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Re: C. SCIT 2477/01/03

Dear Mr. Wittig,

Thank you for your Circular C. SCIT 2477/01/03 of 17 January, 2000.

In regard of the draft reports of the fourth Plenary session of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies and the second session of the SCIT Working Groups we would like to make the following comments:

Our Office shares the great interest of the small Patent Offices in the continued production and availability of the GLOBALPAT CD-ROM series. The draft reports include statements (paragraph 50 of Document SCIT/WG/2/12 Prov. and paragraph 40 of Document SCIT/4/8 Prov.) concerning the WIPO's future participation in the project. However, no particulars of the planned participation such as the extent of the activities and the time frames are given, apart from a reference to the concept of Project 2 of the SCIT IT Strategic Implementation Plan ("Changeover assistance"). No special Task has been created in the Work Program for the 2000-2001 biennium related to the activities in question, so we should think it advisable to refer them under one of the existing Tasks, for instance Task 6 or 25, though they do not seem to cover the subject quite well. We would appreciate if the activities envisioned to continue with the GLOBALPAT project could be more definitely outlined in the said Documents.

There seems to be a minor spelling error in the word "Finnish" on page 5 of Document SCIT/WG/2/12 which we suggest to rectify unless it has been already done.

We have no further comments to make and, subject to the above, the State Patent Office of Ukraine fully agrees with the contents and the wording of the two draft reports and sees no objections to their approval.

Sincerely yours,

S. Novikov
Deputy Chairman