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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE BRAZILIAN PROJECT

Introduction

1. The PCT Interim Committee for Technical Assistance (hereinafter referred to as “the Interim Committee”), at its second session held in Geneva from October 5 to 9, 1972, decided that the International Bureau of WIPO should continue the technical assistance program as defined in paragraphs 33 and 34 of the report of its first session (see document PCT/TAS/I/6). The Interim Committee further decided that the Project on the Modernization of the Brazilian Patent System should receive high priority.

Developments in the Brazilian Project

2. The contract between the Government of Brazil and UNDP concerning the Modernization of the Brazilian Patent System was signed on January 19, 1973. The UNDP contribution according to the Project budget represents in round figures nearly 2.5 million U.S. dollars and the contribution of the Brazilian Government an amount of about 25 million U.S. dollars in local currency.

3. In early May 1973, WIPO sent to Brazil a mission of technical assistance project officers which visited the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) both in its Rio offices and in its new headquarters being built in Brasilia. At that time INPI already had a newly-appointed Project Co-Manager, who participated actively in providing the desired information and in preparing the facilities for start-up of Project activities.

4. On the basis of the contract between the Government of Brazil and UNDP and the results of the said mission, WIPO, in June 1973, concluded a contract with UNDP entrusting it with the responsibility for the carrying out of the Project. With the conclusion of this contract, the last important condition for the initiation of the Project was met.

5. In July 1973, WIPO sent a circular to 23 examining patent offices, and to the International Patent Institute (IIB), in The Hague, advertising the following positions for experts participating in the execution of the Project in Brazil on a short term basis: systems analysts, IPC-classification expert (chemical field) and search-file organization expert. In August, WTPO advertised the position of IPC-classification expert (mechanical field). Additional expert positions will be announced in the future.

6. Late in July 1973, WIPO sent a second mission to Brazil to establish the final details for the start of the Project activities in the field. These objectives were fully met. In view of the progress achieved to date and since it is expected that the process of selection and appointment of the experts participating initially in the project will be completed shortly, the project is scheduled to start definitely in the second half of October 1973.

7. The Interim Committee is requested to take note of this report and to provide its advice, if any, on the continuation of the project.

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