations to Participate	Observers Invited
May 3 and 4 Geneva	Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Examining Patent Offices (ICIREPAT) - Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee	Questions of technical cooperation	Germany (Fed. Rep.), Japan, Netherlands, Soviet Union, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America	International Patent Institute
July 1 to 5 *) Geneva	Working Group — Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)	Questions concerning Formalities, etc.	States invited to the March 1968 Meeting	Observers invited to the March 1968 meeting
September 24 to 27 Geneva	Interunion Coordination Committee (6 th Session)	Program and Budget of BIRPI	Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Denmark, France, Germany (Fed. Rep.), Hungary, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America	—
September 24 to 27 Geneva	Executive Committee of the Conference of Representatives of the Paris Union (4 th Session)	Program and Budget (Paris Union) for 1969	Argentina, Australia, Austria, Cameroon, France, Germany (Fed. Rep.), Hungary, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America	United Nations; International Patent Institute; Council of Europe
October 2 to 8 Locarno	Diplomatic Conference	Adoption of a Special Agreement concerning the International Classification of Industrial Designs	All Member States of the Paris Union	<i>Intergovernmental Organizations:</i> United Nations; UNESCO; Council of Europe <i>Non-Governmental Organizations:</i> Committee of National Institutes of Patent Agents; Inter-American Association of Industrial Property; International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property; International Chamber of Commerce; International Federation of Patent Agents; International League Against Unfair Competition; International Literary and Artistic Association; Union of European Patent Agents
October 21 to November 1 Tokyo	Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval among Examining Patent Offices (ICIREPAT) - Meeting		Particulars to be announced later	
November 4 to 12 Geneva	Committee of Experts — Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)	New Draft Treaty	All Member States of the Paris Union	Observers invited to the March 1968 meeting

*) Changed from June 17 to 21

Meetings of Other International Organizations Concerned with Intellectual Property

Place	Date	Organization	Title
1968			
The Hague	March 6 and 7	International Patent Institute (IIB)	95 th Session of the Administrative Council
Buenos Aires	April 15 to 19	International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (IAPIP)	Presidents' Conference
Paris	April 29 and 30	International Patent Institute (IIB)	96 th Session of the Administrative Council
Prague	May 1 to 5	International League Against Unfair Competition (LICCD)	Symposium
Strasbourg	June 17 to 21	Council of Europe	Working Party of the Committee of Experts on Patents
Amsterdam	June 9 to 15	International Publishers Association (IPA)	Congress
Vienna	June 24 to 29	International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC)	Congress
Lima	December 2 to 6	Inter-American Association of Industrial Property (ASIPI)	Congress

