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ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

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July 22, 1998

Re: WIPO Standard ST.14 (Project P 37/SCIT Task No. 7(a))

Madam,
Sir,

During its twentieth session, held in April 1998, the PCIPI Working Group on General Information (PCIPI/GI) discussed a proposal by the Trilateral Offices (TO) for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.14 (see paragraphs 24 to 26 of document PCIPI/GI/20/4). In the discussions during the above-mentioned meeting, several delegations made it clear that Standard ST.14 should give guidance for the identification of electronic documents obtained from CD-ROM, Internet or online databases, etc., as references to illustrate the prior art, by grouping the cited documents as to whether the source document in paper format (or in a page-oriented presentation mode) could be identified. The PCIPI/GI agreed that with regard to electronic documents, the bibliographic elements which are necessary to uniquely identify the retrieved reference, e.g., the date of publication of the source document and/or the date of retrieval, should be included. Additional elements could be (in accordance with International Standard ISO 690-2): type of medium, identification of the source, indication of a passage relevant for citing the document, etc.

The PCIPI/GI concluded its discussions by agreeing to request the TO to prepare, before May 30, 1998, and in cooperation with the International Bureau, a revised draft of paragraph 11 of WIPO Standard ST.14 and to invite offices which are members of the PCIPI/GI to give their comments on the new draft and to include the issue as an agenda item of the appropriate Working Group meeting under the Standing Committee on Information Technologies.

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By e-mail of June 17, 1998, the International Bureau received, through the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a revised draft of paragraph 11 of Standard ST.14, which is enclosed as Annex I to this Circular letter.
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A background paper which reflects the comments made by the EPO, JPO, USPTO and the International Bureau during the recent revision of paragraph 11 of ST.14 is given in Annex II, enclosed.
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The International Bureau would appreciate receiving comments by your Office, by September 30, 1998, on the draft revision of paragraph 11 of Standard ST.14. Your comments could also be sent to our e-mail address (scit.mail@wipo.int), indicating the number of this Circular.

Sincerely yours,



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