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## **PATENT COOPERATION TREATY**

### **INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS OTHER THAN  
BRAZILIAN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PERIOD  
FROM SEPTEMBER 1972 TO JULY 1973

*Report by the International Bureau*

1. This document relates to developments of interest to the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Assistance, hereinafter referred to as "the Interim Committee", with respect to technical assistance projects other than the Brazilian Project which have occurred since the writing of the reports presented to the Interim Committee at its Second Session (documents PCT/TAS/II/2 and 3). For the Brazilian Project, reference is made to document PCT/TAS/III/4.
2. In this context, the attention of the Interim Committee is drawn to the following projects which either are already to be considered PCT Technical Assistance Projects or are likely to be presented as such, once preparations have further developed.
3. IDCAS. Examination of the possibilities of creating a regional patent documentation service under the aegis of the Industrial Development Center for Arab States (IDCAS) continued. Preliminary measures were recommended by the participants in the joint WIPO-IDCAS Seminar held in Cairo in February 1972. These included the carrying out of a survey in order to establish what collections of patent documents exist in which government authorities in Arab States. Eight countries have so far provided information for this survey. It is envisaged to complete the information obtained under the survey during a mission to several Arab States to be carried out by representatives of WIPO and IDCAS in January 1974. Consultations between IDCAS and the International Bureau concerning a model law on inventions for Arab States also continued.
4. OAMPI. In October 1972, the Director General of the African and Malagasy Property Office (OAMPI) submitted a request for assistance in revising the Libreville Agreement of September 13, 1962 (which establishes that Office) with a view to harmonizing the provisions of the Agreement with those of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), modernizing the Agreement in so far as trademarks and industrial designs are concerned, and extending the

jurisdiction of the Office to questions of literary and artistic property. Work in response to this request is being undertaken by the staff of the International Bureau and is proceeding in accordance with a timetable established in agreement with OAMPI. Discussions are also continuing to determine the ways and means of providing other assistance requested by OAMPI, including the sending of a preparatory mission, to be financed by the United Nations Development Programme, which would explore the possibilities of assisting OAMPI in establishing a regional patent documentation center. First contacts with the United Nations Development Programme have already been made in this matter.

5. Cuba. In May 1972, the Government of Cuba requested the assistance of the International Bureau in building up a collection of patent documents and selected scientific books and journals for certain branches of industry reflecting the current state of technology essential in examining patent applications. The collection should also facilitate the transfer of technology in those particular branches of industry. Discussions concerning the possibilities of satisfying this request took place by correspondence and during the course of a visit to the International Bureau in April 1973 by officials of the Cuban Industrial Property Office and were continued during a visit of a staff member of WIPO to Havana in late August 1973.

6. Egypt. In December 1972, the Government of Egypt requested from the International Bureau the assistance of an expert to provide guidance on the application of the International Patent Classification to Egyptian patents and on classifying according to that Classification the collection of patent documents in its possession. The International Bureau is considering the possibilities at its disposal to give effect to this request.

*7. The Interim Committee is invited to take cognizance of this report and to give its advice, if any, concerning the projects referred to above.*

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