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POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF THE KIND-OF-DOCUMENT CODE IN
THE INVENTORY OF PATENT DOCUMENTS FORMING
THE PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION ACCORDING TO PCT RULE 34.1

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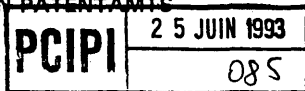
1. In a letter dated June 18, 1993, the German Patent Office made a proposal concerning the representation of data contained in the inventory of patent documents forming the PCT Minimum Documentation according to PCT Rule 34.1. The proposal aims at indicating, in an additional column to be created in the said inventory, the kind-of-document code available under WIPO Standard ST.16 for patent documents.
2. At its twelfth session, in June 1989, the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation decided to give the International Bureau the task of updating the inventory every three years, referring back to the Committee only if difficulties should arise. It should be noted that, in accordance with that decision, the most recent updating of the survey was carried out at the end of 1992 and published in Part 4 of the WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation (see pages 4.0.1 to 4.1.5 dated April 1993).
3. The letter from the German Patent Office is reproduced as Annex I to this document.

4. The International Bureau has prepared an amended layout of the recurring descriptive header of the inventory which takes into account the proposal made by the German Patent Office. The amended header is reproduced in Annex II to this document.

5. The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation is invited to consider the above-mentioned proposal and to decide whether the amended layout of the inventory should be adopted.

[Annexes follow]

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Since the ST.16 codes could be very helpful in order to verify exactly the kinds of documents given in the inventory, I would like to suggest to present those codes in an additional column which could be inserted preferably between the country names and the designations of the kinds of documents in plain language.

Sincerely yours
by order

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Re.: Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation
Part 4: Inventory of Patent Documents 1920 to 1991
(pages 4.1.2. -)

Dear Mr. Lopez Solanas,

As discussed with you in Geneva in April I would like to repeat my oral proposal concerning the representation of the data given to the numerous kinds of documents in the inventory of the PCT Minimum Literature.

The last column of the inventory can cause misunderstandings, if the reader does not look on the very first page of that chapter for the meaning of the letters presented in that column. It could easily be supposed that in that column ST.16 codes are given.

[Annex II follows]

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