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## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**

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**WORKING METHODS:  
OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM DOCUMENT SCIT/6/2**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. At its sixth Plenary session held in January 2001, the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) considered a series of proposals for the restructuring of the Standing Committee (see document SCIT/6/2). In concluding its debate on this matter the SCIT decided (see document SCIT/6/7, paragraph 11) that the Secretariat should:

“...prepare... a paper on the outstanding issues, contained in document SCIT/6/2, for the next session of the SCIT.”

#### **OUTSTANDING ISSUES CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT SCIT/6/2**

2. In reviewing the contents of the above -mentioned document the Secretariat believes that the only outstanding issues are those related to the proposed detailed working methods of SCIT working groups and task forces. The related text, taken directly from document SCIT/6/2, is contained in the Annex to this document for reference.

3. However, in reviewing the contents of the Consolidated Working Methods for the SCIT (see Annex to document SCIT/7/14) it is noted that specific reference is already made to the creation and management of working groups and task forces:

“8. ... The SCIT is able to create working groups and/or task forces, as required.

12. The ITPWG will be able to establish task forces to carry out short-term, focused activities....

14. ... The (SDWG) would also be able to create task forces on an as-needed basis that would work electronically with physical meetings being held, as necessary.”

4. Recognizing the dynamic nature of the global information technology environment the SCIT has long understood the need for an efficient and flexible management structure for WIPO's Information Technology and Communication Program. Mindful of this requirement, the Secretariat believes that, when combined with the general principles of monitoring, gathering input from Member States and an ongoing drive for efficiency, the reference to working groups and task forces already contained in the Consolidated Working Methods of the SCIT are sufficient to allow the Standing Committee to function effectively.

5. Therefore, the Secretariat recommends that a more pragmatic approach would be to first gain some experience in the implementation of the Consolidated Working Methods, and that should any procedures require adjustment, that the SCIT review these as and when appropriate.

*6. The SCIT Plenary is invited to comment upon the contents of this document and approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 5, above.*

[Annex follows]