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INFORMATION ABOUT ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL (REGIONAL) PHASE OF
PUBLISHED PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE
EPIDOS PATENT REGISTER SERVICE

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1. The Annex to this document contains a status report prepared by the European Patent Office (EPO), as indicated in the Task No. 23 of the current SCIT Work Program.

2. *The SCIT Plenary is invited to note the information contained in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

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Subject: Status report on PCIPI Project P 25

Dear Mr. Wittig,

According to your request addressed to us, we are sending you enclosed the status report on the project mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,

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Status report on PCIPI Project P25, “Information about the entry into the national phase of PCT international applications”

1. Background

Following a survey conducted by WIPO among national intellectual property authorities, the PCIPI Executive Committee during the 17th session held in Geneva in November 1995 agreed on centrally collecting and making available to the public information on whether published PCT applications had entered or had not entered the national phase of the designated countries.

The PCIPI Executive Committee entrusted the EPO sub-office in Vienna (EPIDOS) with the task to agree on bilateral basis with the national offices on the terms and conditions for delivery of this data and to subsequently incorporate it in the existing EPIDOS/INPADOC database.

In September 1996 the EPO sent information letters to those national offices which, according to the replies during the survey, had expressed their readiness to participate in the project. With this letter the national offices were informed about the required components and the preferable data layout.

2. Present status

As already reported data of entry and non-entry into the national or regional phase were always present for EPO and Germany. Australia legal status data is captured manually from the gazette. This include PCT applications for Australia.

The data delivery and the data input for Austria, Lithuania, Canada, USA and United Kingdom is settled.

The situation relating to a certain number of countries is as follows:

Austria: Data entering the national phase is regularly (monthly) delivered via Internet and entered into INPADOC-PRS without problems. Last delivery date was November 2000.

Lithuania: Data entering/non entering the national phase is regularly (monthly) delivered via file transfer and inserted into INPADOC-PRS without problems. Last delivery date was November 2000.

Canada: Data entering/non-entering the national phase is regularly delivered (monthly) via Internet and inserted into INPADOC-PRS without big problems. Last delivery date was November 2000.

USA: Data entering the national phase is regularly (monthly) delivered via Internet and inserted into INPADOC without problems. Last delivery date was November 2000.

Japan: Data entering/non-entering the national phase is irregularly delivered via cartridge. Last delivery date was March 2000.

United Kingdom: Data entering/non-entering the national phase is delivered regularly (weekly) and inserted into INPADOC without problems. Last delivery date was November 2000.

3. Future activities

The next future actions will be:

- Japan: Improve the frequency for Japanese data.
- Sweden: Test data was sent this year by the Swedish office. This data were analyzed. Programs for transforming this data will be implemented and the EPO will ask for complete data and regular deliveries.
- Australia: Data about non-entry will be included from the Australian gazette
- Korea: Data about entry and non-entry will be included from the bibliographic data.

The EPO would like to invite the countries who have not joined the project so far to deliver data in order to further enhance the INPADOC database with this essential information about the status of PCT applications in the different countries.

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