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## Notifications Concerning Treaties Administered by WIPO

### Berne Convention

#### Accession

#### REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Government of the Republic of Korea deposited, on May 21, 1996, its instrument of accession to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of Septem-

ber 9, 1886, as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971, and amended on September 28, 1979.

The Berne Convention as revised will enter into force, with respect to the Republic of Korea, on August 21, 1996. On that date, the Republic of Korea will also become a member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works ("Berne Union"), founded by the Berne Convention.

*Berne Notification No. 175, of May 21, 1996.*

## Normative Activities of WIPO

### International Patent Classification (IPC) Union

#### Committee of Experts

Twenty-Fourth Session  
(Geneva, March 25 to 28, 1996)

The following 17 members of the Committee were represented at the session: Brazil, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America. The European Patent Office (EPO) was also represented.

The Committee adopted amendments to the sixth edition of the IPC, submitted by the PCIPI

Working Group on Search Information (PCIPI/SI), affecting 35 subclasses of the IPC.

The Committee agreed on a procedure for proposing new catchwords for the official catchword indexes to the IPC. The Committee also agreed that catchwords referring to selected indexing codes should be introduced into the official catchword indexes and entrusted the PCIPI/SI with the selection and presentation of such catchwords. This session of the Committee also commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Strasbourg Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classification which was concluded in 1971.

## Registration Systems Administered by WIPO

### Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

#### Training and Promotion Meetings with PCT Users

*Lithuania.* In March 1996, Mr. Rimvydas Naujokas, Director, State Patent Bureau, had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on questions relating to the PCT and procedures under the Eurasian Patent Convention.

*Slovakia.* In March 1996, a government official was given general training, as well as practical training in receiving Office procedures, under the PCT at WIPO's headquarters in Geneva.

*Turkey.* In March 1996, two WIPO officials gave presentations on the PCT at two PCT seminars organized by the Turkish Patent Institute, in cooperation with WIPO, in Istanbul and Ankara. The seminars were attended, respectively, by some 155 participants, who were mostly from international companies and law firms, and 35 participants, who were staff of the Institute and private practitioners.

Also in March 1996, the same WIPO officials gave practical presentations on the PCT to 10 staff members of the above-mentioned Institute in Ankara. They also had discussions with government officials from the Institute on cooperation with WIPO in certain PCT matters, as well as on

Turkey's possible accession to further WIPO-administered treaties.

*United States of America.* In March 1996, two WIPO officials gave presentations on the PCT at a basic PCT seminar for legal assistants, organized in San Francisco by a private company. The seminar was attended by about 30 participants, who were legal assistants and patent administrators.

Also in March 1996, a WIPO consultant from the United States of America gave a presentation on the PCT at the premises of a large corporation in New York. There were 10 participants from private companies.

#### Computerization Activities

*European Patent Office (EPO).* In March 1996, two EPO officials had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on further cooperation in the EASY (*Electronic Application SYstem*) project and gave a presentation of the latest version of the EASY software.

Also in March 1996, two other EPO officials had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on cooperation between the two Organizations concerning the electronic exchange of data.

### Madrid Union

#### Training and Promotion Meetings with Users of the Madrid System

*China.* On March 7 and 8, 1996, a Seminar on China and the International Trademark Registration System was organized, in Shenzhen, by the State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) of the People's Republic of China and WIPO. The Seminar was attended by about 500

participants, who were government officials, trademark agents and members of industry. Presentations were made by an official from the Chinese Trademark Office, two other experts from China, two WIPO officials and a WIPO consultant from Switzerland.

From March 11 to 14, 1996, Training Days on International Trademark Registration were organized, in Beijing, by SAIC and WIPO. The opening

session of the Training Days was held at Peking University, before some 200 students, professors and government officials. The Training Days then took place at SAIC's headquarters, where they were attended by a total of some 100 participants, who were SAIC officials. Four WIPO officials made presentations during the Training Days.

*Italy.* In March 1996, a WIPO official presented a paper on the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (Madrid Protocol) at a Study Day on the Community Trade Mark, organized in Treviso by the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Craftsmanship and Agriculture and attended by over 200 participants, mostly industrial property agents and representatives of private companies.

*Portugal.* In March 1996, a WIPO official made a presentation on the Madrid Protocol and the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement at a Seminar on the Community Trade Mark, organized by the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) in Lisbon. The Seminar was attended by about 100 participants, who were trademark agents and INPI officials.

*Slovakia.* In March 1996, a government official was given training in the processing of applications for international trademark registration under the Madrid Agreement at WIPO's headquarters in Geneva.

