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Dear Mr. Takagi,

In response to your circular C. SCIT 2378 of July 22, 1998 I am sending you herewith the comments of the Russian Agency for Patents and Trademarks on the Revised draft of paragraph 11 of WIPO Standard ST. 14.

Rospatent supports the Revised draft in general and appreciates the work done by USPTO, EPO, JPO and WIPO. In our remarks we refer to the items of the Background Paper (Annex II to the circular).

1. Item 4. The USPTO reasons for the present wording of the examples (with "retrieved" used twice) seem quite logical to us. We support the intention to follow the ISO standard whenever possible. That's why we would prefer to leave the present wording as is now.

2. Item 5. The mentioning of the "Internet" in addition to "URL" may really be helpful to some users. In order to follow the same pattern for the examples we would suggest to delete the word "via" from examples 5, 7, 8 and 10 and to add "the" before "Internet" in example 8.

3. Item 15. Place of ISBN and ISSN numbers. As the standard identifier is used less frequently than other identification elements we don't feel it necessary to change its place in the citation, but if the Working Group decides to do so we would prefer to support the EPO suggestion to exchange paragraphs 11 (b) (vii) and 11 (b) (viii) and the same in 11 (c).

4. Item 16. Office copies of documents retrieved from Internet. It seems to us that the need to retain office copies of an electronic document especially if the document may not be available in the future is quite essential and that's why we support the EPO Comment to retain it as separate recommendation in the standard though it does not belong to the recommendation for citing as such and relates to the internal office information handling policy, but the use of internal reference number system for this purposes seems to be superfluous.

Sincerely yours,

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