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REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) held its seventh Plenary ("SCIT Plenary") session in Geneva from June 10 to 14,2002.
- 2. ThefollowingMemberStatesofWIPOand/ortheParisUnionwererepresented atthe session:Albania,Algeria,Austria,Azerbaijan,Bahrain,Belarus,Brazil,Bulgaria,Cambodia, Canada,Chad,China,CostaRica,Croatia,CzechRepublic,Denmark,Egypt,Ethiopia, Finland,France, Germany,Guatemala,Honduras,Hungary,India,Indones ia,Ireland,Italy, Japan,Kenya,Latvia,Lithuania,Mexico,Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria,Norway,Philippines, Poland,Portugal,RepublicofKorea,RepublicofMoldova,Romania,RussianFederation, Slovenia,Spain, SriLanka, Sudan,Sweden,Switzerland,Thaila nd,UnitedKingdom,United StatesofAmerica, Venezuela,VietNam, Yugoslavia(56).
- $3. \quad Representatives of the United Nations, the International Labour Office (ILO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), African Intellectual Prope rty Organization (OAPI), the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), the Benelux Trademark Office (BBM), the European Patent Office (EPO), the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), (8) took part in the member capacity. \\$

- 4. Representatives of the following organizations took part in these ssion in an observer capacity: International Confederation of Music Publishers (ICMP), International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (F ICPI), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and Patent Documentation Group (PDG) (4).
- 5. ThelistofparticipantsappearsasAnnex Itothisreport.

AgendaItem1:OpeningoftheSession

- 6. Thesessionwasopened byMr.A.Roach, ChiefInformationOfficer(CIO) and Director,ITProjectsDivision and welcomedthedelegates onbehalfofDirectorGeneral.
- 7. The Secretaria trecalled that this session of the SCIT was originally planned to take place in December 2001, and had been postponed. Therefore, the Secretaria troposed that, for reasons of efficiency and expediency, the Chairman beretained for this meeting. This was a greed by the SCIT Plenary.

AgendaItem2:AdoptionoftheAgenda

- 8. TheDelegationoftheUnitedKingdomsuggestedthat,consideringthatAgenda items 3(b)to 3(g)wouldeffecttheSDWGWorkPlan,itwouldbebettertodiscussthe SDWGWorkPlan (asitem3(a)) afterhav inggonethroughitems3(b)to3(g). Thisproposal wasacceptedbytheSCITPlenary,andthusthisAgendaItemwasdiscussedaftercompleting items3(b)to3(g).
- 9. Theagendawasadoptedwith the alteration mentionedabov@anda ppearsasAnnex IIto thisreport.

<u>AgendaItem3:MattersarisingfromtheStandardsandDocumentationWorkingGroup</u> (SDWG):

- (a) SDWGWorkPlan(DocumentSCIT/7/2)
- $10. \quad Following a proposal by the Delegation of Sweden, the SCITPlenary decided to discuss Annex\ Ito SCIT/7/2 task by task.$
- $11. \label{lem:beforestartingthed} In the second of the tasks, the Secretaria topoposed a procedure to be followed in respect of the new tasks that had been established by the SCITP lenary as a result of the previous discussions concerning Agendaitems 3(d), 3(f), and 3(g). Since the SCITP lenary had established the sene was known the basis of the project brief attached to the request for their creation without concluding a precise textual description, the result was that the first action of the corresponding task forces would be to read a chagreement on the specific wording of their tasks. Afterwards, the Secretaria two uld include the descriptions agreed on by the Task Force in the revised task list to be presented at the next session of the Standard and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) .$