*American Conference Institute (ACI).* In March 1996, a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom gave presentations on the Madrid Protocol and on the future links between the Protocol and the Community Trade Mark at an International Trademark Protection and Enforcement Conference organized by ACI in New York. The Confer-

ence was attended by about 60 participants, from law firms and private companies.

*Chartered Institute of Patent Agents (CIPA).* In March 1996, a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom presented a paper on the Madrid Protocol at a seminar on the Madrid system organized by CIPA in London. The seminar was attended by about 100 participants, mostly trademark practitioners.

*Institute of Trade Mark Agents (ITMA).* In March 1996, a WIPO official gave a presentation on procedures under the Madrid Protocol and the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement at the 1996 International Meeting of ITMA, held in London and attended by about 200 participants. Another WIPO official demonstrated certain WIPO CD-ROM products at an exhibition of computer services and suppliers of trademark information, which was held in parallel with the above-mentioned Meeting.

*Pharmaceutical Trade Mark Group (PTMG).* In March 1996, a WIPO official made a presentation on the Madrid Protocol at the PTMG Annual General Meeting and 52nd Conference, organized in Guernsey (Channel Islands) and attended by some 200 participants.

### Computerization Activities

*United Kingdom.* In March 1996, two government officials and a software consultant had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the proposed exchange of electronic communications between the Patent Office and WIPO under the MECA (*Madrid Electronic Communications*) System.

## WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center

### WIPO Conference on Mediation

(Geneva, March 29, 1996)

The Conference was attended by 138 participants from the following 37 countries: Australia, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam.

The Conference was presided over by Professor Robert Badinter, President, Court of Conciliation and Arbitration of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and formerly Minister of Justice and President of the Constitutional Council in France. The objective of the Conference was to explore the use of mediation as a procedure for the settlement of commercial disputes, in general, and intellectual property disputes, in particular, to identify the main features of mediation and to discuss the opportunities it presented as a means of settling disputes.

A general introduction to the Conference was given by Professor Badinter, in the course of which he explored the sociological reasons for the growing interest in, and use of, mediation. The

dynamics of mediation was addressed by Professor Stephen Goldberg (President, Mediation Research and Education Project, Inc., Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago). Mr. David Plant (Fish & Neave, New York) dealt with aspects of mediating intellectual property disputes. Professor Karl Mackie (Director, Centre for Dispute Resolution (CEDR), London) spoke on the development and use of commercial mediation in Europe. The role of confidentiality in mediation was addressed by Mr. Francis Gurry (Director, WIPO Arbitration Center). The use of mediation in Arab countries was addressed separately by Sheikh Salah Al-Hejailan (Law Firm of Salah Al-Hejailan, Riyadh and Jeddah) and Mr. Fathi Kemicha (Attorney-at-Law, Paris). Professor Tang Houzhi (Vice-Chairman, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), Beijing) explained how mediation was used within arbitral proceedings in China. Ms. Margaret Shaw (Mackenzie Wittenburg & Shaw, and Adjunct Professor, New York University School of Law, New York) dealt with the question of the selection of a mediator. Ethical obligations and responsibilities of the mediator and mediator immunity were the subject of a discussion with the participants that was led by Professors Goldberg and Mackie and Ms. Shaw. The final paper was given by Mr. Rupert Bondy (Legal Counsel, SmithKline Beecham, United Kingdom) on the presentation of a case by a party or its counsel. The proceedings of the Conference will be published by WIPO in the coming months.

## Activities of WIPO Specially Designed for Developing Countries

### Africa

#### Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

*WIPO Regional Seminar on Copyright and Neighboring Rights for African Portuguese-Speaking Countries (Angola).* From March 27 to 29, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Luanda, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of Angola, and with the assistance of the Government of Portugal. Two participants from each of the four other African Portuguese-speaking countries, namely, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, as well as some 100 government officials, writers, composers, artists and lawyers from Angola attended the Seminar. Papers were presented by two WIPO consultants from Switzerland and the Society for the Administration of the Rights of Performing Artists and Musicians (ADAMI), a local expert and four experts from Portugal, as well as by two WIPO officials. The subjects covered included the relevant provisions of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement).

*WIPO National Round Table on Industrial Property (Angola).* On March 27, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Luanda, in cooperation with the National Institute of Industrial Property of Portugal (INPI). The Round Table was attended by 100 participants from the public and private sectors. Presentations were made by three WIPO consultants from Portugal and a WIPO official; they covered, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

*WIPO National Seminar on the Legal and Institutional Framework of Industrial Property (Mali).* From March 25 to 28, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Bamako, in cooperation with the Government of Mali. The Seminar was attended by about 70 participants from government circles and the legal profession. Presentations were made by two WIPO consultants from France and Mali, an official from the African Intellectual Property

Organization (OAPI) and a WIPO official; they covered, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

*Burkina Faso.* In March 1996, four government officials from Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal undertook a WIPO-organized training program at the Copyright Office of Burkina Faso (BBDA), in Ouagadougou, on practical aspects of the collective management of copyright. The training was provided by a WIPO consultant from Switzerland.

