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Dept.

Re.: Draft SCIT strategic plan

Dear Mr. Wittig,

1. Referring to Circular SCIT 2431 of 1999-03-03 I have the pleasure to submit our comments as follows:
2. We fully appreciate the need for a business plan for SCIT and we strongly support the task of immediately formulating such a plan.
3. However, the draft plan gives rise to several questions. A problem, which is common to many of the items identified below, is that the draft seems to focus very much on the aspect of *industrial property protection*. In other words on the access to and use of such protection. While we do agree that this is perhaps the most important and overriding responsibility for the custodian of the Paris Convention (i.e. WIPO), we feel that the objectives of the sub-body SCIT should be less focused on legal aspects and more focused on IT aspects of the implementation of the various legal frameworks.
4. The logical structure of the draft headings is difficult to grasp.

5. No. 1 "Introduction" will be OK, but the second item should also cover *standardization, technical cooperation between offices, documentation and patent information etc.* The third item "WIPO Vision" is not clear.

6. Nos. 2, 3, 4 "SCIT's Vision", "SCIT's Mission" and "SCIT Goals" are also unclear and present a clear risk of overlap. Maybe it is not necessary to list all three? No. 2 and items 1, 3 and 5 of No. 4 are examples of what is put forward in par. 3 above.

7. It is not clear what role No. 5 should play in the Strategic Plan.

8. Nos. 7, 8 & 9 should all become subordinated a SCIT heading.

9. In conclusion, we consider that the Draft Plan should be redrafted; by making it considerably more compact, it would become more clear and succinct.

10. Contact person is the undersigned.

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