- 12. Inresponsetoaquestionraisedbyanumberofdelegationsduringthediscussionofthis item, concerningtheoutdatedtimeframesofsometasks, the SCITPlenary requested the Secretariattoreview and update the timeframe where verpertinent the revised task list to be considered by the SDW Gatitsnext session.
- 13. The Delegation of Sweden requested further information on the action staken with regard to Task No.7. In response, the Secretariatin formed that the Standard and Documentation Working Group, when considering this task, agreed to the elaboration of a project brief in order to initiate an ewtask to establish the inventory that had been discussed under item 3(g).
- 14. TheDelegationoftheUnitedStatesof Americareferredtothefactthatthedescription ofTaskNo.7focusedonmonitoring,withnoreferencetoreporting.Consequently,theSCIT Plenary,followingaproposalbythisDelegationagreedtoinsertthewords"andreporton" aftertheword"Monit or"inthedescriptionoftheTask,aswellastoaddthefollowingtextat theendofsub -itemIII -1ofpage3ofAnnexItodocumentSCIT/7/2:"Theinventories providedintask##(thenewtaskcreatedunderitem3(g)),theAnnualTechnicalReportsof each IntellectualPropertyOffice(IPO)andotheravailablesourcesofinformationshouldbe monitoredbytheInternationalBureau(andanytaskforcecreatedtosupportthistask). Trendsthatareobservedandpotentialneedsthatareidentifiedforchang ingorcreatingof WIPOstandardsshouldbereportedtotheStandardandDocumentationWorkingGroup,as necessary,butatleastannually."
- 15. TheDelegationofAustriaaskedifthe IntellectualPropertyDigitalLibrary(IPDL) ElectronicTaskFo rcereferredtoinitem IIIoftheinformationprovidedforTaskNo. 11was alreadyestablished.TheDelegationoftheRussianFederationaskedabouthowtoestablish theprioritiesamongstthevarioustasks,suchasTaskNo. 10andNo. 11.TheDelegatio nof theEuropeanPatentOffice(EPO)referredtotheimportanceofthecontentsoftheIPDLfor theSCITPlenary.
- 16. Inresponsetothe above,theSecretariatinformedthattheIPDLElectronicTaskForce wascreatedbytheSCIT Plenaryatitsfifthsession,andthatitisplannedtosetupthe correspondingelectronicforuminthecomingweeks,andinviteIPO'stonominatetheir representatives.Initsinitialphase,whichshouldbecompletedbeforethenextsessionofthe SDWG,discussionsshouldfocusonIPDLstandardsdevelopment.Asecondphaseofthe discussionscouldstartinthefirsthalfoftheyear2003,andatthatmomentthetaskforce shouldprepareaninitialoutlineofthecontentsoftheIPDLtobesubmittedtot heSCIT Plenary.
- 17. The Delegation of Swedenaske difthere was anything left from Task No. 13 orifit could be considered completed. The Secretaria tresponded that it considered that the E PCT Standard fore filing as being mature enoughtos tart moving it across to be come a WIPO Standard. The Secretariatthere for ewould suggest that this task remains, and that the Secretariattake the necessary steps to move it to wards a WIPO Standard.
- 18. WithregardtoTaskNo. 22,theSecretaria tinformedthatthisTaskwasconsidered completedbytheSDWGatitsfirstsessionaftertheapprovalofthenewWIPO Standard ST.1.