*Ghana.* In March 1996, a WIPO consultant from Switzerland provided training to 50 government officials at the Copyright Office of Ghana, in Accra, on practical aspects of the collective management of copyright.

#### Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

*Angola.* In March 1996, a WIPO official held discussions with government leaders and officials on cooperation between Angola and WIPO as well as the country's possible accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

*Botswana.* In March 1996, a WIPO official undertook a mission to Gaborone to train three government officials in the use of the software developed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office for the administration of the Department of the Registrar of Companies, Business Names, Trade Marks, Patents and Designs of Botswana and of certain WIPO CD-ROM products.

*Burkina Faso.* In March 1996, at the request of the Government, a WIPO consultant from Switzerland undertook a mission to Ouagadougou to assess the

activities of the Copyright Office of Burkina Faso (BBDA) and provide to BBDA's staff training on the collective management of copyright.

*Gambia.* In March 1996, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, a draft law on copyright and neighboring rights and a revised draft industrial property act, which take into account the obligations under the TRIPS Agreement, as well as a draft statute for the creation of

a Gambian organization for the collective administration of copyright and neighboring rights.

*Mauritania.* In March 1996, at the request of the government authorities, a WIPO consultant from Egypt undertook a mission to Nouakchott to give advice in the preparation of a draft copyright law and the establishment of a copyright office. The advice also took into account the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

## Arab Countries

### Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

*Bahrain.* In March 1996, a government official met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss the possibility of WIPO organizing a seminar on the TRIPS Agreement in Manama in the second half of 1996.

*Jordan.* In March 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva matters of cooperation between Jordan and WIPO.

*Morocco.* In March 1996, a government official discussed with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva the advantages for Morocco of acceding to the PCT, the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (Madrid Protocol), and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs; the organization of a national seminar on the TRIPS Agreement, in Casablanca, during the second half of 1996; the possibility of a new United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-

funded country project in the field of industrial property; WIPO's comments on the new draft Moroccan industrial property law; WIPO's assistance to inventors' associations in Morocco; human resource development and possible assistance to Morocco in revising its copyright law and strengthening the Moroccan societies for the collective administration of copyright.

*Oman.* In March 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the possible accession of Oman to the WIPO Convention.

*Tunisia.* In March 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva matters of cooperation between Tunisia and WIPO, and in particular the advantages for the country of acceding to the Madrid Protocol.

*Yemen.* In March 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the strengthening of cooperation between Yemen and WIPO.

## Asia and the Pacific

### Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

*WIPO Asian Regional Symposium on the Introduction and Management of Automation in Industrial Property Offices (Republic of Korea).* From March 6 to 8, 1996, WIPO organized that Symposium in Daeduk, in cooperation with the International Intellectual Property Training Institute (IIPTI) and the Korean Industrial Property Office (KIPO), and with the assistance of the Japanese Patent Office (JPO). It was attended by 29 government officials from Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam, as well as by over 80 local participants from the government and private sectors. Papers were presented by seven WIPO consultants from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Japan and the Netherlands, participants from China, India, Malaysia and Singapore, a government official from the Republic of Korea and a WIPO official. Two other WIPO officials also participated in the Symposium.

*WIPO National Seminar on Copyright and Neighboring Rights (Sri Lanka).* On March 25 and 26, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Colombo in cooperation with the Government of Sri Lanka and with the assistance of the Government of Japan. The Seminar was attended by about 70 participants from government departments, the judiciary, the legal profession, musicians and writers groups and university. Presentations were made by a WIPO consultant from Japan, a local expert, a representative of the Asia Pacific Office of the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC), and two WIPO officials. Some of the presentations dealt with the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

### Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

*China.* In March 1996, two WIPO officials held discussions in Beijing with government leaders and officials on various aspects of the ongoing

cooperation between China and WIPO, and China's possible accession to the Strasbourg Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classification and the Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs.

Also in March 1996, a WIPO official and a WIPO consultant from Australia held discussions with government officials of the Chinese Patent Office (CPO) in Beijing on patent documentation and automation issues.

*Democratic People's Republic of Korea.* In March 1996, a WIPO official and a WIPO consultant from Australia undertook a mission to Pyongyang, under the UNDP-financed country project for the modernization of the country's industrial property system, to assist in the continuing automation of the operations of the Invention Office.

