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ORGANIZATIONAL RULES OF ICIREPAT

Report of the Secretariat

The present document attempts to reflect the changes which it is believed the Executive Committee wished to make in the Organizational Rules (document CEP/IV/4) of the new ICIREPAT when this matter was discussed in the September 24, 1968, morning meeting of the Committee. (New text matter is underlined).

Article 2

(1)(a) Any member country of the Paris Union desiring to participate in the work of ICIREPAT, and pledging:

(i) to perform work in its own national Industrial Property (Patent) Office or, if it is a member of the International Patent Institute, by and through that Institute or in both manners, and

(ii) to contribute to the work to be carried out in connection with ICIREPAT by the International Bureau,

may, at any time, declare that it wishes to be considered a participating country of ICIREPAT.

(b) The contribution to the International Bureau shall consist of money or services (particularly loaning specialists to the International Bureau), or both. The contribution of a participating country which is a member

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of the International Patent Institute may be furnished directly or through that Institute, or in both manners. The amount of the money and the volume of the services shall be at the discretion of each participating country and shall be specified and announced by each of them in the ordinary session of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union for the subsequent year. The announcement may also be made in a notification addressed to the International Bureau prior to the said session. The Executive Committee will list and incorporate these contributions in a recommendation.

(2) Any participating country may, at any time, declare that it no longer considers itself a participating country.

/3) and (4) No change./

(5) The Director (General) of the International Bureau shall notify the participating countries accordingly.

Article 6

(1)(a) Membership in each Technical Committee shall be limited to those participating countries whose Patent Offices perform tasks with which the Technical Committee is concerned. Any participating country which is a member of the International Patent Institute may be represented by that Institute.

/b) and (c) No change./

/2) No change./

(3) The Technical Coordination Committee shall be composed of eight participating countries. Six of them shall be the six whose national Offices have received, according to the latest available statistics, the greatest number of applications for patents or inventors' certificates per year. The other two shall be co-opted from among the other participating countries by the said six. Co-optation would be effective for approximately two years and could be renewed.

Article 7

(1) Each participating country shall have one vote.

(2) In matters not of direct concern to participating countries having a certain patent system, such countries shall abstain from voting.

Article 8

In paragraph (3), replace "members of ICIREPAT" by "participating countries."

Article 9

In paragraph (5), replace "member countries of ICIREPAT" by "participating countries."

Article 13

The last sentence of paragraph (2) should be replaced by the following text: "The relevant portions of any changes in such agreement shall be communicated for advice to ICIREPAT before the competent organs of the Paris Union take action on them."

Article 16

(1)(a) Countries whose Patent Offices were members of the former ICIREPAT shall be considered participating countries until December 31, 1968.

(b) Beyond that date, they will be considered participating countries only after they have made the pledge referred to in Article 2(1)(a).

/ (2) No change. /

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