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DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF BIRPI FOR 1969

Supplement presented by the Director of BIRPI

Introduction

1. This document is a supplement to document CCIU/VI/6 comprising the draft program and budget of BIRPI for 1969.
2. It contains proposals modifying the draft program and budget presented in the above-mentioned document as far as the Berne Union (paragraphs 3 to 6) and the External Relations Service (paragraphs 7 and 8) are concerned. These new proposals do not entail changes in the budget.

Berne Union

3. In paragraph 27 of document CCIU/VI/6, it was stated that the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union and the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee set up by the Universal Copyright Convention would probably hold a joint extraordinary session at the beginning of 1969. It is also probable that the two Committees will form a joint study group to examine certain questions of a general nature concerning the position at present as regards international copyright relations. It will therefore be necessary to foresee the possibility of a meeting of such a group, later in 1969.

4. In paragraph 28 of document CCIU/VI/6, it was proposed that the possibility should be studied of convening, in cooperation with Unesco, a second meeting to discuss the copyright and neighboring right problems of satellite communications. (The first meeting has been convened by BIRPI for October 1968.) In the meantime, it has been agreed with Unesco that the second meeting will be convened by that Organization alone, a decision which makes available for other purposes the sums of 5,000 francs under the heading "Conferences" and 20,000 francs under the heading "Third-party travel" (see item B.10). (The 3,000 francs for the same item under the heading "Missions" will be used for the participation of BIRPI representatives in the meeting to be organized by Unesco in Paris.)

5. This change in the program will permit BIRPI to give its attention, as from 1969, to another question arising in connection with new technological developments, namely, the use of computers in the reproduction of literary and artistic works protected by copyright. It is proposed to convene a working group in 1969 to study this question.

6. The 25,000 francs made available in the circumstances described in paragraph 4 will cover the expenses of the study group provided for in paragraph 3, above, and the working group proposed in paragraph 5, above.

External Relations Service

7. In paragraph 36 and item CE.2 of document CCIU/VI/6, it is proposed that the External Relations Service attached to the Director's Office should consist of three officials (one P.5 and two P.3).

8. It is now proposed that the functions of the head of this Service should comprise not only the direction of the Service but also the supervision of the Publications Service, the Library, and contacts with the press. In actual fact, the tasks assigned to these services or entailed by these contacts have this in common, that they require a comprehensive view of BIRPI's relations, as a whole, with the outside world. The head of the External Relations Service would have the grade of Senior Counsellor (D.1). The difference, as far as the BIRPI budget is concerned, between the latter grade and that of P.5 is minimal and could be absorbed by the present estimates.

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