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DELIVERY ON CD-ROM OF CANADIAN NON-PRIORITY PATENT DOCUMENTS
FORMING PART OF THE PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

prepared by the International Bureau

1. In its letter of April 22, 1993, the Swedish Patent Office drew the attention of the International Bureau to the plans of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office to produce in 1994 a CD-ROM containing bibliographic data, abstracts, disclosures, claims and drawings of Canadian laid-open applications and patents and to replace all materials presently provided to other patent offices, including the Canadian non-priority patent documents which form part of the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34.1(c)(vi) of the PCT Regulations. The Swedish Patent Office asked the International Bureau to bring this matter to the attention of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation at its next session.
2. The letter from the Swedish Patent Office, including its enclosure (letter from the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, dated February 26, 1993), is reproduced as an Annex to this document.
3. It should be taken into consideration that the matter raised by the Swedish Patent Office has a bearing on the exchange, between offices, of patent documents in general and should, therefore, be dealt with in a broader

sense. It would, therefore, be desirable to bring the question of carriers to be used for the exchange of patent documents to the attention of the Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information.

4. The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation is invited to consider the above-mentioned matter and to request the International Bureau to put the broader question of carriers to be used for the exchange of patent documents to the Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information with a view to the creation of an appropriate task.

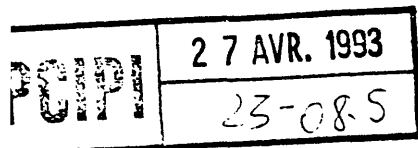
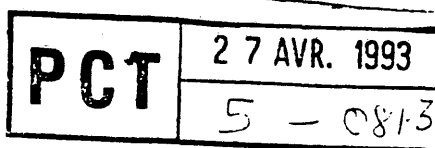
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Dear Mr. Wittig,

Enclosed you will find a letter from the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPA) which contains information about the CIPA's planning of producing CD-ROM discs in order to replace all materials presently provided to other offices including the Canadian non-priority patent documents which form part of the PCT minimum documentation according to Rule 34.1.c.(vi).

It is not clear from the letter whether the CIPO's intention also is to replace the non-priority paper documents with a CD-ROM disc.

However, the question is if such a change of routines is feasible according to Rule 34 and Rule 36.

The search files at the Swedish Patent Office are in paper form and will remain so until we get a realistic alternative. Hence we think that it ought to be the duty of the CIPA to supply us with their sorted non-priority documents in paper form so that we can file them.

We are of the opinion that this matter is of such an important nature that it would be very good to discuss it during the next session of the Committee for Technical Cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) is currently in the development phase of automating its patent operations. Automation will enable us, conceivably by early 1994, to produce on a single CD-ROM the bibliographic data, abstracts, disclosures, claims and drawings of Canadian laid-open applications and patents.

The planned CD-ROM product will be produced weekly and will be compatible with the European Patent Office's ESPACE. Patent documents on the CD-ROM will be searchable by bibliographic data and, possibly, words in the abstract. It is planned also to include the notices which are currently published in our Patent Office Record.

We expect that this CR-ROM will replace all materials presently provided to other patent offices, including the Canadian Non-Priority Patents on paper and the Canadian Patents on microfiche that are sent to you under our exchange agreement.

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The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our plans and to solicit your opinions, if any, on the proposed CD-ROM. Should you have any suggestions or concerns regarding these plans, please communicate with the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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