*India.* In March 1996, a WIPO official and an expert from the European Patent Office (EPO) undertook a mission to the Office of the Patent Information System, in Nagpur, to assist in the acceptance-testing of the INDIAPAT database system, and in downloading INPADOC data on Indian patents onto the INDIAPAT database system. The mission of the WIPO official was financed under the UNDP-financed country project in the field of patent information.

Also in March 1996, a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom made a presentation at a seminar entitled "Franchising as a Tool for Development and New Trends in International Commercial Contracts" organized by the India International Law Foundation in Delhi.

*Pakistan.* In March 1996, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, preliminary views on topics concerning amendments to the Trade Marks Law and a draft Bill embodying amendments to the Patents and Designs Act, 1911, to bring it into conformity with Article 70.8 of the TRIPS Agreement.

Also in March and April 1996, two WIPO officials and two WIPO consultants from the United Kingdom undertook a mission to the Trade

Marks Registry in Karachi and to the relevant ministries in Islamabad to advise government authorities on the modernization of the trademark legislation and trademark administration system. The advice on legislation took into account the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

*Philippines.* In March 1996, two WIPO consultants from Japan undertook a mission to Manila to give advice and training to staff members of the Bureau of Patents, Trademarks and Technology Transfer (BPTTT) on patent information and documentation and in examining trade and service marks.

*Tonga.* In March 1996, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, comments and suggestions on the Industrial Property Act 1994, taking into account, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

*Viet Nam.* In March 1996, Mr. Tran Hoan, Minister of Culture and Information, and six government officials visited WIPO in Geneva where they had discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials on copyright legislative issues and the possible accession of Viet Nam to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

Also in March 1996, a WIPO official visited the National Office of Industrial Property (NOIP) in Hanoi and the Center for Science and Technology Information in Ho Chi Minh City, and had discussions with government officials of the two entities on the strengthening of patent documentation and information services.

*Hong Kong.* In March 1996, Mr. Steven Selby, Director of the Intellectual Property Department, and two other government officials visited WIPO in Geneva and had discussions with WIPO officials on the intellectual property situation in Hong Kong.

*Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).* In late February and March 1996, two WIPO officials and a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom undertook a mission to each of the seven ASEAN countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, to conduct a comparative study on approaches to enforcement and border measures in relation to intellectual property. In each of them, the members of the mission had discussions with government officials on the main issues of the said study, including the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement. This study was conducted at the request of the ASEAN countries.

## Latin America and the Caribbean

### Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

*WIPO Latin American Regional Seminar on the Protection of Trademarks in International Markets (Cuba).* From March 26 to 29, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Cuba in cooperation with the National Office of Inventions, Technical Information and Marks (ONIITEM) of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment of Cuba. The Seminar was attended by 19 government officials from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, six participants from the private sector of Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, the

Dominican Republic and Mexico, and by 90 local participants from government and industry circles. Mrs. Elena Simeón Negrín, Minister of Science, Technology and Environment, and the Director General of WIPO delivered opening addresses. Presentations were made by nine WIPO consultants from Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela and two WIPO officials.

*WIPO Workshop on Decision 344 of the Commission of the Cartagena Agreement (Colombia).* From March 11 to 13, 1996, WIPO organized that Workshop in Santa Fe de Bogotá, in cooperation with the Superintendency of Industry and Commerce which acted as *pro tempore* Secretariat of the Administrative Committee of the

Cooperation Agreement between Industrial Property Offices of the Andean Countries (namely, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela). The purpose of the Workshop was to discuss the compatibility of Decision 344 (the common regime on industrial property of the Andean countries) with relevant international treaties in the field of industrial property, in particular the Paris Convention on the Protection of Industrial Property, the Trademark Law Treaty and the TRIPS Agreement. Some 20 government officials from the industrial property offices of the five Andean countries, as well as from JUNAC (the Secretariat of the Board of the Cartagena Agreement) and two WIPO officials attended the Workshop.

*WIPO National Course for Judges and Lawyers on Copyright and Neighboring Rights (Honduras).* On March 17 and 18, 1996, WIPO organized that Course in Tegucigalpa in cooperation with the Directorate General of Intellectual Property of Honduras. The Course was attended by 50 participants, most of them local judges and lawyers. Presentations were made by two WIPO consultants from Colombia and FLAPF, a government official and a WIPO official; they covered, *inter alia*, the pertinent parts of the TRIPS Agreement.

