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OBSERVATIONS ON THE GUIDELINES FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS AS CONTAINED  
IN DOCUMENT PCT/TCO/V/10

presented by Working Party II of the Interim Committee of the  
European Patent Organization

1. The PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Interim Committee") will find annexed hereto the aforementioned observations.

2. The Interim Committee is invited to consider and give its comments on these observations in conjunction with the discussions on the revised Guidelines for the preparation of abstracts (document PCT/TCO/V/10).

[Annex follows]

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Dear Dr. Pfanner,

With reference to our previous correspondence on the subject of "Guidelines for the preparation of abstracts", I am pleased to inform you of the comments made by Working Party II of the Interim Committee of the European Patent Organisation, at its meeting held from 29 September to 2 October 1975, in respect of the "General Guidelines for the preparation of abstracts of patent documents" and the "Guidelines for the preparation of categorized patent abstracts" as set out in Annexes III and IV respectively to document IC/TCC/XIV/18. These comments are as follows:

1. (a) With regard to the General Guidelines, Working Party II congratulated the bodies of ICIREPAT concerned on their excellent work.
- (b) Additions should be made to paragraph 7 (presentation) to the effect that abbreviations should be avoided and that the indicative mood should preferably be used. This recommendation was based on examination of the various types of abstracts admitted by patent offices.

(c) In the French text, the word "divulgarion" should be used instead of "description" wherever the term "disclosure" is used in the English text (paragraphs 6, 7 and 8).

2. With regard to the Guidelines for categorized abstracts, Working Party II agreed that it could approve the content of these Guidelines as they stand at present. However, the Working Party was reluctant to advocate the general use of categorized abstracts at this stage, although it was not opposed to making provision for their introduction at some future date. It decided to await the results of the PCT Interim Committee meeting to be held at the end of October 1975 before undertaking a detailed examination of this matter.

I hope that these comments will be of use to the Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation at its forthcoming session.

Yours sincerely,



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