- (b) RevisionofWIPOStandardST.6(DocumentSCIT/7/3)
- 19. FollowingtheintroductionofdocumentSCIT/7/3by theSecretariat,theDelegationof theUnitedStatesofAmerica,asleaderoftheTaskForce(ST.6TaskForce),gaveanoral progressreportontheworkcarriedout.ThePlenarywasinformedofgoodprogressinthe discussions,withhelpfulinputfromall itsmembers.However,theTaskForcehasnotyet reachedaconsensus.TheTaskForceleaderexpressedtheviewthattheTaskForcewould makefurtherprogressduringtheirmeetingsthisweek.
 - 20. The SCITPlenary agreed to establish TaskNo. 29 which includes the following:
 - 1. ReviseWIPOStandardST.6, consideringinparticular:
 - (a) the total maximum number of digits that should be allowed for the publication number of patent documents;
 - (b) theimplicationsofhaving acode for each kind of industrial property right mentioned in this Standard included in the format of the publication numbers; and
 - (c) betterguidancefordefining publicationnumbersinviewofelectronicdata processingandusebythepublic.
 - 2. Toreview theimpactoftherevision of WIPOStandardST.6onotherWIPO Standards, as well as an appropriate delay for the implementation of the revisions agreed upon.
- 21. TheDelegationoftheEuropeanPatentO ffice(EPO)suggestedthattheSCITPlenary givetargetdatesforreachinganagreementwithintheTaskForce,consideringtheimportance oftherevisedversionofthisStandardfordifferentsystemswhicharepresentlyunder revisionindifferentoffices. Inresponse,andgiventhefactthattheTaskForcewasmeeting thisweek,theChairmanasked theTaskForce toconsiderareasonabletargetdateandto reportbacktotheSCITPlenary.Consequently,theTaskForceleaderreportedthattheTaskForce expectedtocompleteitsworkbySeptember15,2002,andthathopefully,therevision ofWIPOStandardST.6couldverywellbeapprovedbytheSCITStandardsand DocumentationWorkingGroupatitsnextsession.
 - (c) Establishmentofelectronicdataprocess ingstandards(DocumentSCIT/7/4)
- 22. TheSecretariatintroducedthedocumentSCIT/7/4. AftertheChairmaninvited comments, the Delegation of the Republic of Korea proposed that trademark -related standards beincluded for review by the task for ceproposed in paragraph 4(c) of document SCIT/7/4. The Secretariatindicated that if a new task was created concerning trademark standards, its activities could be assigned to this task force.

- 23. Having thenreviewedSCIT/7/4 ,the SCITPlenary approvedtherecommendation includedinparagraph5ofdocument SCIT/7/4.
- 24. Thistaskforcewillbecalledthe "Electronicdataprocessingandexchangestandards" TaskForce.TheSCITPlenarywelcomedtheofferoftheI nternationalBureautobeleaderof theTaskForce.FuturetasksfallingunderthiscategoryshallbeassignedtothisTaskForce.
 - (d) RevisionofWIPOStandardST.10/C(DocumentSCIT/7/5)
- 25. TheSecretariatintroducedthedocumentSCIT/7/5. TheDelegationoftheEuropean PatentOffice(EPO)stressedtheimportancethattheyattachedtothisprojectandmentioned thattheywereextremelysatisfiedwiththeproposaloftheJapanPatentOffice(JPO)and supporteditwholeheartedly¸whilstexpre ssing theirhopethattheTaskForcewouldagreeon thefinalversionasquicklyaspossible.TheDelegationofAustriaalsosupportedthesaid proposalandfurtherproposedthatarecommendedformatforindicatingpriorityapplication numbersmightbein cludedintheStandard.
- $26. \quad The Delegation of the United States of America recalled that the table that is provided in Standard ST.10/C gives the format for each country and that there is no single ST.10/C format for priority application numbers.$
 - 27. The SCITPlenary agreed:
 - (a) tocreateataskfortherevisionof StandardST.10/C:and
 - (b) tocreateaTaskForcetohandlesuch revision.

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- $28. \quad The SCITP lenary welcomed the offer made by the Delegation of Japan to be leader on the Task Force. \\$
 - (e) IPDLStandardsDevelopment(DocumentSCIT/7/6)
- 29. FollowingtheintroductionofdocumentSCIT/7/6,the Secretariatmadeabrief presentationconcerningtheresultsofthefirstandsecondIPDLStandards Workshops. The presentationincludedademonstrationofthebasic prototyping undertaken by the International Bureautoevaluate the recommendations made by the second Workshop as described in document SCIT/7/6. After review by the IPDLE lectronic Task Force, the result of this work shall be presented to the SDW Galong with the Workshop reports.
- 30. TheEuropeanPatentOffice(EPO)requested the Secretariatto ensurethatacomparison betweentheproposedArchivalResour ceKeys(ARK)permanentidentifierschemeandthe DigitalObjectIdentifiers(DOI)schemebeundertakenbythetaskforce,withtheresultstobe presentedtotheSDWG.

