

ANNEX III

ACTION PLAN FOR PCT ON-LINE FILING¹

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and recommended for adoption by the SCIT Plenary*

This document presents the actions required to progress from the current draft standard through pilots to an operational PCT On-line Filing environment.

When	What	Who
Dec 8 1999	Adoption by SCIT of this Action Plan.	SCIT Plenary
(end) Dec 1999	Issue draft Administrative Instructions for review	IB
(end) Jan 2000	Finalization of the DTD for the PCT Application	EPO, USPTO, JPO and IB
Jan – Jun 2000	Build IB Server to accept On-line Filings	IB
Jan – Jun 2000	Review and update draft standard	SCIT Task Force/IB
Jan – Mar 2000	Comments on draft Administrative Instructions	PCT Offices and Authorities
Mar 2000	Submission during the PCT Assembly of revised draft of Administrative Instructions for purposes of discussion and beginning consultation process	PCT Offices and Authorities
Apr 2000	Promulgation/Publication of the Administrative Instructions	WIPO DG (after consultation)
May 2000	PLT incorporates by reference PCT standard (Annex F and Appendices I and II) for National and Regional Filings	PLT Diplomatic Conference
July 2000	Adoption by SCIT of Appendices I/II as WIPO STxx after approval by the SCIT Task Force	SCIT
July – Dec 2000	PCT On-line Filing Pilots	IB with EPO, USPTO and JPO
July 2000 – Mar 2001	Preparation of DTDs for other PCT documents	IB with EPO, USPTO and JPO
Jan – Mar 2001	Provide standard application test suites to encourage third-party software developments	IB with EPO, USPTO and JPO
Mar 2001	PCT On-line Filing operational	IB

[Annex IV follows]

¹ Subject to review in Q1 2000