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**ВСЕМИРНАЯ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЯ
ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

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March 3, 1999

Re: SCIT Strategic Plan

Madam,
Sir,

During its second session, in February 1999, the SCIT Plenary considered the issue of the elaboration of a strategic information technology plan to implement business goals and a vision for the twenty-first century of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies. The SCIT Plenary agreed on the establishing of such a strategic plan and a timetable for carrying out the work within the shortest possible time period (please see paragraphs 37 and 38 of document SCIT/2/8 Prov.).

In accordance with that timetable, the International Bureau has prepared, in consultation with the Chair of the SCIT Plenary, a draft outline of the plan, a copy of which is enclosed.

You are invited to provide the International Bureau with comments by your Office on the draft outline and/or contributions as to the substance of the chapters of the proposed strategic plan, to reach the International Bureau not later than March 31, 1999. We would appreciate it if your response could be sent by e-mail to the following address at WIPO: scit.mail@wipo.int.

In order to speed up the elaboration of a first draft of the strategic plan and to enable the International Bureau to consult Offices in case of need, we would appreciate your designating a contact person at your Office and informing us of his/her e-mail address.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.-P. Wittig', is written over a light-colored background.

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WIPO's SCIT Strategic Plan for the 21st Century
(Draft Headings for soliciting comments and inputs
from the International Bureau and Member States)

1. Introduction (to be prepared by the International Bureau)

- Brief overview of WIPO Charter/Governance
- Brief overview of policy direction
(Mainly to address the chief WIPO activities such as development of international intellectual property law, global protection systems and services, and cooperation for development).
- WIPO Vision

2. SCIT's Vision

(Example: To focus on a global information technology architecture linking intellectual property offices in WIPO Member States and the International Bureau for the purpose of generating, communicating, and protecting intellectual property knowledge and rights for the global economy of the 21st Century).

3. SCIT's Mission

(Example: To focus on the following issues: Coordinate and ensure the delivery of an information technology infrastructure and the policies to facilitate information services for a globally networked intellectual property community, such as WIPONET, IPDL project, electronic filing, office automation, etc.).

4. SCIT Goals

- Promote global intellectual property protection
- Eliminate the information access gap that exists between developed countries and developing countries
- Reduce the cost and time to grant intellectual property rights
- Improve the flow of information among WIPO Member States
- Reduce the burden on applicants to obtain global intellectual property protection
- Improve intellectual property information dissemination to the public
- Help guide the International Bureau to leverage information technologies

5. Governing Information Technology Strategies

- General Strategy
- Information Technology Project Management Strategies (e.g., life cycle management)
- Information Infrastructure (WIPONET) Strategies (e.g., network topology, Internet, VPN)
- Information Technology Application Software Strategies (e.g., COTS, open products, de facto standards)
- Data Management Strategies
- Information Dissemination Strategies (e.g., marginal cost principle)

6. Organizational responsibilities

- Standing Committee on Information Technologies (e.g., standards, guidelines, studies, pilot projects)
- International Bureau of WIPO (e.g., deployment of WIPONET, future development of the IPC and other international classifications, international cooperation)
- WIPO Member States (National and regional intellectual property offices) (e.g., development and/or maintenance of IPDLs, office automation)
- Other relevant organizations

7. Assumptions and Constraints

- Financial
- Human resources
- Economic and geographical considerations
- Language considerations
- International cooperation
- Technology environment
 - (i) International Bureau of WIPO
 - (ii) International Searching Authorities, International Examining Authorities
 - (iii) Infrastructure

8. Developing countries: Special issues

- Modernization of infrastructure
- Creation of knowledge databases including traditional knowledge
- Sustainability

9. Implementation Plan: Milestones of major projects (e.g., WIPONET, PCT Automation, IPDL project, Electronic filing, Standardization, Intellectual property office automation)