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Dear Mrs. Frary,

Regarding the proposal presented in C.SCIT 2513 from 1.Sept.2000, allow me to redraw the history of SCIT coming out.

It is now obvious enough the fact that the last decade was the time for moving from traditional paper support towards electronic support and from traditional mail exchanges of data to electronic communication. We also have to add the influence of the globalization of the economy and the major support that INTERNET provided in this respect.

All these changes affected the Industrial Property (IP) system also, both globally and in detail. The IP community had to be aware of these aspects and take the proper decisions.

Considering all those elements, I believe WIPO aimed to replace the ex PCIPI (which was clearly necessary on its time) with a new project able to manage the integration of IP community in the new communication, commercial and an economic frame, based on electronic systems. The body entitled to fulfill these goals was, I think, SCIT.

I cannot stop remembering that during the first SCIT meeting, we discussed a quick start of WIPONET and DIGITAL LIBRARIES.

Reading the document provided, I fell somehow, that WIPO now abandons some generous initial goals - although they are mentioned in paragraphs 10 and 11 in the document - in favor of PCIPI working style.

Or, the norms the new Committee has to analyze should rise from the logic of the system to develop. Here we have a problem, while exactly regarding this system information is poor. This is the reason I would come back to the objectives of the aimed system; it has to be a system based on modern IT providing equal chances in information exchange among all the members of IP community; the information exchange has to be done with maximum security and minimum expenses for a given time. The system has to be open, in such a way to allow the integration, without special efforts, of each new member and each new technology predictable for at least 10 years. Inside such a system, the automation of WIPO's own internal activities, might have a place, but it cannot replace the whole system.

Taking into account: paragraphs 10 and 11 in your document, my above presented opinions, the initial definition of SCIT tasks, I consider that the role of SCIT is: to approve the strategy for building such a system, to approve the strategy for integration new technologies in WIPO's activity, to analyze and approve all the projects aimed to carry out this strategy - regarding budget, timing, personnel and responsibilities.

The Committee has to have access to all information to evaluate results and to make any recommendations. The Committee has to be quickly informed about any new requirement, any new solution The International Bureau might propose in the frame of the general strategy.

Only this way we can compare achievements with objectives, it will be possible to know exactly the work done and still to be done; anticipating will be possible and thus solving in due time problems that now seem to appear somehow randomly.

The Committee should receive from the IB at least two versions of proposals both for strategy and embedded projects, to analyze them; these proposals should include failure and success issues, schedules, responsible persons, optional solutions, a clear budget, any other requirements, everything clearly stated.

The Committee should be able to organize experts' groups with clear tasks, to ensure its own advisory group. The selection procedure of these experts has to be also clearly stated. Obviously, the Committee will approve the tasks and schedules and will check the status of fulfilling tasks by all these groups of experts.

The main conclusion is that SCIT has to ensure much more pragmatism in all its activities and to increase its own degree of real responsibilities in the interest of the entire IP community.

Hoping that my opinions will be useful, I remain

Yours sincerely

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