*WIPO National Seminar on Copyright and Neighboring Rights for Uruguayan Judges (Uruguay).* On March 18 and 19, 1996, WIPO organized that Seminar in Montevideo, in cooperation with the Uruguayan Copyright Council and the Supreme Court of Justice, under the country project in the field of copyright. The Seminar was opened by Mr. Hugo Batalla, Vice-President of the Republic and President of the Parliament, Mr. Samuel Lichtenztein, Minister of Education and Culture, and Mr. Milton Cairoli, President of the Supreme Court of Justice. Over 50 judges and public prosecutors from various cities of the country attended the Seminar. Presentations were made by three WIPO consultants from Argentina, Brazil and Venezuela, nine local speakers and a WIPO official.

*WIPO National Course for Judges on Copyright and Neighboring Rights (El Salvador).* On March 21 and 22, 1996, WIPO organized that Course in San Salvador in cooperation with the Judiciary School and Ministry of Justice of El Salvador. The Course was attended by 60 participants, most of them local

judges. Presentations were made by three WIPO consultants from Colombia, Spain and the Latin American Federation of Producers of Phonograms and Videograms (FLAPF), a government official and a WIPO official. Some of the presentations also dealt with the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

*WIPO National Course on Copyright and Neighboring Rights (Guatemala).* On March 25 and 26, 1996, WIPO organized that Course in Guatemala City in cooperation with the Registry of Industrial Property of Guatemala. The Course was attended by 50 participants, most of them lawyers, members of the authors' society, government officials and students. Presentations were made by two WIPO consultants from Colombia and Spain, a government official and a WIPO official; they covered, *inter alia*, the pertinent parts of the TRIPS Agreement.

*Nicaragua.* In March 1996, a WIPO official made a presentation at a Regional Seminar on Intellectual Property organized in Managua by the Institute of Culture of Nicaragua, the University of Central America and the Ministry of Culture of Spain.

#### **Assistance with Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration**

*Andean Countries.* In March 1996, two WIPO officials attended the Second Meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Cooperation Agreement among the Industrial Property Offices of the Andean countries, which took place in Santa Fe de Bogotá. The main purpose of the Meeting was to examine and discuss the cooperation activities undertaken by WIPO in the subregion since the last meeting of the heads of industrial property offices held in Caracas in July 1995, and to review possible future cooperation.

*Colombia.* In March 1996, WIPO organized a study visit to the Authors' Society of Chile (SCD) in Santiago for four representatives of the Authors' Society of Colombia (SAYCO).

*Cuba.* In March 1996, the Director General, accompanied by three other WIPO officials, visited Havana, at the invitation of the Government, and held discussions with government leaders and

officials on the strengthening of cooperation between Cuba and WIPO.

*Nicaragua.* In March 1996, a WIPO official visited Managua and had discussions with government officials on cooperation activities in the field of copyright.

*Uruguay.* In March 1996, a WIPO consultant from Venezuela undertook a mission to Montevideo, under the country project in the field of copyright, and discussed with government officials the draft of the new copyright law for Uruguay,

taking into account, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Also in March 1996, a WIPO official attended an evaluation meeting of the said project with government officials, in Montevideo.

*Venezuela.* In March 1996, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, comments on a database of industrial property case law developed by the Industrial Property Registry of Venezuela (SARPI).

### Development Cooperation (in General)

*United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).* In March 1996, a WIPO official attended an Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting convened by UNDP in Geneva.

*European Patent Office (EPO).* In March 1996, two WIPO officials participated, at the EPO

in Munich, in the first meeting of a newly created WIPO-EPO Task Force to coordinate and, if possible, harmonize the work of the two Organizations relating to training and computerization, as well as to advice to developing countries on patent procedures, especially in respect of substantive examination work.

### WIPO Medals

In March 1996, a WIPO medal was awarded to a Japanese schoolgirl at the All-Japan Exhibition of School Children's Inventions, organized by the Japanese Institute of Invention and Innovation (JIII) in Tokyo.

Also in March 1996, on the occasion of the celebration of the centenary of the Hungarian Patent Office and the Patent Law, in Budapest, three WIPO gold medals were presented by the Director General to the Secretary General of the Association of Hun-

garian Inventors, a patent attorney and a pharmaceutical company for their outstanding contributions in the field of industrial property and the promotion of invention and innovation in Hungary.

Also in March 1996, the Director General presented a WIPO gold medal for an outstanding invention to a woman inventor in Havana. Ten diplomas were also presented to inventors who had participated in the conception and development of the said outstanding invention.

## Activities of WIPO Specially Designed for Countries in Transition to Market Economy

### National Activities

*WIPO National Symposium on the Role of the Industrial Property System in Economic and Technological Development (Albania).* On March 12, 1996, WIPO organized that Symposium in Tirana, under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-financed country project, in cooperation with the Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office and with the assistance of the UNDP. The Symposium was attended by some 80 participants from the government and private sectors. A WIPO official also attended. Papers were presented by two WIPO consultants from Austria and Germany, four government officials and a local patent attorney.

