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JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1972

Report by the International Bureau

1. This document is a supplement to document PCT/TAS/II/2, dealing with developments during the period March 1971 to June 1972, and deals in turn with developments during the months of July, August and September (up to September 25) of 1972.

I. Brazilian Project

2. In August 1972, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) communicated to WIPO draft documents--a paper describing in detail the draft program and budget of the project and a draft contract between UNDP and WIPO concerning the Brazilian project, the broad lines of which are described in paragraphs 2 to 11 of document PCT/TAS/II/2.

3. At the end of the same month, discussions were held at the Headquarters of WIPO between the International Bureau and a representative of UNDP as well as representatives of the Government of Brazil concerning the contract or contracts to be concluded by that Government, UNDP and WIPO for the purpose of regulating funding and the terms and conditions for executing the project.

4. Early in September, new drafts of the documents referred to in paragraph 2 were prepared on the basis of the said discussions by the International Bureau and submitted by it to the Brazilian Government and to UNDP.

5. Once their reactions are obtained, discussions will continue. It is now expected that the actual execution of the project will start in the spring of 1973.

II. Technical Assistance for Venezuela

6. The Government of Venezuela has asked for assistance in the reorganization of the administrative procedures of its Industrial Property Office and for advice in connection with the planned reform of its Industrial Property Law.

7. In August 1972, a representative of the International Bureau, accompanied by an expert of the German Patent Office (Mr. Zänglein), spent three days in Caracas discussing with the Venezuelan Minister for Development and the Director of the Venezuelan Patent Office the best ways of giving the required assistance and advice.

8. It was agreed that, later in the year, an expert in the administrative procedures of patent offices, Mr. Zänglein of the German Patent Office, would spend one to two months in the Venezuelan Industrial Property Office to assist in reorganizing the latter's administrative procedures and would return there some months later to evaluate the results obtained. Most of the expenses of this expert mission would be reimbursed to WIPO by the Government of Venezuela.

9. As to the advice on the reform of the industrial property legislation of Venezuela, the first step was accomplished in September 1972. It consisted in the furnishing by the International Bureau of a written opinion on each provision of the draft of the proposed new industrial property law prepared by the Industrial Property Office of Venezuela.

III. Technical Assistance for Zaire

10. In response to a request from the Government of Zaire for assistance in the reorganization of its industrial property service, a representative of the International Bureau had preliminary discussions in August 1972 with the competent Government authorities in Kinshasa with a view to determining the nature and scope of the assistance which could be rendered by WIPO, in particular as concerns the revision of Zaire's industrial property legislation, the training of national staff and the furnishing of reference works in the patent field.

IV INPADOC

11. The progress accomplished in connection with the setting up of the International Patent Documentation Center (INPADOC) is reported upon in document PCT/TCO/II/3. The members of the Interim Committee are requested to refer to that document.

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