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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS CONCERNING ICIREPAT

Report by the Director of BIRPI

1. This document deals with the question of the voluntary contributions to cover the cost of certain tasks concerning ICIREPAT.
2. The Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee of ICIREPAT decided, at its Second Ordinary Session in Geneva on June 28, 1968, to make an assessment of the program of ICIREPAT (documents IT/ETSC/II/2 and IT/ETSC/II/20, paragraphs 8 to 14). Such an assessment would entail, as far as BIRPI is concerned, the appointment of a specialist in information retrieval to work as a consultant and the reimbursement of the travel expenses of a number of occasional consultants invited by BIRPI to furnish advice. The total costs, as provided for in the proposals for the 1969 budget (see document CCIU/VI/6, items P.11 and P.13), would amount to 100,000 Swiss francs.
3. In the view of the said Committee, this amount of 100,000 francs should be covered by voluntary contributions from members of ICIREPAT. The Committee studied a proposal by the Director of BIRPI regarding the possible distribution of this amount (document IT/ETSC/II/16). It was suggested, in particular, that States members of ICIREPAT should be prepared to contribute sums the amounts of which, in round figures, would range between the limits indicated below:

Swiss francs

Federal Republic of Germany	15,000 to 30,000
Japan	8,500 to 17,000
Netherlands	8,500 to 17,000
Soviet Union	10,000 to 20,000
Sweden	8,500 to 17,000
United Kingdom	15,000 to 30,000
United States of America	21,500 to 43,000

Each of the other 14 members of ICIREPAT, that is: Australia, Austria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines

1,000 to 2,000

4. The total of the contributions in the first column is 101,000 francs, and the total of the second column is double that amount. If all the States agreed to contribute the amounts indicated in the first column, each would be expected to pay only the sum mentioned in that column, that is to say, the lowest amount. If, on the other hand, some States refused to contribute or contributed less than the minimum, the difference would be compensated, as far as possible, by contributions the amount of which would be between the minimum and maximum (second column) proposed.

5. The Executive Committee of the Paris Union is invited to hear the pledges made by interested countries for 1968.

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