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Decree of the Minister of Justice Concerning Court Proceedings in Patent Matters (No. 9/1969 (XII.28) IM)	Text 2-008

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Regulations for Implementing the Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs Within the Framework of the Industrial Property Organization for English-Speaking Africa (ESARIPO).	Text 1-010

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Notifications

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Entry Into Force of Amendments to Articles 53(11) and 54(6)(a)

The following amendments to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), done at Washington on June 19, 1970, entered into force on May 3, 1984:

- in Article 53(11), subparagraphs (a) and (b) are replaced by the following text: “(a) The Assembly shall meet in every second calendar year in ordinary session upon convocation by the Director General and, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, during the same period and at the same place as the General Assembly of the Organization.” and, at the beginning of the last subparagraph, the letter “(b)” is substituted for the letter “(c)”;
- in Article 54(6)(a)(ii), “triennial” is replaced by “biennial”;
- in Article 54(6)(a), item (iii) is deleted.

Those amendments affect the periodicity of the program and budget as well as of the sessions of the Assembly of the PCT Union.

The said amendments were unanimously adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), on October 2, 1979. Their entry into force was brought about upon the receipt by the Director General of notifications of acceptance of those amendments by the required number of States members of the said Assembly of the PCT Union at the time the said Assembly adopted those amendments, that is, from three-fourths (18) of the 24 said member States. The said notifications of acceptance were received, in chronological order, from the following 18 States, the date of receipt being indicated after each State: Germany

(Federal Republic of) (December 11, 1979), Denmark (December 24, 1979), Sweden (January 9, 1980), Monaco (January 23, 1980), France (January 31, 1980), Brazil (February 8, 1980), United States of America (June 2, 1980), Romania (June 11, 1980), Switzerland (July 3, 1980), Luxembourg (October 3, 1980), United Kingdom (November 4, 1980), Soviet Union (October 30, 1981), Malawi (March 5, 1982), Central African Republic (September 15, 1983), Congo (October 5, 1983), Netherlands (January 9, 1984), Cameroon (March 26, 1984), Chad (April 3, 1984).

The said amendments bind all the States members of the said Assembly at the time those amendments enter into force and will bind all other States which become members of that Assembly subsequent to their date of entry into force.

PCT Notification No. 43, of April 6, 1984.

Nairobi Treaty (Olympic Symbol)

Accession

BULGARIA

The Government of Bulgaria deposited, on April 6, 1984, its instrument of accession to the Nairobi Treaty on the Protection of the Olympic Symbol, adopted at Nairobi on September 26, 1981.

The said Treaty entered into force, with respect to Bulgaria, on May 6, 1984.

Nairobi Notification No. 22, of April 9, 1984.

Plant Varieties

International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Accession to the 1978 Act

ISRAEL

The Government of Israel deposited, on April 12, 1984, its instrument of accession to the Act of October 23, 1978, of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961, as revised at Geneva on November 10, 1972. Israel has been a member of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), founded by the said International Convention, since December 12, 1979.

The said International Convention as revised in 1978 entered into force, with respect to Israel, on May 12, 1984.

UPOV Notification No. 30, of April 13, 1984.

Activities of Other Organizations

Industrial Property Organization for English-Speaking Africa (ESARIPO)

Entry into Force of the Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs Within the Framework of the Industrial Property Organization for English-Speaking Africa and the Regulations for Implementing the Protocol

The Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs Within the Framework of the Industrial Property Organization for English-Speaking Africa,¹ as well as the Regulations for Implementing the Protocol,² entered into force on April 25, 1984, among Ghana, the Sudan, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

The said Protocol and Regulations entered into force with respect to Malawi on May 1, 1984.

¹ See *Industrial Property Laws and Treaties*, MULTILATERAL TREATIES—Text 1-008.

² *Ibid.*, Text 1-010.

WIPO Meetings

Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI)

Working Group on Search Information

Eleventh Session
(Geneva, January 16 to 27, 1984)

NOTE*

The fourth edition of the IPC, which contains approximately 59,000 classification entries, will be published on June 1, 1984, and will enter into force on January 1, 1985. It is the result of the revision of the third edition of the IPC, which has taken five years.

Five years is the agreed period during which a current edition of the IPC is subjected to revision before a new edition enters into force. This continuous revision is necessitated by the new developments in technology and the need for maintaining the IPC as a viable classification system, adapted to the new means employed by industrial property offices and other users when carrying out patent searches.

The supreme body responsible for the revision of the IPC is the Committee of Experts of the IPC Union, in which Committee all 27 members of the Union and certain intergovernmental organizations specialized in the patent field are represented. This Committee has entrusted the practical revision work to the WIPO Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI), which has created the Working Group on Search Information (hereinafter referred to as "the Working Group") for the purpose of carrying out that work. This Working Group is composed of representatives of various industrial property offices. Each representative is a specialist in a particular technological field and has great experience in the daily use of the IPC both as a classification tool and as a search tool.

The Working Group examines in detail proposals for amendments submitted by the industrial property offices of the countries members of the IPC Union and by certain intergovernmental organizations which have the right to submit such proposals. The Working Group adopts amendments to the IPC in the two authentic

languages (English and French) and forwards them, through the PCPI, to the IPC Committee of Experts for final approval. Those amendments are thereafter introduced in the next edition of the IPC by the International Bureau.

The eleventh session of the Working Group—to which this Note refers—is the first one of a series of meetings over the next five years, which will lead to the fifth edition of the IPC (to be published in 1989). The session was held in Geneva from January 16 to 27, 1984.¹ Fourteen member States and the European Patent Office (EPO) were represented. The list of participants follows this Note.

