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COMMENTS ON
THE PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL
RULES OF THE NEW ICIREPAT

1. As stated in document CEP/IV/4, paragraph 5, the 21 countries members of ICIREPAT were invited to make written comments on the proposals contained in the said document, by July 14, 1968.
2. One country, Canada, communicated written comments. They are reproduced in the Annex to this document.
3. The Committee is invited to take these comments into account.

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Annex

Comments of Canada
(dated May 30, 1968)

"We recognize the need for the present wording of Article 2(1)(a), but believe there should be a separate understanding as to what contributions would be expected from Canada if we were to participate. We would also need to know what work we would be expected to perform. Since we have no automated information retrieval equipment in the Canadian Patent Office, would we be expected to undertake information retrieval studies, or could our efforts be related to other studies undertaken by ICIREPAT, and to Committee work?

We would also like further elucidation of Article 6(1)(a). We presume this means that any Patent Office which performs any work falling within the field assigned to a technical committee would be eligible for membership in the Committee, and under this interpretation Canada would be eligible for membership in whatever committees replace Standing Committees II, III and IV of the existing ICIREPAT organization.

Apart from the two comments made above, the Canadian Patent Office considers the proposed rules acceptable."