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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENFORCEMENT
OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Second Session

and of the

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT AND
ENFORCEMENT OF COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS
IN GLOBAL INFORMATION NETWORKS**

Third Session

Geneva, December 18 to 20, 2001

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

adopted by the Advisory Committees

1. The Advisory Committees unanimously agreed that the issue of enforcement of intellectual property rights was of great importance to all countries. The Committees also agreed that the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was in a particularly appropriate position to gather information concerning enforcement of intellectual property rights and to coordinate activities undertaken by the Committees jointly with various intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations aiming at establishing adequate and effective enforcement systems.

(a) The International Bureau is invited to establish an Electronic Forum in such a way as to facilitate the exchange of information relating to enforcement issues, as called for by various delegations in the course of the Joint Meeting of the Advisory Committees from December 18 to 20, 2001.

(b) the International Bureau is invited to:

(i) identify the existing needs for training and for development of enforcement strategies;

(ii) continue and intensify WIPO activities in favor of developing countries and countries in transition, in particular the activities of the WIPO Worldwide Academy and of the regional bureaus, with regard to training, technical assistance and awareness building in the field of enforcement, taking into account the comments made in this respect by the Advisory Committees;

(iii) report on these activities to the next WIPO meeting on enforcement issues (see below).

(c) As regards the preparation of model enforcement provisions and practices, and the resolution of problems and difficulties, etc., in the enforcement field, the Advisory Committees:

(i) recommended that Member States, in particular those which had not already done so, and international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in both the industrial property and the copyright fields be invited to submit comments, observations and suggestions to the International Bureau by February 28, 2002;

(ii) requested the International Bureau to prepare, primarily on the basis of the information received from Member States and international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, a structured synthesis of issues concerning practices in the enforcement field, including Internet enforcement issues, and relating to the possible future work referred to in the introductory part to paragraph 1(c), which would serve as a basis for discussion at the next WIPO meeting on enforcement in 2002 (see below). That document should not be confined to legal aspects only but also include all matters raised by the governments and relevant organizations;

(iii) requested the International Bureau to establish a list of contact points on the basis of the list of participants of the meeting and subsequently extend based on additional information from governments.

2. The Advisory Committees recommended that a meeting on enforcement issues with a clearly defined agenda be convened in 2002 and that the WIPO General Assembly decide to convene the Advisory Committees or one single Advisory Committee on Enforcement at its session of September 2002.

3. The Secretariat announced that the meeting on enforcement issues was tentatively scheduled for the week of September 9, 2002.