The following items were discussed:

IPC Revision Projects Carried Over from the 1983 Program. The Working Group discussed 28 IPC revision projects carried over from the 1983 program and agreed to amendments, in one language version, to one class and 29 subclasses. The Working Group also created subclass C 12 S, which will provide for further classification of "processes using enzymes or microorganisms." This will in future make it possible to carry out a complete search with respect to such processes within one and the same subclass.

New IPC Revision Projects on the 1984/1985 Program. The Working Group considered those of the new IPC revision projects of the 1984/1985 Program which had been given priority and agreed to amendments, in one language version, to 20 subclasses.

X-Notations. The Working Group considered the X-notations (that is, classification symbols on patent documents dealing with subject matter which apparently cannot be satisfactorily classified according to the IPC) before it, allotted by various industrial property offices, and approved amendments, in one language version, to seven subclasses. These amendments will permit appropriate classification of the patent documents in question.

Revision of the Guidelines on the Organization of Search Files Based on the IPC. The Working Group accepted an offer by the Netherlands Patent Office to prepare a draft revised text of the "Guidelines on the Organization of Search Files Based on the IPC" in time for the next session of the Working Group, in order to update the said Guidelines in accordance with the fourth edition of the IPC.

* Prepared by the International Bureau.

¹ For the Note on the tenth session, see *Industrial Property*, 1983, p. 291.

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* A list containing the titles and functions of the participants may be obtained from the International Bureau.

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General Studies

The First Years of ESARIPO

D.M. MILLS*

**The Protocol on Patents and
Industrial Designs within the Framework
of the Industrial Property Organization
for English-Speaking Africa**

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Calendar of Meetings

Calendar

WIPO Meetings

(Not all WIPO meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

1984

- June 4 to 8 (Geneva) — Group of Experts on Unauthorized Private Copying of Recordings, Broadcasts and Printed Matter (convened jointly with Unesco)
- June 18 to 22 (Geneva) — Working Group on Model Provisions for National Laws on Publishing Contracts for Literary Works (convened jointly with Unesco)
- September 17 and 19 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI) — Working Group on Developing Countries
- September 18 to 21 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property
- September 18 to 21 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI)
- September 24 to 28 (Geneva) — Ordinary Sessions of the Coordination Committee of WIPO and the Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions; Paris Union Assembly (Extraordinary Session); PCT Union Assembly (Extraordinary Session)
- October 8 to 10 (Doha) — Regional Committee of Experts on Means of Implementation in Arab States of Model Provisions on Intellectual Property Aspects of Protection of Expressions of Folklore (convened jointly with Unesco)
- October 15 to 19 (Geneva) — Nice Union — Preparatory Working Group
- October 22 to 26 (Geneva) — Committee of Experts on the Question of Copyright Ownership and its Consequences for the Relations between Employers and Employed or Salaried Authors (convened jointly with Unesco)
- November 5 to 9 (Geneva) — Committee of Experts on Biotechnological Inventions
- November 19 to 23 (Geneva) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI) — Working Groups on Special Questions and on Planning
- November 26 to 30 (Paris) — Committee of Experts on Copyright Problems Related to the Rental of Material Supports of Works (convened jointly with Unesco)
- November 26 to 30 (Geneva) — International Patent Classification (IPC) Union — Committee of Experts
- December 3 to 7 (?) (Geneva) — Permanent Committee on Patent Information (PCPI) — Working Group on General Information
- December 10 to 14 (Paris) — Group of Experts on the Intellectual Property Aspects of the Protection of Folklore at the International Level (convened jointly with Unesco)

1985

- September 23 to October 1 (Geneva) — Governing Bodies (WIPO General Assembly, Conference and Coordination Committee; Assemblies of the Paris, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC, PCT, Budapest, TRT and Berne Unions; Conferences of Representatives of the Paris, Hague, Nice and Berne Unions; Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions; Committee of Directors of the Madrid Union; Council of the Lisbon Union)

UPOV Meetings

1984

- June 11 to 15 (Bet Dagan) — Technical Working Party for Vegetables
- June 26 to 29 (Lund) — Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops, and Subgroups
- August 6 to 10 (Hanover) — Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees, and Subgroups
- October 8 to 11 (Valencia) — Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops, and Subgroups
- October 16 (Geneva) — Consultative Committee
- October 17 to 19 (Geneva) — Council
- November 6 and 7 (Geneva) — Technical Committee
- November 8 and 9 (Geneva) — Administrative and Legal Committee

Other Meetings Concerned with Industrial Property

1984

European Patent Organisation: June 5 to 8 and December 4 to 7 (Munich) — Administrative Council

International Federation for European Law: September 19 to 22 (The Hague) — 11th Congress

International League Against Unfair Competition: September 27 to 30 (Milan) — Congress

Pharmaceutical Trade Marks Group: October 18 and 19 (Toulouse) — 29th Conference

Royal Patent and Registration Office: June 13 to 15 (Stockholm) — Symposium on the Centenary of the Swedish Patent System

Union of European Practitioners in Industrial Property: June 5 to 8 (Dijon) — "Congrès de Bourgogne"

1985

International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property: May 13 to 19 (Rio de Janeiro) — Executive Committee

International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys: June 3 to 7 (Augsburg) — World Congress

1986

International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property: June 8 to 13 (London) — XXXIII Congress

