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C. SCIT 2596
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August 5, 2004

Re: Task No. 24 of the SCIT Standards and Documentation
Working Group Work Program:
Annual Technical Reports on Patent Information Activities in 2003

Madam,
Sir,

I would like to invite your Office to send an Annual Technical Report (ATR) on its Patent Information Activities in the year 2003.

In order to facilitate the publication of the Annual Technical Reports on WIPO's website, you are invited, as last year, to use the online ATR Management System which is available from the ATR area of WIPO's website, at <http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/atrs>. On that site, you will find a list of the Recommended Contents of the ATRs on Patent Information Activities, as well as Guidelines for Preparing the ATRs using the ATR Management System.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Wilson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neil Wilson
Acting Chief Information Officer