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**WORKING GROUP ON MULTIPLE INVENTION DISCLOSURES AND COMPLEX APPLICATIONS**

In reply to your circular C. 6645, dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2002, I have the pleasure to send you the comments of the INPI PT:

About the unity of invention, we believe that the article 6 with rule 7 of SPLT and the rule 13.1 to 13.3 of PCT are satisfactory.

Concerning the possibility of limitation the number of claims, we agree with Rule 29(2) EPC which observes that an application may contain more than one independent claim in the same category (product, process, apparatus or use) only if the subject-matter of the application involves a plurality of inter-related products, different uses of a product or apparatus or alternative solutions to a particular problem, where is not appropriate to cover these alternatives by a single claim.

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