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PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BUDGET FOR 1966 .

Costs connected with the Headquarters Building

1. For the transformation of the conference room, the installation of a fire detection system, and the transformation of the fourth floor, it has been proposed, and the Interunion Coordination Committee expressed a favorable view, that, if necessary, up to 400,000 Swiss francs could be borrowed from the Pension Fund (see document CCIU/III/4, paragraph 12; document CCIU/III/9, paragraphs 7 to 10; and document CCIU/III/12, paragraphs 48, 57, and 58).

2. It appears now that the net cost remaining of the first two items (approx. 172,000 francs) could be paid entirely during 1966 without having the need to contract a debt of 28,000 francs in the case of the Paris Union, a debt of 112,000 francs in the case of the Madrid Union, and a debt of 15,000 francs in the case of the Berne Union. The Hague Union's share would be approximately 17,000 francs which would increase its anticipated and budgeted deficit for 1966 or could be borrowed from the Pension Fund. It is proposed to ask for the authorization of the Swiss Government to increase the deficit, in which case the Hague Union would be spared the burden of having to pay interest on a loan.

3. The question of the financing of the transformation of the fourth floor (estimated at 150,000 francs in document CCIU/III/9, paragraph 8) would remain open, and whether the borrowing power referred to above (see paragraph 1) would be used in 1967 or whether any works then executed could be paid from the budget, would be submitted to the 1967 session of the Interunion Coordination Committee.

Revised Estimates in the Budget of 1966

4. Assuming that the above proposals will be accepted, and on the basis of the situation existing after eight months of the budgetary period have elapsed, it is proposed that the following changes be made in the current budget:

5. Paris Union. The authorized budget provides for 958,200 francs expenditure. It is now estimated that the Paris Union will need approximately 28,000 francs more because of the building costs stated above. This difference would be covered from the funds transferred from 1965 (77,000 francs; see CCIU/III/4, paragraph 6, and CCIU/II/8, page 7 "Asian Seminar") but used only to the extent of 49,000 francs.

6. Madrid Union. The authorized budget provides for 2,228,200 francs expenditure. It is now estimated that the Madrid Union will need approximately 350,000 francs more because of the building costs referred to above (112,000 francs) and the increase in personnel (circa 40,000 francs), printing (circa 160,000 francs), mailing (circa 20,000 francs), and conferences (circa 18,000 francs). The difference in personnel, printing, and mailing is mainly due to an increase of approximately 30% in registrations, whereas the difference in conferences is mainly due to two meetings, instead of one, of the Conference of Directors of National Industrial Property Offices. The total difference of 350,000 is amply covered by the estimated increase in the revenues from registration fees (approximately 700,000 francs).

7. The Hague Union. The authorized budget provides for 229,100 francs expenditure. This would be increased by 17,000 francs because of the building costs as indicated in paragraph 2, above.

8. Nice Union. It is now likely that the Italian and German translations of the "Classification" will not be printed in 1966, and therefore the expenditure will remain some 30,000 francs below that authorized in the budget. It is proposed that whatever amounts remain unused should be paid, at the end of 1966, into the reserve fund of the Nice Union.

9. Berne Union. The authorized budget provides for 755,100 francs expenditure. It is probable that some 40,000 francs less will be needed, mainly because certain documents for the Stockholm Conference will be printed in 1967 and not in 1966, and because the traineeship program had to be postponed. It is proposed that whatever savings are made, and whatever funds transferred from 1965 remain unused at the end of 1966, be paid into the reserve fund of the Berne Union. This measure seems the more indicated because

the budget for 1967 of the Berne Union provides for a deficit of 78,000 francs (see document CCIU/IV/5, last page).

10. The Interunion Coordination Committee is invited to express its opinion on the suggestions contained in this document.