*Albania.* In March 1996, a WIPO official participated in a tripartite review meeting held in Tirana to review the activities undertaken under the above-mentioned country project. The meeting was attended by government and UNDP officials. The possibility to extend the said project was also discussed.

Also in March 1996, two WIPO consultants from Austria and Germany visited the Albanian

Patent Office, under the same project, to provide advice to its staff on patent classification and examination. They also had discussions, together with the said WIPO official, with officials from that Office on cooperation activities.

*Hungary.* In March 1996, the Director General and another WIPO official attended, in Budapest, the celebrations of the centenary of the Hungarian patent system, in particular, the opening by the President of the Republic, Mr. Árpád Göncz, of the International Exhibition and Fair of Inventions and New Ideas ("Genius 96"), organized by the Association of Hungarian Inventors. The Director General had discussions with government leaders and officials on matters of common interest in the field of intellectual property, and gave a speech on WIPO's activities at the Jubilee General Assembly commemorating the 1,100th anniversary of the foundation of Hungary of the Hungarian Association for the Protection of Industrial Property, attended by some 1,200 participants. During that visit, the Director General was decorated by the President of the Republic with the Order of Merit of the Hungarian Republic.

## Contacts of the International Bureau of WIPO with Other Governments and with International Organizations

### National Contacts

*Andorra.* In March 1996, a government official visited WIPO in Geneva to discuss with WIPO officials a draft patent law, prepared by WIPO, and a copyright law for Andorra.

*Finland.* In March 1996, Mr. Martti J.J. Enäjärvi, Director General, National Board of Patents and Registration, and another government official visited WIPO in Geneva to discuss with WIPO officials various proposals and WIPO's plans with respect to the question of the protection of business identifiers.

*Japan.* In March 1996, two government officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva various questions concerning the Trademark Law Treaty, in the light of Japan's possible ratification of that Treaty.

*United States of America.* In March 1996, two WIPO officials attended the XIXth Patent and Trademark Depository Library Training Conference organized in Washington, D.C., by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), where they demonstrated certain WIPO CD-ROM products.

### United Nations

*Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (CCPOQ).* In March 1996, a WIPO official attended the eighth session of CCPOQ held in Geneva and the CCPOQ working group on the Resident Coordinator system. Another WIPO official attended a meeting on the evaluation of the Turin Centre's National Capacity Strengthening Training Programme, also held in Geneva.

*United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (UNJSPB).* In March 1996, two WIPO officials attended a session of the UNJSPB, held in New York.

*Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions (ACPAQ).* In March 1996, a WIPO official attended a meeting of ACPAQ, held in New York.

*United Nations System Legal Advisers Meeting.* In March 1996, two WIPO officials attended the Legal Advisers Meeting, convened by the Under-Secretary-General and Legal Counsel of the United Nations in Geneva.

*United Nations System-Wide Special Initiative on Africa.* In March 1996, a WIPO official attended an advance briefing on this Initiative, convened by the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).* In March 1996, a WIPO official attended the International Unesco Symposium on Copyright and Communication in the Information Society, held in Madrid.

*World Meteorological Organization (WMO).* In March 1996, Dr. Arpad Bogsch, Director General of WIPO, and Mr. G.O.P. Obasi, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), signed an agreement whereby WMO undertakes to sell to WIPO its headquarters building, which is next to WIPO's headquarters. The actual transfer is expected to take place in 1998, when the new headquarters building of WMO, now under construction, will be ready.

### Intergovernmental Organizations

*European Patent Office (EPO).* In March 1996, two EPO officials presented to the Director General and a number of WIPO officials at WIPO's headquarters in Geneva the EPO's computerized "common software" developed for patent and trademark administrative procedures in national industrial property offices.

*World Trade Organization (WTO).* In March 1996, 25 government officials from 16 Latin American countries enrolled in the Trade-Policy Course of

the WTO visited WIPO and were briefed by WIPO officials on WIPO's activities and intellectual property in general.

### Other Organizations

*Association of International Librarians and Information Specialists (AILIS).* In March 1996, a WIPO official attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of AILIS, held in Geneva.

*G7 Business Round Table.* In March 1996, a delegation of the G7 Business Round Table, composed of 17 business representatives of leading companies of the information, communication and entertainment industries, visited WIPO in Geneva to discuss with WIPO officials various copyright questions, in particular in relation to the Global Information Infrastructure (GII).

*International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).* In March 1996, two WIPO officials attended, in Paris, a meeting of the ICC's Commission on Intellectual Property and Industrial Property (which discussed, *inter alia*, WIPO's current industrial property activities and the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement), and a seminar, also organized by the ICC, on the theme "Countering Counterfeiting: Fighting and Winning the Battle."

