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Mrs. Helen Frary

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Dear Mrs. Frary,

Further to our opinion on the first draft of the SCIT restructuring document I would like to present the considerations of the Bulgarian Patent Office on the proposed options in the second draft.

1. Having in mind that the existing structure is an operational mechanism that up to now met the requirements for which it has been established, we see the real problem in the working methods and in the approach to the working groups. We think that the current structure could be kept. However, as the emphasis in the strategy and the politics of the WIPO as a whole and in particular in the Information Technology area is changing, it is necessary the task forces to be formulated in more precise way. The working groups on the other hand, should be in compliance with the principles underlying in the IT Strategic Implementation Plan and in the biannual Working Program. As a consequence it is obvious that the working groups and the task forces need to be task-based/focused.

2. Regarding the concrete principles at the basis of the SCIT and the working groups we think that it is very important not only their mandate to be clearly defined. It might be well to be foreseen criteria and requirements in respect to the participants. For example specialists that are directly involved in the proper field to be invited to take part in the activities of the certain working group or task force. Task forces should be established for solving particular problems. As far as the working groups are concerned they should be created in dynamic flexible way in order to be able to perform their main functions and to reach their objectives.

In general it could be said that we support option 1 of the proposed draft document - the current structure to be kept but with certain changes concerning the working methods, establishment of and participation in the working groups and task forces.

Sincerely yours,

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