- (f) RevisionofWIPOStandardST.8(DocumentSCIT/7/7)
- 31. TheSecretariat introduceddocumentsSCIT/7/7andSCIT/7/7Add.1.
 - 32. The SCITPlenary agreed:
 - (a) tocreateataskfortherevisionofall WIPOStandardswhichmayrequire modificationinviewoftheIPCreform;
 - (b) tocreateaTaskForcetohandlethe revisionofallWIPOnon -electronicdata processingandexchangestandardswhichmay requiremodificationinviewoftheIPC reform;
 - (c) toassigntherevisionofallWIPO electronicdataprocessingandexchange standardswhichmayrequiremodificationin viewoftheIPCreformtothe"ElectronicData ProcessingandExchangeStandardsTask Force."
- 33. The SCITPlenary welcomed the offer of the EPO to be the leader of the Task Force.
- (g) Establishmentofaninventoryofelectronicdataproductsproduc edbyintellectual propertyOfficesforthepurposeofdisseminatingtheirintellectualpropertyinformation (DocumentSCIT/7/8)
- 34. FollowingtheintroductionofdocumentSCIT/7/8bytheSecretariat,theSecretariat gaveademonstrationconcerni ngaprototypesystemtosubmitandpublishtheAnnual TechnicalReports(ATRs).TheprototypeATRsystemwasdemonstratedbecauseitis functionallyidenticaltoasystemthatwouldberequiredtosupporttheinventoryofelectronic dataproducts.Both systemswouldbeimplementedwithintheframeworkoftheWIPO NET system.
 - 35. The SCITPlenary agreed:
 - (a) tocreateataskthatwouldestablishan inventoryofelectronicdataproductsproduced byintellectualproperty offices; and
 - (b) toestablishaTaskForcetohandlesuch anewtask.
- 36. The SCITPlenary welcomed the offer of the Delegation of Romania to be leader of the Task Force.

37. WithreferencetothedemonstrationoftheprototypeATR system,the Secretariat advisedthatitintendstotestthisnewsystembeforeimplementingitandinvitedthose industrialpropertyofficesinterestedinparticipatinginthetesttoprovidetheInternational Bureauwiththen ameande -mailaddressoftheappropriatepersonoftheirofficetobe contacted.

<u>AgendaItem4:MattersarisingfromtheInformationTechnologyProjectsWorkingGroup</u> (ITPWG):

- (a) ITPWGWorkPlan(DocumentSCIT/7/9)
- 38. TheSecretariatintro duceddocumentSCIT/7/9 ,whichrequestedtheSCITPlenaryto considertherecommendationsoftheInformationTechnologyProjectsWorkingGroup (ITPWG)regardingthedeletionofanumberoftasksfromitsworkplan.Thetasksunder considerationwerebroke nintotwocategories:thosethatcouldbesubsumedunderthe overallmandateoftheITPWGtomonitorWIPO'sInformationTechnologyactivitiesand those,namelytasks2,5andpartof14,thatfellundertheaegisofthe IPOAutomation Divisionw hichreportedtotheCooperationforDevelopmentSector.
- 39. TheDelegationsof Austria,Bulgaria,Canada,Denmark,France,Germany,Mexico, Romania,RussianFederation,Spain,Sweden,UnitedKingdom,Venezuela,BBMandEPO raisedconcernsovert heproposaltoremovethesetasksfromtheSCIT 'sworkprogramand reiteratedtheirneedtoreceiveuptodateandrelevantinformationconcerningall Information Technology(IT)activitiesundertakenbytheInternationalBureau.TheSCITPlenary recalledthatthisrolefellwithinitsapprovedmandate .
- 40. Withregardtothefirstgroupoftasks(numbers1,9,12,14(firstpart),16and27),the SCITPlenaryraisedanumberofconcernsinparticular,thefulfilmentofthemandateofthe SCITto monitorandgiveadviceonWIPO'sITactivitiesandtheabilityoftheSCITto discussthemany,veryimportantmatterscoveredinthetasks.Afterasubstantialdiscussion itwas,therefore,decidedthatthesetasksshouldberetainedwithintheWorkPl anofthe ITPWG.
- 41. Concerningtasks2,5and14(lastpart),theSCITnotedthatthemandateofthe StandingCommitteecoveredallofWIPO'sITactivitiesand,assuch, thetasksinquestion wereundoubtedlyITbased,theSCITdecidedthattheyshouldberetainedwithintheITPWG WorkPlan,andthattheworkoftheIPOAutomationDivisionbereportedtotheSCITinline withtheStandingCommittee's currentmechanismsforITProgramreporting.
 - (b) ITProgramreporting(DocumentSCIT/7/10)
- 42. FollowingtheintroductionofthedocumentSCIT/7/10bytheSecretariat,theChairman invitedcommentsfromthePlenary.TheDelegationsofSweden,R ussianFederation, Germany,Spain,Egypt,Denmark,Romania,SudanandtheBeneluxTrademarkOfficespoke oftheneedtogainmoreexperiencewiththe'SpecialRulesofProcedureandStructureofthe SCIT'beforeanymodificationshouldbeconsidered.Furt her,andinrelationtotheprovision ofprogressreportstotheITPWG,thedelegationsofJapanandtheUnitedKingdom expressedviewsfortheretentionofthecurrentfour -monthlyprogressreportingprocedure.

