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SUPPLEMENT TO THE DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF BIRPI FOR 1966

1. This document, drawn up on September 20, 1965, is a supplement to Document CCIU/III/4 which was prepared and distributed in July 1965.

2. The document deals with three questions: the ceiling of contributions of the Berne Union; income and expenditure connected with the Headquarters Building of BIRPI; receipts of the Madrid Union.

Ceiling of Contributions (Berne Union)

3. At its previous session (Geneva, September 28 to October 2, 1964), the Interunion Coordination Committee expressed the opinion that the Swiss Government, as Supervisory Authority, should address a circular letter to Member States of the Berne Union inviting them to contribute to the expenses of the Union on the basis of an annual ceiling of 700,000 Swiss francs (see report adopted by the Committee, Document CCIU/II/10 rev., paragraphs 30 et seq.).

4. Acting on this advice, the Swiss Government sent out a circular letter, dated February 5, 1965, with the request that replies should reach it by May 1, 1965. According to the procedure adopted on the occasion of previous consultations of this nature, States which did not send a negative reply by that date are presumed to have tacitly agreed that the annual ceiling of contributions should be fixed in the case of the Berne Union at 700,000 Swiss francs.

5. The results of the consultation are shown in the table below:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Acceptance</u>	<u>Refusal</u>	<u>Reply Reserved</u>
I	France	--	--
I	Germany ⁽¹⁾	--	--
I	Italy	--	--
I	United Kingdom	--	--
II	--	--	Canada
II	Spain	--	--
III	Australia	--	--
III	--	--	Belgium
III	Brazil	--	--
III	Japan	--	--
III	Netherlands	--	--
III	--	Portugal ⁽²⁾	--
III	Sweden	--	--
III	Switzerland	--	--
IV	--	--	Czechoslovakia
IV	Denmark	--	--
IV	Finland	--	--
IV	India	--	--
IV	Ireland	--	--
IV	New Zealand	--	--
IV	Norway	--	--
IV	South Africa	--	--
IV	--	--	Yugoslavia
V	--	Bulgaria	--
V	Israel ⁽³⁾	--	--
V	--	--	Poland
V	--	Rumania	--
VI	--	--	Austria
VI	--	Cameroon	--
VI	Ceylon	--	--
VI	Congo (Brazzaville)	--	--
VI	Congo (Leopoldville)	--	--
VI	--	Cyprus	--
VI	--	Dahomey	--
VI	Gabon	--	--
VI	Greece	--	--
VI	Holy See	--	--
VI	--	Hungary	--
VI	Iceland ⁽¹⁾	--	--
VI	Ivory Coast	--	--
VI	Lebanon	--	--
VI	Liechtenstein	--	--
VI	Luxembourg	--	--
VI	Mali	--	--
VI	Monaco	--	--
VI	Morocco	--	--
VI	Niger	--	--

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VI	Pakistan	--	--
VI	Philippines	--	--
VI	Senegal	--	--
VI	--	Thailand ⁽⁴⁾	--
VI	Tunisia	--	--
VI	Turkey	--	--
VI	Upper Volta	--	--

6. At the time of writing it would appear, therefore, that effective contributions would amount to a total of approximately 620,000 Swiss francs, as from 1965. As it is obvious, however, that the implementation of the Berne Union's program requires the entire amount of 700,000 francs in annual contributions from Member States, the Inter-union Coordination Committee is invited to take a vote, which will be confined to Member States of the Berne Union, expressing the hope that States which have reserved their replies will kindly indicate their acceptance, and that States which have refused will have the goodness to reconsider their decision with a view to a favourable reply, effective at least from the beginning of 1966.

Headquarters Building of BIRPI

7. It seems that the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), which has rented the 4th floor of the Headquarters Building of BIRPI, will need only half of the accommodation on that floor as from the beginning of next winter. BIRPI intends to use these premises for itself instead of renting them to outsiders.

8. This change will reduce the receipts earmarked for the improvement of the Conference Room by approximately one-half of the rent of the 4th floor (30,000 francs) and will increase the costs of heating, lighting and maintenance by approximately 10,000 francs per year. The sum of about 150,000 francs will also be necessary for the transformations required on the 4th floor (and perhaps, as a result, on other floors) and the alterations to the telephone exchange, as well as for furnishing at least part of the ten offices which will be made available to BIRPI on the 4th floor.

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- (1) On the understanding that the other States accept.
 - (2) Agrees, however, to contribute as from 1965 on the basis of the annual ceiling of 400,000 Swiss francs (instead of 231,400 Swiss francs, as previously).
 - (3) Subject to certain conditions.
 - (4) Considers that the ceiling should be only 600,000 Swiss francs, and not before 1967.

9. In view of the irreplaceable nature of the archives of the Trademark Service and of the Designs Service, it is highly desirable that a fire alarm system should be installed in all the premises of the Headquarters Building; the total cost would amount to some 70,000 Swiss francs.

10. With the exception of the 10,000 francs estimated for heating, lighting and maintenance--which will be charged to "miscellaneous and unforeseen" (38,600 francs) for 1966, in order to leave the budget as it stands in Document CCIU/III/4--it is proposed to meet the expenses of fitting up the 4th floor (including the cost of furniture) and the cost of installing a fire alarm system by borrowing the necessary sums from the BIRPI Pension Fund, at an annual rate of 3 3/4% interest, as was done in the case of the expenses for improving the Conference Room and the balance of the construction cost of the Building. These new loans would be reimbursed by annual payments spread over a maximum period of 10 years.

Madrid Union

11. The draft budget for 1966 as contained in Document CCIU/III/4 (see page 31) estimates that receipts from the registration fees of the Madrid Union will be 1,900,000 Swiss francs. This estimate is a projection of the trend observed during the first half of 1965. In recent months, an improvement has been noted and, if this trend does not alter, receipts may be estimated at approximately 2,000,000 francs.

12. The Interunion Coordination Committee is invited to express its views on the questions dealt with in this document.