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WIPO NET PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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Background

1. In September 1998, the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO approved the establishment of a Global Information Network (WIPONET). The aim of this Project is to provide the necessary infrastructure and services for improved information exchange among the global intellectual property community (see document A/32/4, Annex I).
2. Following this approval, under the oversight of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT), the International Bureau (IB) developed a deployment strategy, together with a Project implementation plan, which was approved by the SCIT at its fifth Plenary Session in July 2000.
3. The present document contains a progress report on the implementation of the WIPONET Project.

Overall Project Status

4. The Project has experienced some delays in the deployment of the WIPONETKIT at the intellectual property offices (IPOs) and in the production of a new version of the Gold Disk, that is, the CD-ROM containing all the pre-configured operating system and desktop software, delivered together with the WIPONETKIT. This new version incorporates software updates and removes certain deficiencies identified in the earlier one.

Summary of Progress

5. A further eight offices have received the WIPONETKIT, bringing the total number of installed offices to 51. Forty-nine offices are now preparing for deployment. Some of the pending offices are experiencing difficulties in site preparation, resulting in delays in deployment.

Project Milestones/Deliverables Planned and Achieved (for the past three months)

6. A further eight offices received the WIPONETKIT.

7. One hundred and seventy-seven circular letters sent to Offices already connected to the Internet, ascertaining their interest in participating in the WIPONET Project; 164 affirmative replies received.

8. One hundred and fifty-one Focal Points of 137 different Offices from 106 countries have been trained.

Project Milestones/Deliverables for the Next Period (three months)

9. Delivery of the new version of the Gold Disk, followed by the start of the deployment of the remaining 22 offices. Four more WIPONET training Workshops have also been planned.

Key Issues

10. IPOs timely response to WIPO communications concerning WIPONETKIT deployment, site preparation and availability of Focal Points for training would facilitate the timely delivery of the Project.

11. The WIPONET Project will come to a close by the end of 2003, and will be transferred to the IT Services Division for routine operations. Accordingly, IPOs are advised to make all necessary efforts to facilitate the deployment of WIPONET in their Offices by the end of 2003.

12. The ITPWG is invited to comment upon and note the contents of this document.

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