 $43. \quad The SCITP lenary\ , therefore, deferred approval of\ the recommendations contained in SCIT/7/10 at this time, preferring instead to gain more experience of the existing procedures before considering their modification.$

<u>AgendaItem5:AnoverviewofWIPO'sInformatio</u> <u>nandCommunicationTechnology(ICT)</u> <u>StrategicPlanningProcess(Document SCIT/7/11)</u>

- 44. The Secretariatinint roducing the document gave a detailed explanation about the fact that document SCIT/7/11 would provide the basis for developing an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) strategic plan for WIPO.
- 45. TheDelegationoftheUnitedKingdom spokeinsupportofthecontentsofthis documentand inparticularendorsed theITvisionstatementandthemissionstatement as containedinSCIT/7/11. TheDelegationstatedthatthisstrategicframeworkprovidedan idealwayforwardi ndevelopingthestrategicplan. TheDelegationdrewattentiontothefact thattheInternationalBureauiscurrentlydevelopingalargenumberofprojectswhichwould potentiallyleadtoaperiodofconsolidation,ofgettingthoselargeprojectsoperatio nal, establishedandperhapsenhancedandinvitedtheInternationalBureautocommentonthis andanynextsteps.
- 46. The Secretariat confirmed the understanding of the Delegate of United Kingdom, adding that most of the major projects will be completed within the current bien niumand recognized the fact that following such a large development process the rewill be a process of consolidation.
- 47. TheSecretariat indicatedthatconsiderationwasbeinggiventothefut ureextensions of theAIMSProject, which relates to the automation of the finance and budget systems, into the International Bureau's human resources are and procure ments ervices. However, at this stage, this is only being proposed and would have to go through the process of a project initiation, including approval from the Program and Budget Committee and the General Assembly. The International Bureau added that there are some important pieces of work now under consideration, particularly in the area fend-to-endelectronic business processing within the IP systems.
- 48. The Delegation of the United States of America supported the approach outlined in the document and emphasized the importance integrating the business concerns, particularly in the area of the PCT. The Delegation felt that the planneeded to be a little stronger on the integration of legacy systems. The Delegation raised a question concerning the operating plan and how that would fit with the strategic plan.
- 49. Inrespondingto the points raised, the Secretariat clarified that the operational plan will appear as part of the Program and Budget, which will be submitted for approval next year for the bien nium 2004-2005.
- 50. The Delegation of Mexico, ingiving its support to the document, highlighted the point that the strategic mission of the ICTP rogram was in line with the strategic vision of the Director General. The Delegationals or eiterated the need for assistance and cooperation from the International Bureaus othat national Offices could be nefit from the aims of the ICT vision in reducing the digital divide between the developed and developing countries.

