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REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

1. The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") held its seventeenth session in Geneva from December 13 to 17, 1993.
2. The following members of the Committee were represented: Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America and the European Patent Office (24). The Patent Documentation Group and the publishers of the journal "World Patent Information" were represented by observers. The list of participants appears as Annex I to this report.
3. The session was opened and presided over by the Chairman of the Executive Coordination Committee of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information, Mr. Siep de Vries (Netherlands). Mr. François Curchod, Deputy Director General, WIPO, welcomed the participants. Mr. Klaus-Peter Wittig, WIPO, acted as Secretary of the session.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The Committee unanimously adopted the agenda which is attached as Annex II to this report.

CONCLUSIONS

5. As decided by the Governing Bodies of WIPO at their tenth series of meetings (see document AB/X/32, paragraphs 51 and 52), held from September 24 to October 2, 1979, the report of this session reflects only the conclusions (decisions, recommendations, opinions, etc.) of the Committee and does not, in particular, reflect the statements made by any participants, except where any reservation in respect of any specific conclusion of the Committee was made or repeated after the conclusion was arrived at.

POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS IN THE PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION LIST

6. The Committee based its discussions on document PCT/CTC/XVII/2 containing a request addressed to it by the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (MIA) at its third session, held in Geneva from June 21 to 25, 1993, related to the question of the possible inclusion of standard abbreviations for periodicals contained in the PCT Minimum Documentation list. The Committee agreed to have the matter dealt with within the framework of the WIPO Permanent Committee on Industrial Property Information (PCIPI).

7. The Committee also agreed that no further action was required from it and noted that the International Bureau would propose to the PCIPI that the work be done within the PCIPI working program for the 1994-95 biennium within the scope of Task No. G-10, which was related to the Revision of WIPO Standard ST.14.

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

8. Discussions were based on document PCT/CTC/XVII/3 concerning the representation of data given in the inventory of patent documents forming the PCT Minimum Documentation according to PCT Rule 34.1. According to that document, the proposal, which was initiated by the German Patent Office, aims at indicating, in an additional column to be created in the said inventory, the kind-of-document code provided under WIPO Standard ST.16 for patent documents.

9. When discussing the proposal, the Committee also considered the possibility of establishing an alternative series of letters for the last column of the said inventory which would indicate the type of each series of patent documents issued. However, in accordance with the majority view of the members of the Committee, the Committee adopted the proposed layout of the inventory as contained in Annex III to this report.

10. The Committee noted that the International Bureau would send out, early next year, a circular letter inviting offices which had issued patent documents listed in the inventory to give the letter code from WIPO Standard ST.16 that corresponded to those patent documents which were part of the PCT Minimum Documentation and had been published by them.

11. The Committee also noted that the International Bureau, on the next appropriate occasion, would publish the updated inventory with the new layout adopted by the Committee. This would include the ST.16 codes referred to in paragraph 10, above.

12. This report was unanimously adopted by the Committee at its closing meeting on December 17, 1993.

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