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# REPORT OF THE SCIT TASK FORCE ON THE UTILIZATION OF WIPO'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

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#### **Background**

- 1. The Information Technology Projects Working Group (ITPWG), at its second session held in February 2003, agreed on the creation of a SCIT Task Force for the purpose of identifying business opportunities and applications for WIPONET (see document SCIT/ITPWG/2/9). In particular, the Task Force was requested to consider:
  - "(a) the gathering/collection of procedural, technical and functional requirements from WIPO Member States for ensuring the maximum benefit and utilization of WIPO IT systems; and
  - (b) the integration of WIPO IT systems functionality (i.e., PCT-SAFE, IMPACT, WIPONET) as well as data and information exchange between WIPO IT systems and the IT systems of Member States."

- 2. The Task Force was requested to present its findings at the next meeting of the SCIT ITPWG. As it was decided that the eighth session of the SCIT Plenary would be held in February 2004, it was agreed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in their capacity as Task Leader, that the Task Force report would be presented to the Plenary meeting for consideration. The said report prepared by the USPTO is contained in the Annex to this document.
  - 3. The SCIT Plenary is invited to agree that the work of the Task Force is concluded as indicated in paragraph 9 of the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]