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1. On January 28, 2000, the International Bureau sent out WIPO Circular No. IPC 32, requesting information on when offices intended to start printing the symbols of the seventh edition of the IPC on the patent documents they issue.
2. Replies to the Circular have been received from Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America and the European Patent Office (35). A summary of the replies received appears in the Annex to this document.
3. *The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the summary appearing in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

## ANNEX

SUMMARY OF REPLIES RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO  
WIPO CIRCULAR No. IPC 32*prepared by the International Bureau*

## INTRODUCTION

1. Thirty-five replies were received in response to WIPO Circular No. IPC 32, dated January 28, 2000, relating to the implementation by offices of the seventh edition of the IPC. Three offices (Argentina, Guatemala and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) were not able to indicate when they intended to start printing the symbols of the seventh edition of the IPC on the patent documents they issue. The other replies are summarized in the table appearing in paragraph 2, below.

## SUMMARY OF REPLIES

2. The following replies were given:

| Country or Organization | Int.Cl. <sup>7</sup> symbols printed on all documents published after |
|-------------------------|---|
| Armenia                 | 01.01.2000  |
| Austria                 | 25.01.2000  |
| Bulgaria                | 01.01.2001  |
| Canada                  | 25.01.2000 (PCT applications)<br>05.09.2000 (CA applications)         |
| China                   | 01.01.2000  |
| Croatia                 | 01.01.2000  |
| Denmark                 | 21.02.2000  |
| Estonia                 | 01.01.2000  |
| Finland                 | 01.01.2000  |
| France                  | 01.01.2000  |
| Germany                 | 01.01.2000  |
| Hungary                 | 01.01.2000  |
| Japan                   | 01.01.2000  |
| Kyrgyzstan              | 01.01.2000  |
| Lithuania               | 25.04.2000  |

| Country or Organization      | Int.Cl. <sup>7</sup> symbols printed on all documents published after   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Monaco                       | 01.01.2000  |
| Netherlands                  | 01.01.2000  |
| Norway                       | 31.01.2000  |
| Portugal                     | 01.04.2000  |
| Republic of Korea            | 01.01.2000  |
| Republic of Moldova          | 01.01.2000  |
| Romania                      | 01.01.2000 (B1 granted patents)<br>01.05.2000 (C1 issued patents)<br>01.05.2000 (patent applications)           |
| Russian Federation           | 01.01.2000  |
| Slovakia                     | 01.01.2000 (patent applications)<br>01.04.2000 (granted patents and utility models registered since 01.01.2000) |
| Slovenia                     | 29.02.2000  |
| Spain                        | 01.01.2000 (PCT search reports)<br>16.04.2000 (ES documents)  |
| Switzerland                  | 01.01.2000  |
| Trinidad and Tobago          | 01.01.2000  |
| Turkey                       | 01.01.2000  |
| United Kingdom               | 01.01.2000  |
| United States of America     | 01.01.2000  |
| European Patent Office (EPO) | 01.01.2000  |

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