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MATTERS CONCERNING THE PCT UNION:  
APPOINTMENT OF THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AS AN  
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AND  
PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY UNDER THE PCT;  
APPROVAL OF THE CORRESPONDING DRAFT AGREEMENT;  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

*Document prepared by the International Bureau*

1. Further to the letter of July 5, 2002 (see document PCT/A/31/1), the Canadian Commissioner of Patents, in a letter dated August 22, 2002, has asked that a table of the PCT minimum documentation currently not available or accessible at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) be made available to the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (PCT/CTC). That letter and the accompanying table are reproduced as an Appendix to this document.<sup>1</sup>

2. *The Assembly of the PCT Union is invited to note the information contained in the Appendix to this document.*

[Appendix follows]

<sup>1</sup> Working documents for sessions of the Assembly and the Committee for Technical Cooperation are accessible via WIPO's Website at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings>.

APPENDIX

August 22, 2002

Dr. Kamil Idris  
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Dear Dr. Idris:

In my letter of July 5, 2002, I had expressed my desire to have the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) considered for approval from the appropriate bodies of the World Intellectual Property Organization for status as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

In addition to the letter, a detailed submission in support of four requests was enclosed, and these two documents were reproduced as an Annex to document PCT/CTC/20/2. In paragraph 33 of the submission CIPO stated that while it currently possesses or has access to an extensive number of patent related documents, there exists a limited number of documents which form part of the minimum documentation required under Rule 34 of the PCT but which are not presently accessible by Canadian patent examiners.

To further elaborate upon this point, CIPO has prepared the attached table which indicates the type, year and country or regional office of origin of the missing documents and an approximation of the volumes. I would ask that you include this table as an addendum to document PCT/CTC/20/2.

CIPO has initiated discussions with several foreign patent offices regarding the acquisition of the missing documentation in the most efficient and timely manner possible.

Thank you once again for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

David Tobin  
Commissioner of Patents, Registrar of  
Trade -marks and Chief Executive Officer

**PCTMinimumDocumentationCurrentlynotAvailableorAccessibleatCIPO**

(August,2002)

Country	Documenttype	Yearsmissing	Approximate number
Organisationafricainedela propriétéintellectuelle	Patents	1979-2002	7500
AfricanRegionalIndustrial PropertyOrganization	Patents	1985-2002	1000
Australia	Patents	1979-2002	30000
	Publications	1970-1975	4000
Austria	Patents	1920-1950	-
	UtilityModels	1994-2000	3016
EurasianPatentOffice	Publications	1996-2002	5000
	Patents	1997-2002	2000
FormerReichspatentamt of Germany	Patents	1920-1945	452617
France	Publications	1969	40000
Germany	Non-examinedPatentApplications	1958-2002	1500000
	ExaminedPatentApplications	1957-1962	100000
	PatentsandPatentsofAddition	1948-2002	1100000
	DD-ADocuments	1990-1999	19008
	DD-B,DD -CDocuments	1990-1999	3578
RussianFederation	PatentApplications (Oldnumbering)	1993-2002	300
	PatentApplications (Newnumbering)	1993-2002	150000
	Patents	1993-2002	200000
	UtilityModels	1994-2002	20000
Country	Documenttype	Yearsmissing	Approximate number
(Former)SovietUnion	Inventor'sCertificatesandPatents	1924-2000	1200000
Switzerland	ExaminedApplications(Textiles andHoro logy)	1962-2002	6000
	PatentsandPatentsofAddition	1920-1943	147569

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