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- 51. The Delegation of ARIPO congratulated the International Bureaua ndfelt that the ideas could be used on the regional and national level as well. The Delegational so suggested that the rapid changes in new technologies could also be considered as a threat.
- 52. The Delegation of Spains ought clarification on what benefits could be expected in the light of the considerable costs involved.
- 53. The Secretariat drew the attention of delegates to the fact that the Program and Budget highlights the benefits to be expected from investments in the IT program. However, it was noted that the benefits from this expenditure are not just measurable within the context of the International Bureau, they also bring alot of benefits to Member States. For example, it is difficult to measure benefits, especially infinancial terms, of providing developing countries with access to the Internet and WIPO NET. The Secretaria temphasized that the justifications are not always on a cost benefit basis. So metimes, they are more intrinsic, in terms of closing the knowledged iv ide, making information available to the Member States and so on. However, in other areas, for example, the cost of processing paper with in a patent system versus the cost of processing it electronically, the financial gains may be more measurable and this was being evaluated by the International Bureau.
- 54. The Delegation of Norwayhigh lighted the importance of supporting Member States who wish to cooperate indeveloping business solutions and services.
- 55. The Delegation of Egypts pokeon the same point as the Delegate of Norway and proposed that certain IT models should be developed for use by IPO ffices should they wish to do so. The Delegational so highlighted the need to integrate national IT systems with the International Bure au's systems.

AgendaItem6:InformationSecurityPolicy(DocumentSCIT/7/12)

- 56. ThedocumentSCIT/7/12wasintroducedbytheSecretariatbymeansofapresentation describingthemodalitiesfordevelopingandimplementinganInformationSecu rityPolicy,as wellasprovidingastatementastowhereWIPOstoodinrespecttotheimplementationofits InformationSecurityPolicy.InnotingthecontentsofthedocumentSCIT/7/12,theSCIT PlenaryheardinterventionsfromtheDelegationsofCanada ,UnitedKingdom,Egypt,USA, ARIPOandGermany ,requestingclarificationofpointsraisedeitherinthedocument SCIT/7/12orinthepresentation.
- 57. The Secretariat clarified each point as raised above and in particular gavec on firmation that as pecific WIPO NETS ecurity Policy was in existence and that it could be made available to delegations on request. The Secretariat of fered to investigate the possibility of establishing a "model" Information Security Policy that Member St at escould use as a starting point when embarking on the process of establishing their own Information Security Policies. The Secretariat confirmed that information security guidelines would also be made available to all Member States as part of the WIPO NET Training.

AgendaItem7:StatusreportontheJOPALProject(DocumentSCIT/7/13)

- 58. TheInternationalBureauintroducedthetopicbymeansofashortpresentationwhich highlightedthemainitemsofinformationprovidedindocumentSCIT/7/1 3andthedecisions tobemadebytheCommittee.
- 59. TheDelegationoftheEPOconfirmedthattheEPOintendedtomakeitsbibliographic Non-PatentLiteraturedatabase(EPONPL)availablethroughEsp@cenetinthenearfuture, providingfreeofch argeaccesstothepublic.Thecurrenttargetdateforlaunchofthisservice wasSeptember,2002.TheDelegationaddedthatthedatabase,whichconsistedofover1.2 millionreferences,mostofwhichwereclassifiedaccordingtotheECLAclassification system,wasnowalsoinuseintheUSPTOandJapanPatentOffice(JPO).Allthreeoffices contributedarticlesforupdateofthedatabaseandsimilaractivitywascurrentlybeing discussedwithseveralmembersoftheEuropeanUnion.Thedatabasewasalso availableto anyIPOfficeforintegrationitintotheirownsystems.
- 60. Withregardtothesubjectconcerningthe continuedneedfortheJOPALserviceby IPOsandthemeritsofdiscussi onswiththecommercialsectorwithaviewtoobtainingmore preferentialtermsforaccessto,anduseof,theabstractand/orfulltextofpublishedarticles theDelegationsof SwedenandSpain statedthatthey madenouseofthecurrentJOPAL serviceand,assuch,wouldnotbeaffectediftheservicewasdiscontinued.
- 61. TheDelegationofMexicoexpressedtheviewthattherewasstillaneedfortheJOPAL servicebyDevelopingCou ntries.TheDelegation ofMexico therefore,supportedthe proposaltocontinuewiththeJOPALserviceatleastuntilsuchtimethatasimilarormore completeservicewasavailablefromothersources.
- 62. The Delegations of the EPO and Spainb othex pressed the view that they would welcome any steps that WIPO might take to open discussions with the commercial sector with the view of obtaining better access by IPO stopublished articles.
- 63. The Delegation of the USPTO urged the International Bureautotake into account work being under taken within the IPCR eform Group which could have a bearing on the future provision of Non-Patent Literature (NPL).
- 64. Inconclusion,theCommitteeagreedtoapprovetherecommendationsasou tlinedin paragraph12ofdocumentSCIT/7/13.

