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Re: Electronic Data Processing and Exchange Standards (EDPES) Task Force

Madam,
Sir,

At its session held in December, 2002, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) agreed to request Member States to review their participation in the Electronic Data Processing and Exchange Standards (EDPES) Task Force.

The SDWG indicated that participants in the Task Force should be technical specialists from industrial property offices with appropriate experience in the identification and elaboration of electronic information system standards, who could actively contribute to the work to be undertaken. The work of the Task Force, conducted in English via electronic mail, includes responsibility for the following SDWG tasks:

- Task No. 13: Consider the "E-PCT" Standard for adoption as a WIPO Standard for e-filing, processing and storage of patent applications
- Task No. 17: Ongoing electronic data processing and exchange standards Activities
- Task No. 18: Identify areas for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Trilateral Offices, ISO, IEC and other well-known IT standard-setting bodies
- Task No. 19: Elaborate a WIPO standard concerning making patent documents available on mixed-mode optical disks

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Industrial property offices, wishing to participate actively in the work of the EDPEST Task Force, are hereby requested to inform the International Bureau of the name, title and e-mail address of their nominated representative (by e-mail to *scit.mail@wipo.int*) by March 14, 2003, quoting the reference No. indicated above.

It would be appreciated if those Offices which are already represented on the Task Force and wish to continue their representation, could reconfirm their participation by indicating the name of their representative to the above e-mail address.

Sincerely yours,



Allan Roach
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Director, IT Projects Division