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DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF BIRPI FOR 1966
CONCERNING THE PARIS UNION

1. During its First Ordinary Session (September/October 1964), the Conference of Representatives of the Paris Union examined the draft budget and program of BIRPI for the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, as presented in Document CC/II/4. The Conference of Representatives unan-
imously approved the contents of that document, while noting the statements of some delegations, the essentials of which are reproduced in the Report on that session of the Confer-
ence of Representatives (see Document CC/II/10, paragraph 28).

2. As the draft budget and program in question concerned a period of three years, it was noted that only general and approximate estimates could be given and that, for the years 1966 and 1967, budgets of a less provisional nature would be presented to the 1965 and 1966 sessions of the Interunion
Coordination Committee (see Document CC/II/4, paragraph 5).

3. The details of the draft program and budget of BIRPI for 1966 are contained in Document CCIU/III/4 and, more particularly, as far as the Paris Union is concerned, on pages 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

4. It is planned that, as usual, the draft programs and budgets of all the Unions - including the Paris Union - will be discussed primarily in the Interunion Coordination Committee. This document, therefore, refers to Document CCIU/III/4 to avoid repetition.

5. The main object of this document is to point out the principal differences existing between the provisional estimates for 1966, as set out in Document CC/II/4, discussed and approved in 1964, and the estimates of a less provisional nature now being submitted for 1966, as established on the basis of the detailed program and budget for 1966 (Document CCIU/III/4).

6. As far as the program is concerned, the principal differences are the following:

(a) The Asian Seminar will be held in 1966 instead of 1965. To relieve the program for 1966, the general meeting of developing countries, originally scheduled for 1966, will be postponed.

(b) The provisional program provided for two Committees of Experts on Inventors' Certificates, one in 1965 and the other in 1966. In view of the fact that the results of the Committee of Experts held in 1965 were generally satisfactory, it will not be necessary to convene another Committee in 1966.

(c) The provisional program provided for the meeting in 1966 of a Working Group to study the points in the Paris Convention to be revised at the Revision Conference in Vienna. It is proposed to postpone this meeting in order to concentrate efforts on the preparation of the Stockholm Conference scheduled for 1967.

7. As far as the budget for 1966 is concerned, the principal differences existing between the provisional estimates made in 1964 and the present estimates are the following:

(a) Foreseeable expenditure now works out at 995,000 francs instead of 940,000 francs. This represents a difference of 55,000 francs, or 5.8%. The differences in the budget headings showing an increase total 84,000 francs; and those showing a decrease total 29,000 francs. The difference between the last two figures gives the amount of 55,000 francs indicated above.

(b) The three headings for which the present estimates show an increase as compared with the original estimates are as follows: Staff (33,000 francs), Printing (11,000 francs), Delegates' Travel (33,000 francs). The rise in costs in respect of staff and printing is due in particular to the increase in the number of Member States (10% in one year, including the Soviet Union) which makes it necessary to engage another official in the Industrial Property Division and to have some documents translated and distributed also in Russian. As for delegates' travel (travelling of trainees and of participants to a meeting, both for the benefit of the developing countries), provision was already made for 90,000 francs, but the experience of the last two years has shown that this sum will not be sufficient and should be replaced by the figure of 123,000 francs.

(c) The main heading under which the present estimates are less than the original estimates is that of "Conferences." Expenditure amounting to 22,000 francs is now envisaged instead of 43,000 francs. The difference of 21,000 francs is due mainly to the fact that there will be no general meeting for developing countries (16,000 francs), nor will there be any new Committee for inventors' certificates (3,000 francs) or any Working Group for the preparation of the Revision Conference of Vienna (2,000 francs).

(d) As far as receipts are concerned, there is an increase of 20,000 francs (2.1%) over original estimates (960,000 francs instead of 940,000 francs), whereof 10,000 francs under the heading of contributions and 10,000 francs under the heading of sales of publications and miscellaneous receipts. Both are based on estimates which it is believed are more exact in view of the fact that the year 1966 is nearer at present than it was at the time when the original estimates were made.

8. The Executive Committee is invited to express its views on the questions dealt with above.