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REPORT

Adopted by the Assembly

1. The Assembly was concerned with the following items of the Consolidated Agenda (document AB/XXVI/1 Rev.): 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 13, 15, 19 and 20.
2. The report on the said items, with the exception of item 9, is contained in the General Report (document AB/XXVI/19).
3. The report on item 9 is contained in the present document. The revised Schedule of Fees under the Patent Cooperation Treaty adopted by the Assembly, with effect from January 1, 1996, under item 13 of the Consolidated Agenda, is shown in the Annex to this report.
4. Mr. Daniel Hangard (France), Chairman of the Assembly, presided over the meeting of the Assembly.

**ITEM 9 OF THE CONSOLIDATED AGENDA:
MATTERS CONCERNING THE PCT UNION**

5. Discussions were based on document PCT/A/XXIII/1.
6. While a number of delegations supported the proposal by the International Bureau for amendment of PCT Rule 93.4 as set out in the said document, several delegations raised questions as to the wording of Rule 93.4 as proposed to be amended and expressed the view that the matter should be further considered by a WIPO expert body with a view to submission of a revised text to the Assembly at a later date.
7. The Assembly agreed that such further consideration should take place, that the . revised proposal should take into account the fact that new kinds of data carrier had become and would continue to become available as technology developed and that the revised proposal should not be limited to the use of any particular kind of data carrier. The revised proposal should also take into account that any data carrier used for keeping files needed to be suitable for long-term storage consistent with the requirements of Rule 93 as to the duration of storage and needed to permit the preparation of faithful reproductions of the material stored, which reproductions, as one delegation suggested, would also have to be durable.
8. Furthermore, the Assembly agreed that the International Bureau could keep files and documents in facsimile form on optical disks (under the International Bureau's Document Imaging and Computer-Assisted Publishing System (DICAPS)) and, provided that optical disk storage met the long-term storage requirements of Rule 93, could destroy the original files and documents in paper form subsequent to the storage of copies thereof on optical disks.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

SCHEDULE OF FEES APPLICABLE FROM JANUARY 1,1996

Fees	<u>Amounts</u>
1. Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	
(a) if the international application contains not more than 30 sheets	762 Swiss francs
(b) if the international application contains more than 30 sheets	762 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets
2. Designation Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	
(a) for designations made under Rule 4.9(a)	185 Swiss francs per designation, provided that any designation made under Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 11 shall not require the payment of a designation fee
(b) for designations made under Rule 4.9(b) and confirmed under Rule 4.9(c)	185 Swiss francs per designation
3. Confirmation Fee: (Rule 15.5(a))	50% of the sum of the designation fees payable under Item 2(b)
4. Handling Fee: (Rule 57.2(a))	233 Swiss francs

All fees are reduced by 75% for international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); if there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria.

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