*International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC).* In March 1996, a WIPO official attended the Working Group of the Latin American Committee of CISAC in Montevideo.

*International Federation of Wines and Spirits (FIVS).* In March 1996, two WIPO officials attended a meeting on the international protection of geographical indications, organized in Paris by the above Federation. One of the WIPO officials spoke on WIPO's activities in that field, including legislative advice given to developing countries and countries in transition to market economy and WIPO seminars organized in those countries.

*Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law.* In March 1996, the Director General attended a meeting of the Kuratorium of the Institute, held in Munich.

*Patent Documentation Group (PDG).* In March 1996, a WIPO official attended the 31st meeting of the PDG's Working Group on the Impact of Patent Laws on Documentation.

*The Publishers Association.* In March 1996, a WIPO official visited the 1996 London International Book Fair and made a presentation at the Symposium on Copyright, Trading Rights and Contracts in the Twenty-First Century, held during that Fair to mark the centenary of that Association.

## Miscellaneous News

### National Laws

*Australia.* Trade Marks Regulations (Amendment) No. 3 of 1996, entered into force on January 1, 1996.

*Colombia.* Law No. 256 of January 15, 1996, Containing Provisions on Unfair Competition, entered into force on the same date.

*Denmark.* Decree No. 752 of September 15, 1995, on Fees, entered into force on January 1, 1996.

*Finland.* Unless otherwise indicated, the following new laws entered into force on January 1, 1996:

Law No. 1381 of December 8, 1995, amending Law No. 1032 of November 13, 1992, on Output-based Fees Collected by the National Board of Patents and Registration.

Law No. 1396 of December 8, 1995, amending Law No. 800 of May 10, 1991, on Utility Models.

Law No. 1397 of December 8, 1995, amending Law No. 551 of December 15, 1967, on Inventions Significant for National Defense.

Law No. 1695 of December 22, 1995, amending Patent Law No. 550 of December 15, 1967.

Law No. 1696 of December 22, 1995, amending Law No. 800 of May 10, 1991, on Utility Models (entry into force on January 1, 1996, for Sections 5(1) and 30(1); on March 1, 1996, for the other Sections).

Law No. 1697 of December 22, 1995, amending Law No. 551 of December 15, 1967, on Inventions Significant for National Defense (entry into force on March 1, 1996).

Law No. 1698 of December 22, 1995, amending Law No. 656 of December 29, 1967, Concerning the Right to Employees' Inventions (entry into force on March 1, 1996).

Law No. 1699 of December 22, 1995, revoking Chapter 6a of Trademark Law No. 7 of January 10, 1964.

Law No. 1700 of December 22, 1995, amending Section 25 of Customs Act No. 1466 of December 29, 1994.

Decree No. 1701 of December 22, 1995, amending Decree No. 1419 of December 5, 1991, on Utility Models.

Decree No. 1702 of December 22, 1995, amending Trademark Decree No. 296 of May 29, 1964.

Decree No. 1703 of December 22, 1995, amending Registered Designs Decree No. 252 of April 2, 1971.

Law No. 1715 of December 22, 1995, amending Trademark Law No. 7 of January 10, 1964 (entry into force on April 1, 1996).

Law No. 1716 of December 22, 1995, amending Law No. 129 of February 2, 1979, on the Trade Register.

Decision No. 1782 of December 28, 1995, of the Ministry of Trade and Industry on Outputs Liable to Charge of the National Board of Patents and Registration (replacing Decision No. 729 of July 29, 1993, and its later amendments).

Decree No. 1794 of December 29, 1995, on the Permanent Application of the Law on the Exclusive Right on Topographies of Integrated Circuits for Topographies from Certain Countries (revoking Decrees No. 824 of September 17, 1993, and No. 1560 of December 31, 1994).

Decree No. 19 of January 12, 1996, on the Trade Register, amending Decree No. 208 of February 23, 1979 (entry into force on February 1, 1996).

Decree No. 52 of January 26, 1996, amending Decree No. 636 of October 10, 1969, Concerning Patent Agents (entry into force on February 1, 1996).

The Decision of February 16, 1996, of the Patent and Registration Office Concerning More Detailed Regulations in Respect of Patent Applications, amending the Decision of September 30, 1980 (entry into force on March 1, 1996).

The Decision of December 5, 1995, of the Patent and Registration Office Concerning More Detailed Regulations in Respect of Utility Model Applications, amending the Decision of December 16, 1991.

*Nicaragua.* Decree No. 1244 of February 29, 1996, Approving the Accession of Nicaragua to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Indus-

trial Property (Stockholm Act, 1967), entered into force on March 1, 1996.

