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Dear Mr. Wittig,

With reference to your Circular No. C. SCIT 2469-01/ dated September 24, 1999 I would like to share our point of view on the problem of selecting the priority projects in the SCIT IT Strategic Implementation Plan. The problem is really a complex one because almost all the projects stated in the Plan are very actual and require implementation in the nearest future.

In our opinion, the major criteria for ordering projects by priority are:

- Concerned project should bring benefits for the maximum number of national and regional IP offices.
- Implementation of concerned project should make possible implementation of other (one or, more desirable, several) related projects.
- Whether the delay with concerned project implementation may cause serious problems in functioning of the WIPO and/or number of IP offices.

From this point of view, we consider the following projects as requiring priority-driven implementation: WIPONET, Intellectual Property Digital Libraries - IPDL, Web Site Development Support, WIPO Academy Distance Learning Program.

Because of its exceptional importance, the Y2K project should be completed without any further consideration.

The EAPO delegation will participate in the approval of the SCIT IT Strategic Implementation Plan at the fourth session of SCIT Plenary.

Sincerely yours,

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