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DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF BIRPI  
FOR 1970

presented by the Director of BIRPI

Supplement to document CCIU/VII/9

1. The present document is a supplement to document CCIU/VII/9, which it modifies.

### Madrid Union

2. The results of recent months show an increase in the international registration of trademarks which, when projected into 1970, requires the upward revision of the receipts of the Madrid Union flowing from registration fees.

3. Consequently, the draft budget as contained in document CCIU/VII/9 is hereby revised so that the fee income is 3,950,000 instead of 3,650,000 Swiss francs (page 37). This revision results in a total income of 4,190,000 Swiss francs for the Madrid Union, and 8,023,000 Swiss francs for BIRPI as a whole (same page). Thus the Madrid Union deficit of 266,000 Swiss francs (page 38) not only disappears but is replaced by an estimated surplus of 34,000 Swiss francs, whereas the overall deficit of the total BIRPI budget, forecast on page 38 as amounting to 592,000 Swiss francs, is reduced to 292,000 Swiss francs (US \$68,000) (same page).

4. Finally, the reserve fund of the Madrid Union would not diminish (from 2,044,000 Swiss francs to 1,778,000 Swiss francs; see page 14) but, on the contrary, should increase in 1970.

Berne Union

5. The possibility of two concurrent diplomatic conferences--one revising the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works and the other revising the Universal Copyright Convention--and taking place in either 1970 or 1971 is recalled. For details, see document CCIU/VII/3, paragraph 109.

6. Since the writing of that document, a Subcommittee of the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee (organ established by the Universal Copyright Convention) met at Paris and expressed the view that the revision conference of the Universal Copyright Convention should take place from September 1 to 16, 1970. The matter will be further considered in the December 1969 sessions of the Permanent Committee of the Berne Union and the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee.

7. Simultaneous revision of the two Copyright Conventions should ensure that, instead of being widened, the gap between the two Conventions be narrowed. Any harmonization of their provisions, the establishment of new links between them, the suspension of the Berne safeguard clause of the Universal Copyright Convention for the benefit of developing countries, and the separation of the Stockholm Protocol Regarding Developing Countries from the Stockholm Act of the Berne Convention, are all questions which should be resolved simultaneously, that is, through a concurrent revision of the two Conventions. Otherwise there would be a danger that the results of the two revisions would be incompatible or that the revision taking place earlier would prejudice the revision taking place later.

8. The Director of BIRPI is of the opinion that the said questions require the early revision of both Conventions. Although further preparatory work may show that the States party to the Conventions would prefer to have the conferences take place in 1971 rather than 1970 so that their Governments and the private sector of their countries would have more time to study the proposals for revision, it is also possible that they would be ready for revision conferences in 1970. BIRPI, as a Secretariat, certainly is ready for a revision conference of the Berne Convention in 1970.

9. It is therefore suggested that the program of BIRPI for 1970 include the holding of a diplomatic conference for the revision of the Berne Convention at Geneva. Such conference should preferably take place at the same time as

the revision conference of the Universal Copyright Convention and if BIRPI can agree with Unesco on the joint organization of the two revision conferences, such conferences would be jointly organized. It is hoped that Unesco--which apparently has not yet decided on a place for the revision conference of the Universal Copyright Convention--will agree to Geneva, not only because of the abundance of conference facilities in that city but also because it would cost less both for Governments and BIRPI to hold a conference at headquarters than in another country. Any conference away from headquarters would, by the way, cause additional and considerable expenses to the Government (the host Government) of that country.

10. Consequently, it is also suggested that the budget of BIRPI for 1970 comprise a contingency item amounting to 60,000 Swiss francs for defraying the costs of the conference in question. The costs would mainly be those of interpretation into the various conference languages. This item would be covered out of the reserve fund of the Berne Union. Should the conference take place only in 1971, the budget of that year would provide for the expense.

#### Expenses Common to All Unions

11. Chancellerie. In view of the recent and considerable growth in the number of documents produced in BIRPI, 3 additional posts for typists (G/3) in the Typing Pool--which is part of the "Registry"--are proposed. The corresponding expense (75,000 Swiss francs) will be met by deferring by one to three months the filling of some of the other posts to be established in 1970 or posts which will become vacant during the same year. Thus the staff of the Registry would be 22 instead of 19 as indicated in item CE.6 (document CCIU/VII/9, page 26). No increase in the proposed budget is needed.

12. Administrative Division. Because of the diminution of the workload in the Trademark Search Service of the International Registration Division, the incumbent of the P.2 post shown under that Division (item IU.2 on page 22 of document CCIU/VII/9) will, for at least half-time, be assigned duties in the Administrative Division where, on account of the increasing workload in connection with the plans for extending the present headquarters building, additional help is necessary. Should these trends prove to be permanent, it is proposed to transfer the P.2 post

in question from item IU.2 (see above) to item CE.4  
(Administrative Division; see document CCIU/VII/9, page  
25).

End of the Supplement