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PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION (NON-PATENT LITERATURE):
FREQUENCY OF CITATION OF NON-PATENT LITERATURE

Further information from the International Patent Institute

1. Since the distribution of the progress report (document PCT/TCO/IV/3) on the frequency of citation of non-patent literature, dated August 23, 1974, WIPO has received further information from the International Patent Institute (IIB) in a letter dated October 29, 1974, reproduced as Annex A to this report.
2. The information communicated by the IIB confirms the conclusion that non-patent literature (NPL) is cited very rarely in searches carried out in the mechanical field, and that the electrical and physics fields show the highest percentage of NPL citations (in some subfields up to 35%). The number of NPL citations in the chemical field is approximately half as high as that in the electrical and physics fields.
3. The Interim Committee is invited to take the additional information submitted with this report into consideration when advising the International Bureau, as requested in paragraph 16 of document PCT/TCO/IV/3.

[Annex A follows]



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RIJSWIJK (Z.H.), le October 29, 1974.

Re: - PCT Minimum Documentation (Non-Patent Literature) - Frequency of citation of Non-Patent Literature (PCT/TCO/IV/3)

Dear Director General,

A further study has been made on the frequency of citations of non-patent literature (NPL) in the IIB search reports. This study is based on a total number of 2597 search reports prepared in October 1974. The distribution over the three main technical fields is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Chemical Field (C), Electrical Field and Physics (E), Mechanical Field (M). Values: 982, 746, 869.

The following results have been obtained:

Table with 4 columns: overall, C, E, M. Rows: Number of cited documents / search report, % of NPL of total number of documents cited.

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For a good understanding of these results, attention is drawn to the following:

- a) From the total number of 2597 search reports, 80% relate to official searches on French patent applications and 13% to official searches on Netherlands patent applications.
b) The citations considered include: 1. documents cited with regard to the novelty or the inventive step of the subject matter of the applications; 2. documents cited for the purpose of illustrating the general state of the art.
c) The figures confirm that at the IIB, NPL is most frequently cited in the main field of electricity and physics. The highest percentages noted for some subfields of this main field (as e.g. information storage) attain about 35%.

Yours sincerely,

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