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REPORT

INTRODUCTION

1. The PCT Interim Committee for Technical Assistance (hereinafter referred to as "the Interim Committee") held its seventh session in Geneva from March 13 to 17, 1978.
2. The members of the Interim Committee are those States--44 in number--which have ratified, acceded to or signed the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), and, pursuant to a decision of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union, any other country which pledges a special contribution to the PCT budget. There are three States, Australia, Cuba and Spain, which have qualified under the latter criterion. The following 24 States were represented: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Hungary, Israel, Ivory Coast, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Senegal, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States of America. The following 20 States were not represented: Australia, Belgium, Cameroon, Central African Empire, Chad, Congo, Cuba, Gabon, Holy See, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Monaco, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo and Yugoslavia.
3. Two intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), European Patent Organisation (EPO).
4. Three non-governmental organizations were represented by observers: International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), International Patent Documentation Center (INPADOC), International Organization for Standardization (ISO).
5. The number of participants was 74. The list of participants is annexed to this report.
6. This session of the Interim Committee was a joint one with that of the fifth session of the Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property, and was presided over by the Chairman of the latter, Mr. Y.M. Alkhanati (Iraq).

AGENDA

7. The Interim Committee adopted its agenda as contained in document PCT/TAS/VII/1.Rev.

DISCUSSION

8. The Interim Committee noted with approval the suggestions contained in paragraph 3 of document PCT/TAS/VII/2 concerning the future tasks of the PCT Committee for Technical Assistance.

9. The Interim Committee also noted the progress reports on patent collections and technical periodicals available to developing countries, contained in documents PCT/TAS/VII/3, 3.Add, 4 and 5 prepared by the International Bureau. In this context, the Delegations of the following countries commended the International Bureau for the work done: Algeria, Brazil, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Surinam, Uganda.

10. The Delegations of Algeria and Brazil stated that their Patent Offices were already receiving many technical periodicals through WIPO's assistance, for which assistance they expressed their appreciation. The Delegation of Algeria also thanked the Patent Offices of the Netherlands and Norway for their recent gift of patent document collections.

11. The Delegation of Brazil asked whether the technical periodicals now listed in document PCT/TAS/VII/5 should be requested directly from the publishers, or through WIPO. The Director General said that could be effected either way.

12. The Delegations of Brazil and Egypt stressed the relevance of the enlarged list of non-patent literature (document PCT/TAS/VII/5) as it represented a step forward on the long way which developing countries had before them in obtaining access to technical information, access they could rarely obtain with their own resources.

13. The Delegation of Uganda, supported by the Delegations of Surinam and the Ivory Coast, requested that all available technical periodicals be automatically sent to developing countries, irrespective of whether they had asked for it or not. The Director General clarified that the mailing could not be automatic since that would be too expensive, as some of the periodicals were of no practical use to all developing countries considering the nature of the periodicals and the languages they were printed in. However, the International Bureau would be ready to effect an appropriate selection and have samples of periodicals sent to those countries.

14. The Delegation of Brazil proposed in this context that it could, perhaps, be of use to send photocopies of the contents pages.

15. The Director General stated that the International Bureau would carefully study all proposals in order to find a solution that would facilitate and render more practical to those countries concerned the decision under the present circumstances.

16. *This report was unanimously adopted by the Interim Committee at its closing meeting on March 17, 1978.*

[Annex follows]

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