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Subject: C.SCIT 2513 Note by Rospatent

Dear Ms. Frary,

In response to you circular C.SCIT 2513 of September 1, 2000 concerning Proposal for the restructuring of the Standing Committee on Information Technology, I would like to inform you that Rospatent principally supports the idea of restructuring WIPO activities in the field of Information Technology.

Nevertheless, we have a number of questions on the options paper, prepared by the MB:

1. Does the Information Technology Strategic Implementation Plan approved by the SCIT remain valid? If yes, which body/ committee would be responsible for its implementation on the whole? Does the responsibility of the new structures cover all the tasks and projects of the SCIT Work Program and the Strategic Implementation Plan?

2. We support the creation of a Standing Committee on Technical Standards and Documentation, reporting directly to the WIPO General Assembly, which would be able to promulgate immediately approved new or amended standards.

3. At the same time, it seems necessary to specify the mandate of the Committee, namely: if the Committee determines the tasks for inclusion in its work program independently, for example, on request of the member states or organizations, as a result of the analysis of the WIPO policy in the field of implementation of IT or on request of the other WIPO Standing Committees? In the latter case the adoption of the developed standard by the corresponding Committee would be also necessary.

4. Item 13 of the Proposal states that the Standing Committee on Technical Standards and Documentation as an initial activity would review the current list of tasks in the present SCIT Work Program and determine those, relevant to its activity. In this case it should be determined which body is responsible for the remaining tasks of the present SCIT Work Program.

5. We approve the establishing of the Advisory Group on IT with the mandate to give technical advice and policy guidance to the Director General on the overall IT strategy of WIPO (item 17 of the Proposal). But this item does not include any provisions, concerning the mandate of the Advisory Group (or any other new body) to provide control and responsibility for the implementation of the projects of the IT Strategic Implementation Plan on the whole and to report to the member states on the progress of the work.

Even the name of the new body - Advisory Group does not assume fulfillment of control functions on the progress of implementation of the IT Strategic Implementation Plan on the whole.

I hope, that our remarks would be helpful in preparing the second draft of the restructuring document.

Sincerely yours,

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