AgendaItem8:SCITWorkingMethods:

- (a) Consolidatedworkingmethods(DocumentSCIT/7/14)
- 65. TheSecretariatintroducedthedocumentsSCIT/7/14andSCIT/7/15andrecalledthat theSpecialRules ofProcedureandStructureoftheStandingCommitteeonInformation Technologies(SCIT)hadbeenapprovedattheSixthSessionoftheSCITPlenaryandwere reproducedforeaseofreferencewhilstdiscussingtheproposalscontainedinSCIT/7/15.
- 66. The Delegation of Benelux Trademark Offices ought clarification on the time limits of certain tasks in the SCIT's Working Program.

- 67. The Secretariat, whilst noting the intervention, recalled that some of the monitoring tasks were of ongoing nature but offered to review all the tasks in line with the comments received from the Benelux Trademark Office.
- 68. The Delegation of the United States of America requested clarification on the task initiation process in respect to the maintenan cean of further development of existing WIPO Standards.
 - (b) Outstandingissues(DocumentSCIT/7/15)
- 69. Duringthediscussions, anumber of delegations expressed concerns with respect to delays instarting the process of revising WIPO standards, and indoing so proposed that in some cases the so called 'task initiation procedure's hould be abbreviated.
 - 70. The SCITP lenary decided that (on the assumption that the Standards and Documentation Working Group would meet on two occasions each year)
 - i) anewtaskshouldbeaddedtothe StandardsandDocumentationWorking GroupsTaskListentitled"OngoingRevision ofNon -ElectronicStandards".
 - ii) to establish aTaskForce to addressthistask,and designated the InternationalBureautoactasTaskLeader.
 - 71. The SCITP lenary decided, as a means of expediting the standards revis ion process, that requests for the revision of standards could be passed directly to the Task Leader, or to the Standards and Documentation Working Group. Where are quest is passed directly to the Task Leader, and where possible, work would start immediately, otherwise the Task Leader would refer the request to the next session of the Standards and Documentation Working Group.
 - 72. The SCITP lenary approved the recommendations in paragraph 6 of document SCIT/7/15.

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AgendaItem9:Schedule ofActivities(DocumentSCIT/7/16)

73. The SCITPlenary agreed on the following time table of meetings.

December2to6,2002 SecondmeetingoftheStandardsandDocumentationWorking

Group(SCIT/SDWG/2)

February3to7,2003 Secondmeetingof theInformationTechnologyProjects

WorkingGroup(SCIT/ITPWG/2)

June30toJuly4,2003 EighthPlenarySession(SCIT/7/8)

AgendaItem10:InformationExchangeForum

- 74. AseriesofinformaldiscussionswasheldonThursday,June13,2002,on thefollowing activities:
 - (a) WIPONET
 - (b) MadridElectronicDataExchange
 - (c) E-Patent
 - (d) IMPACT
- 75. Asthisitemwasaninformalexchangeofinformation, the deliberations do not appear in the present report.

AgendaItem11:Closingoft heSession

76. This reportwas adopted by the SCIT Plenary at its closing meeting on June 14,2002.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEXE I/ANNEX I

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