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1. This document presents, in its Annex, a summary of information received from a number of Patent Offices concerning the sale of their published patent documents (first publication) and Official Gazettes. This information may be useful in the discussions on document PCT/WG/BUD/I/2 entitled "Budgetary requirements of the International Bureau" which presents various estimates of expenditure and income of the International Bureau operating under the PCT. The said income would derive from three sources only: international fees, sales of pamphlets and sales of Gazettes.

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