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INTERNATIONAL UNION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
Conference of Representatives, Executive Committee, Second Session

(Genève, 26-29 septembre 1966)

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GENERAL INFORMATION
CONCERNING
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND ITS SECOND ORDINARY SESSION

Composition of the Committee

1. Since October 1, 1965, the following eighteen States have been members of the Executive Committee:

Ceylon
Czechoslovakia
France
Germany (Federal Republic)
Hungary
Italy
Japan
Morocco
Netherlands
Nigeria
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Yugoslavia.

2. States Members of the Paris Union, not members of the Executive Committee, may attend the sessions of the Executive Committee as observers (Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Representatives, Article 9(4)).

3. The Officers of the Executive Committee, serving until the election of their successors, are the following:

Chairman: Mr. Brenner (United States of America);

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Fajfr (Czechoslovakia) and
Mr. Mazarambroz (Spain).

4. Article 10(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Representatives states that BIRPI shall provide the secretariat of the Committee and that the Secretary shall be appointed by the Director of BIRPI. The Director has appointed Dr. Arpad Bogsch, Deputy Director, as Secretary of the Committee.

Terms of Reference of the Committee

5. Apart from its tasks in connection with the preparation of the sessions of the Conference of Representatives, the Executive Committee shall:

"approve^(*), within the limits of this program and budget /i.e., the program and triennial budget of the Paris Union/, the specific yearly budgets and programs prepared by the Director" (Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Representatives, Article 7(5)(ii));

"consider all necessary measures to ensure the execution of the program of the Paris Union by the Director, in accordance with the decisions of the Conference of Representatives and having regard to circumstances arising between two ordinary sessions of that Conference" (Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Representatives, Article 7(5)(iv)).

(*) Note by the Director of BIRPI: The term is not very appropriate as the approval of the program and budget is a function reserved to the Government of the Swiss Confederation as Supervisory Authority of BIRPI, and even the Conference of Representatives (the body to which the Executive Committee is subordinate) has only the power to "draw up a report" on the foreseeable expenditure for three-year periods (see Paris Convention (Lisbon), Article 13(10) and Article 14(5)(a), and also the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Representatives, Article 3(a)). The words "express its views" would be more appropriate.

Second Ordinary Session of the Committee

6. The Second Ordinary Session of the Committee will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from September 26 to 29, 1966, at the same time and place as the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Interunion Coordination Committee of BIRPI. As the States which are members of the Executive Committee are also members of the Interunion Coordination Committee, this is a practical arrangement dictated primarily in the interests of economy.

7. The opening meeting of the Committee will be held on September 26, at 3 p.m., in the Conference Room of BIRPI, 32, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva.