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Re.: Revision of WIPO Standard ST.14  
Supplementary Correction Codes (Task No. 7(b))  
Your Circular C.SCIT 2388/03 of August 28, 1998

Dear Mr. Takagi,

Although the combination of ST.16 code and the date according to INID (48), as provided for under solution (A), should be sufficient to uniquely identify the document, we prefer the solution proposed under (B) as this solution gives further information.

Since many offices do not intend to use supplementary correction codes in the near future it seems advisable to insert the wording "if available" in the proposed text of subparagraph (v) after "supplementary correction code".

According to the footnote 1 the recommendation made by the old subparagraph (v) shall only be applied in a search report. In order to be able to uniquely identify a correction document cited without a publication date on the first page under INID (56) it seems advisable that a supplementary correction code, if such a code was allotted to the document by the publishing patent office, has also to be indicated under INID (56) in future. Therefore, in the revised version of the Standard the footnote should only refer to the publication date.

Sincerely yours,  
By order,

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