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AGENDA ITEM 7 (FEE REDUCTIONS BY THE OFFICES)

Proposal by the Delegation of Sudan

1. The following proposal was submitted by the Delegation of Sudan:

Agenda Item 7

Fee reductions by the Offices

2. In consultation with our national Inventors Association and in appreciation of IFIA's backing, and with reference to the two possible draft recommendations presented in the International Bureau of WIPO for the purpose of discussion by the Standing Committee/SCP

(Document SCP/2/6, paragraph 16), the Sudan Delegation at the Second Session of the SCP, hereby amends its original proposal to read as follows, for adoption by the present SCP Session:

The SCP recommends that each Member State of WIPO and, where Member States of WIPO are members of intergovernmental organizations which have competence in the area of patents, such organizations, adopt a policy that all fees to be paid to the Office of those States and organizations be reduced by 50% for any applicant or owner of a patent, who is a natural person, regardless of his/her nationality and/or residence.

3. The Sudan Delegation reserves the right and insists to make a complementary proposal for a further 25% reduction, should the language of this additional proposal comply with Article 4 of the TRIPS Agreement (most-favored-nation provision). In this case the full text of the proposal of the Delegation of Sudan would read as follows:

The SCP recommends that each Member State of WIPO and, where Member States of WIPO are members of intergovernmental organizations which have competence in the area of patents, such organizations adopt a policy that all fees to be paid to the Office of those States and organizations be reduced:

(i) by 50% for any applicant or owner of a patent, who is a natural person, regardless of his/her nationality and/or residence;

(ii) by an additional 25% for any applicant or owner of a patent, who is a natural person and who is a national of, and resides in, a State whose per capita national

income is below US\$ 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997).

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