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**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE
OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**COMITÉ D'EXPERTS CONCERNANT LA STRUCTURE ADMINISTRATIVE
DE LA COOPÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DANS LE DOMAINE DE LA
PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE**

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DECLARATION
OF THE HEAD OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION

The Permanent Bureau of the Paris Union and the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union had recommended, in the course of a joint meeting held at Geneva from October 15 to 19, 1962, that the supervisory functions of the Swiss Government should be transferred to an Assembly of the Member States of the Unions and that the system of contributions of the Member States towards the expenses of the United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property should be modernized.

In order to achieve these objectives, a draft administrative convention was to be prepared, first by a working party and then by a Committee of Experts, and finally submitted to a diplomatic conference which the Swedish Government proposed to convene in Stockholm in 1967.

Thus, according to the terms of reference fixed by the Permanent Bureau of the Paris Union and by the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union, the sole task of the working party was to make preparations for the administrative reorganization of BIRPI.

The Draft submitted to the Committee of Experts has a totally different purpose: it provides in fact

for the establishment of a World Intellectual Property Organization to which the existing Unions would be subordinate and whose aims would in many respects be in contradiction to those fixed by the Member States of the Unions in the texts of the Conventions themselves.

For these reasons, the French Government regrets that it is unable to take into consideration the document entitled "Draft Convention of the World Intellectual Property Organization".

The French Delegation, while reserving the right to intervene in the course of the discussion when it feels it advisable, declares that it will manifest its hostility to this Draft by taking no part in the voting on the various Articles and on the text as a whole.

The French Delegation, aware of the need for an administrative reorganization of BIRPI, requests that a new Draft be prepared, answering this purpose exclusively, that this Draft be subsequently transmitted to Governments members of the Unions for their opinion, and passed to a new Committee of Experts which would put the finishing touches to it before submitting it to the Stockholm Diplomatic Conference in 1967.