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In reply to your Circular C.SCIT 2469, we are sending you Rospatent comments on the draft Information Technology Strategic Implementation Plan.

1. In the first place, it should be emphasized that the International Bureau has done a lot in the preparation of material involving a detailed disclosure of main projects which constitute the Strategic plan. In Rospatent opinion, main activities within the framework of the said draft are substantiated enough and show key elements to be focused for the near 5 years.

2. As we see it, interdependence of the projects and influence which may be exerted by the advance and implementation of the projects concerned on the start of realizing the others, may serve as "criteria for selecting the priority projects".

So, it seems to be advisable to begin with those projects associated with technological bases of the system functioning (Projects 8 and 1).

Projects for modernizing IB systems are of great importance as those projects which create the basis for the stable functioning of WIPOnet basic unit (Projects 11, 3, 4).

Projects 5, 6 and 7 are regarded as important and to be justified from the point of view of their implementation within the near 5 years; slightly delayed time limits for their implementation may be regarded as well-founded. Among the above three projects, priority should be accorded to Project 6.

The time limits for the implementation of Project 2 as a project capable of rendering real assistance to developing countries just now, give rise to no doubt. Project 11 requires absolute fulfillment within the fixed time limits.

Among the projects of "Global Services Initiatives", Project 9 holds an indisputable leading position in respect of its significance for patent offices. Here, in addition to other problems, attention should be paid to an agreed policy for the provision of access to and dissemination of the national patent information. Moreover, elaboration of unique approaches to data presentation in IPDL is of particular importance. At present, national IPDLs are at different stages of formation and development. The earlier common approaches to their presentation and implementation are agreed, the sooner the process of their integration in Global IPDL will meet with success (see, Step 4: Development).

It should also be drawn attention to interrelation of this project with Project 13, since digital libraries are created, as a rule, within the framework of an office's Web-site. The time limits for implementing the above projects should be coordinated.

Certainly, Project 3 is of great importance. In many respects, implementation of this project is dependent on the successful solution of a number of legal issues associated with the establishment of common procedures of filing, status of electronic records and electronic application form, and on the agreed solution of the data protection and information security problems, which is also topical for Project 8. In our opinion, implementation of these projects requires the earliest possible solution of all the problems mentioned above, since legal aspects may hamper technical realization of the entire draft plan.

As a small comment on the wording of the draft plan, attention should be paid to the complete absence in the text of Project 12 of any reference to the time limits of its implementation (Key schedule milestones), although general time limits with respect to this project are given in Fig. 1 (Annex 2, page 4).

On the whole, despite general time limits of implementation presented in the draft plan are reasonable enough, they require a lot of work to do for their subsequent detailed elaboration.

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