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OF WIPO AND OF THE UNIONS ADMINISTERED BY WIPO AND BIRPI**

**First Series of Meetings
Geneva, September 21 to 29, 1970**

ADDENDUM TO DOCUMENT AB/I/3

presented by the Director of BIRPI

SUMMARY

This Document brings up to date the information contained in document AB/I/3 concerning Cooperation between the United Nations and WIPO.

Cooperation with the United Nations

1. Since the publication of document AB/I/3, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations has held its forty-ninth Session (Geneva, July 6 to 31, 1970) and the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD has held its tenth Session (Geneva, August 26 to September 19, 1970). BIRPI was represented by observers at both meetings.

Economic and Social Council

2. In paragraph 6 of Document WO/CC/I/4, reference is made to negotiations with the United Nations concerning the establishment of working relations between the United Nations and WIPO. At its forty-ninth Session the Economic and Social Council approved a proposal of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to conclude an agreement for this purpose.

3. At the same session, the Council decided to defer consideration of two other matters which concern BIRPI and WIPO.

4. The report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer technology (UN document E/4800, referred to in paragraph 13 of document AB/I/3) will now be considered at the fiftieth session of the Council; in its resolution to this effect the Council asked the organizations concerned, (which include WIPO (BIRPI)) to continue to assist the Secretary-General in the study.

5. The subject of future institutional arrangements for science and technology was deferred for decision at the fifty-first session of the Council. In its resolution to this effect the Council reiterated the need for the establishment of inter-governmental machinery in the said field within the framework of the United Nations, while recognising that so far no consensus or majority opinion had emerged on the place and role of any such machinery to be set up.

United Nations Conference in Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

6. Paragraph 18 of Document AB/I/3 refers to a decision by the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD, at its tenth session, to take a final decision on the establishment of appropriate inter-governmental machinery in the field of transfer of technology, taking into account a study to be prepared by the Secretariat on possible elements of a work program for UNCTAD in this field.

7. During the discussions at the tenth session of the Board, representatives of BIRPI attending as observers made three oral interventions and distributed to the delegation a note containing information upon the relevant aspects of WIPO's (BIRPI's) competence and activities.

8. During the early stages of the session of the Board a draft resolution was presented calling for the establishment of a "Committee on the Transfer of Technology," as a main Committee of the Trade and Development Board, which should, among other things, study "the legal instruments governing such transfer ...".

9. At its final meeting, held on September 19, 1970, the Board adopted unanimously a resolution entrusting UNCTAD, "within its competence" in the field of transfer of technology, with specific tasks, including the identification of obstacles which may limit the transfer of technology to developing countries, foreign exchange costs involved in the transfer of technology, and consideration of licensing and similar arrangements. In performing these functions, the resolution requires UNCTAD to cooperate and coordinate with other bodies in the United Nations system and other international organizations with the aim of avoiding any overlapping and unnecessary duplication of activities in this field. The same resolution decided to establish an "Intergovernmental Group on Transfer of Technology" which will hold two substantive sessions before its work will be the subject of a major review by the Board.

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