INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION
(PCT UNION)

ASSEMBLY
Fifteenth Session (6th Ordinary)
Geneva, September 21 to 30, 1987

REPORT

Adopted by the Assembly

INTRODUCTION

1. The Assembly was concerned with the following items of the Consolidated Agenda (document AB/XVIII/1 Rev.): 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 17, 20 and 21.

2. The report on the said items, with the exception of item 11, is contained in the General Report (document AB/XVIII/14).

3. The report on item 11 is contained in this document.

4. Mr. Donald H. Quigg (United States of America) was elected Chairman of the Assembly.
ITEM 11 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA:

CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING THE PCT UNION (APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY; EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES: CEILING OF DESIGNATION FEE)

5. Discussions were based on documents PCT/A/XV/1 and 1 Corr.

6. The Assembly:

   (i) confirmed the appointment of the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Preliminary Examining Authority;

   (ii) after noting that it was not necessary, before extending the appointment of the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities, to seek the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, extended, until December 31, 1997, the appointments of

       the Patent Office of Australia,
       the Austrian Patent Office,
       the Japanese Patent Office,
       the USSR State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries,
       the Royal Patent and Registration Office of Sweden,
       the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and
       the European Patent Office

as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities,

   (iii) approved the new texts of the Agreements between WIPO and the Authorities referred to in item (ii), above, as appearing in documents PCT/A/XV/1 (Annex) and 1 Corr.;

   (iv) decided that the ceiling of the designation fee would continue to apply.

[End of document]