*Panama.* Law No. 29 of February 1, 1996, on the Defense of Competition entered into force on June 30, 1996.

*Spain.* Royal Decree No. 151/1996 of February 2, 1996, partially modifying the Regulations under Law No. 11/1986 of March 20, 1986, on Patents, approved by Royal Decree No. 2245/1986 of October 10, 1986, entered into force on March 9, 1996.

### Selected WIPO Publications

The following new publications<sup>1</sup> were issued by WIPO in March 1996:

*Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of*

<sup>1</sup> WIPO publications may be obtained from the Publications Sales and Distribution Unit, WIPO, 34, chemin des Colombettes, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland (telex: 412 912 OMP1 CH; fax: (41-22) 733 5428; telephone: (41-22) 730 9111).

Orders should indicate: (a) the number or letter code of the publication desired, the language (C for Chinese, E for English, G for German, S for Spanish), the number of copies; (b) the full address for mailing; (c) the mail mode (surface or air). Prices cover surface mail.

Bank transfers should be made to WIPO account No. 487080-81 at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

*Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement*, WO/MM/INF/2, 57 pages, free.

*IPC 6th edition—General Information brochure* (in Chinese), No. 409(C), 38 pages, free.

*Summary History of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (1966-1995)* (in Spanish), No. 886(S), 23 pages, free.

*The First Twenty-Five Years of the International Patent Classification (IPC) 1971-1996*, No. 885(E), 33 pages, 20 Swiss francs.

*Trademark Law Treaty and Regulations* (in German), No. 225(G), 67 pages, 10 Swiss francs.

## Calendar of Meetings

### WIPO Meetings

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

- 1996**
- July 1 to 5 (Geneva)**      **Committee of Experts on the Settlement of Intellectual Property Disputes Between States**  
 The Committee will continue the preparations for a possible treaty on the settlement of intellectual property disputes between States. In particular, the Committee will consider the question of the relationship between the dispute-settlement system to be established by the proposed Treaty and other dispute-settlement systems, including the dispute-settlement system established within the framework of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The WIPO Governing Bodies, at their 1996 sessions, will decide whether a Diplomatic Conference for the conclusion of a Treaty should be convened and, if so, when.  
*Invitations:* States members of WIPO and States party to treaties administered by WIPO not members of WIPO and, as observers, certain organizations.
- September 23 to October 2 (Geneva)**      **Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions Administered by WIPO (Twenty-Ninth Series of Meetings)**  
 Some of the Governing Bodies will meet in ordinary session, others in extraordinary session.  
*Invitations:* As members or observers (depending on the body), States members of WIPO or the Unions and, as observers, other States and certain organizations.
- October 28 to 31 (Geneva)**      **Committee of Experts on Well-Known Marks (Second Session)**  
 The Committee will study questions concerning the application of Article 6*bis* of the Paris Convention (e.g., the criteria for determining whether a mark is well known) as well as the conditions and scope of protection of famous or well-known marks against dilution and/or undue exploitation of the goodwill acquired by such marks. Moreover, it will study the feasibility of setting up, under the ægis of WIPO, a voluntary international information network for the exchange of information among countries concerning marks that may be considered to be well known or famous.  
*Invitations:* States members of the Paris Union, the European Communities and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.
- November 4 to 8 (Geneva)**      **Committee of Experts on the Development of the Hague Agreement (Sixth Session)**  
 The Committee will consider a revised draft new Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs intended to introduce into the Hague system provisions designed to encourage States not yet party to the Agreement to participate in the system and to facilitate greater use of the system by applicants.  
*Invitations:* States members of the Hague Union and, as observers, States members of the Paris Union or of WIPO not members of the Hague Union and certain organizations.
- December 2 to 20 (Geneva)**      **WIPO Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions**  
 The Diplomatic Conference will be convened to adopt one or more multilateral treaties on the basis of the work of the two Committees of Experts (Committee of Experts on a Possible Protocol to the Berne Convention and the Committee of Experts on a Possible Instrument for the Protection of the Rights of Performers and Producers of Phonograms).  
*Invitations:* As delegations: States members of WIPO, the European Communities; as observers: States not members of WIPO but members of the United Nations, certain organizations.

## UPOV Meetings

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

### 1996

**October 16 to 18 (Geneva)**

**Technical Committee**

*Invitations:* Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

**October 21 (Geneva)**

**Administrative and Legal Committee**

*Invitations:* Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental organizations.

**October 22 (Geneva)**

**Consultative Committee (Fifty-Second Session)**

*Invitations:* Member States of UPOV.

**October 23 (Geneva)**

**Council (Thirtieth Ordinary Session)**

*Invitations:* Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.