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APPLICATION BY TWO INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Introduction

1. The present document invites the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Interim Committee") to express its views on the applications submitted to the Director General by two international non-governmental organizations for admission as observers to its sessions.

2. The two organizations are the following:

International Federation for Documentation (FID)

Patent Documentation Group (PDG)

3. The two organizations have submitted, in support of their applications, particulars which are summarized below for information.

International Federation for Documentation (FID)

4. The aim of the FID is to promote, through international cooperation, research in and development of documentation, which includes, inter alia, the organization, storage, retrieval, dissemination and evaluation of information, however recorded, in the fields of science, technology, social sciences, arts and humanities.

5. The FID, whose headquarters are in The Hague, consists of:

- (i) national bodies (not more than one per country),
- (ii) international bodies,
- (iii) associate bodies and
- (iv) institutional and individual affiliates.

In 1972 there were 55 national members, i.e., 23 in Europe, 12 in the Americas, 14 in Asia and Oceania, 6 in Africa, 3 international members, one associate member and 309 individual and institutional affiliates in 60 countries. The administrative organs of the FID include a General Assembly, a Council, an Executive Committee and Regional Committees for Latin America and for Asia and Oceania. The FID has a General Secretariat consisting of 10 persons. The FID is financed by dues and contributions of members and by subventions from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Government of the Netherlands. The FID has consultative relations with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC), UNESCO, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Council of Europe.

Patent Documentation Group (PDG)

6. The purpose of the PDG is defined as follows in its Statutes:

"The purpose of PDG is to provide for cooperation in chemical and related technical patent documentation by exchange of knowledge and experience. Within the framework of this purpose, PDG will provide Special Services in which members may participate under rules to be agreed upon by the members participating in such services. The rules under which members may participate in the ABSTRACTS EXCHANGE SERVICE are set out in Part II of these Statutes.

It is intended to expand the activity of PDG to cover

- analysis of patents and patent applications for coding and indexing,
- coding for computers and other searching devices,
- information services subdivided according to fields of interest,
- development of searching techniques,
- setting up of regional searching centres,
- cooperation with other organizations, especially in the areas described above."

7. The PDG, whose headquarters are in Basle, is a non-profit-making organization, with no commercial activity. Its members are major European chemical companies, having their headquarters in the following countries: Belgium (1), France (1), Germany (Federal Republic of) (6), Italy (1), the Netherlands (5), Switzerland (2) and the United Kingdom (1), making a total of 17. (See also Annex.)

Proposed action

8. The Director General intends, subject to the views of the Interim Committee, to invite, as in the case of the international non-governmental organizations mentioned in paragraph 9, the FID and the PDG in an observer capacity to the sessions of the Interim Committee.

9. It is to be noted that at present the following international non-governmental organizations are regularly invited, in an observer capacity, to attend sessions of the PCT bodies and receive the preparatory documents for the sessions:

AIPPI	International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property
APAA	Asian Patent Attorneys Association
ASIPI	Inter-American Association of Industrial Property
CEIF	Council of European Industrial Federations
CNIPA	Committee of National Institutes of Patent Agents
EIRMA	European Industrial Research Management Association

FEMIFI Fédération Européenne des Mandataires de l'Industrie en
Propriété Industrielle

FICPI International Federation of Patent Agents

ICC International Chamber of Commerce

IFIA International Federation of Inventors Association

PIPA Pacific Industrial Property Association

UNICE Union of Industries of the European Community

UNION/
UNEPA Union of European Patent Agents

10. The Interim Committee is invited to
express its views on the matter set forth
in paragraph 8 above.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

PATENT DOCUMENTATION GROUPLIST OF MEMBERS, January 1, 1974

AKZO	The Netherlands
BASF	Germany (Federal Republic of)
BAYER	Germany (Federal Republic of)
British Petroleum	United Kingdom
Chemische Werke Hüls	Germany (Federal Republic of)
CIBA-GEIGY	Switzerland
Dynamit-Nobel	Germany (Federal Republic of)
Farbwerke Hoechst	Germany (Federal Republic of)
Henkel & Cie	Germany (Federal Republic of)
Montedison	Italy
Rhône-Poulenc	France
Sandoz	Switzerland
Shell	The Netherlands
Solvay & Cie	Belgium
Staatsmijnen/DSM	The Netherlands
TNO	The Netherlands
Unilever NV / Ltd	The Netherlands/United Kingdom

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