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IMPACT PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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### Background

1. In March 1998, the Assemblies of Member States of WIPO approved the PCT automation Project under the heading of "Automation of the PCT System" (see document A/32/5), now called IMPACT (Information Management for the Patent Cooperation Treaty). The present document contains a progress report on the development of the IMPACT Project.

### Overall Project Status

2. The Project is experiencing some delays due to various factors that will be detailed in the following paragraphs.

### Summary of Progress

3. The module called Systematic COR (Communications On Request) has been delivered and is in full production. Indeed the distribution of documents is now being done through Systematic COR. The Module for Data Receipt (DR) within the communication side (COR)

has been completed and the corresponding DR Module for the International Bureau (IB) side is currently under development and its progress is on schedule. Regarding the remaining three modules: Specific COR and IB are running slightly behind schedule, and the RO/IB module is currently on hold.

#### Project Milestones/Deliverables Planned and Achieved (for the past three months)

4. Systematic COR: delivery of some technical improvements to the Scanning/Index server has been achieved. Specific COR: Specific COR release 2.1 has been installed on the COR production server. Access has been provided internally within PCT for parallel run, user acceptance testing. Loading of all historical documents is nearly complete. for
5. Data Receipt (COR): all the modules are running providing support to production. Data Receipt (IB): release 1.4 was delivered. Development of Receive Fax module and implementation of change requests has started. Data Receipt System: integration with IB has been achieved.
6. IB: the status of the development was thoroughly assessed and a conclusion was reached that the software needs further deep testing before it can be released for user acceptance. A significant amount of development work needs to be done in order to ensure that the required functionality is delivered.
7. RO/IB: functional requirements analysis completed.

#### Project Milestones/Deliverables for the Next Period (three months)

8. Release 2.2 of specific COR is being prepared with some important security features, needed to make the system available to the external community.
9. Development work by IB to deliver the functionality required for the first processing team – IB Release 4. There will be three iterations of Release 4, starting with 4.0.1 on December 20, 2002. Thorough tests will be conducted by the IB test team over a period of 25 elapsed days, with the user community being fully involved. The final iteration of release 4.4.2 is planned for delivery to the testing team in mid-March. Final acceptance is expected in mid or late April.

#### Key Issues

10. Regarding the IB module, development has been re-scheduled. Some issues may arise due to resource availability, and delays in providing requirements may retard the full deployment of IMPACT. This may necessitate retention of the old legacy systems for a further period.

*11. The ITPWG is invited to comment upon and note the contents of this document.*

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