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BRAZILIAN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PERIOD
FROM OCTOBER 1973 to SEPTEMBER 1974

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1. This document relates to developments of interest to the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Assistance, hereinafter referred to as "the Interim Committee", with respect to technical assistance projects other than the Brazilian Project which have occurred since the preparation of the report presented to the Interim Committee at its Third Session (see document PCT/TAS/II/5). For the Brazilian Project, reference is made to document PCT/TAS/IV/2.
2. In this context, the attention of the Interim Committee is drawn to the following projects which either are already to be considered PCT Technical Assistance Projects or are likely to be presented as such, once preparations have further developed.
3. IDCAS. Examination of the possibilities of creating a regional patent documentation service under the aegis of the Industrial Development Centre for Arab States (IDCAS) continued. To complete the information obtained in a survey to establish what collections of patent documents exist in which government authorities in Arab States, a mission to Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia was carried out by officials of the International Bureau and IDCAS in January 1974.
4. OAMPI. The Director General of the African and Malagasy Industrial Property Office (OAMPI) has submitted a request for assistance in revising the Libreville Agreement of September 13, 1962, which established that Office, with a view to harmonizing the provisions of the Agreement with those of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), modernizing the Agreement in so far as trademarks and industrial designs are concerned, and extending the jurisdiction of the Office to questions of literary and artistic property. At its session in January 1974, the Administrative Council of OAMPI approved proposals submitted by the Director General of OAMPI for the preparation, with the assistance of the International Bureau, of studies on such harmonization, modernization and extension.

5. Discussions also continued to determine the ways and means of providing other assistance requested by OAMPI, including the sending of a preparatory mission, to be financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which would explore the possibilities of assisting OAMPI in establishing a regional patent documentation center. At its meeting in January 1974, the Administrative Council of OAMPI approved the plan for such a mission which was drawn up by the Director General of OAMPI with the assistance of the International Bureau. In accordance with the procedures of the UNDP, three countries of the region had to endorse the request for such a preparatory mission. By the end of May 1974, three countries--Cameroon, Gabon and the Ivory Coast--had done so and the request was submitted to UNDP where it is being considered at present.

6. Cuba. The Government of Cuba has requested the assistance of the International Bureau in building up a collection of patent documents and selected scientific books and journals reflecting the current state of technology essential for the examination of patent applications. The collection should also facilitate the transfer of technology. Discussions concerning the possibilities of satisfying this request took place by correspondence and during the course of visits to the International Bureau in November 1973 and in March 1974 by officials of the Cuban Industrial Property Office.

7. Egypt. At the invitation of the Government of Egypt, an official of the International Bureau visited the Egyptian Patent Office in December 1973 and had preliminary discussions with the Egyptian authorities in connection with their plans to revise the Egyptian patent legislation so as to implement an examination system and adapt that legislation to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), and to modernize the Egyptian Patent Office both from a national and from an international perspective, including a possible project to be financed by UNDP for establishing a patent documentation center. Contacts with the Egyptian authorities continue in this matter.

8. *The Interim Committee is invited to take cognizance of this report and to give its advice, if any, concerning the projects referred to above.*

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