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ICIREPAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN MONEY

Report of the Director of BIRPI

1. The present report deals with the cash contributions of participating countries of ICIREPAT to BIRPI.
2. It is divided into three parts:
 - (i) Background and Proposal (paragraphs 3 to 12)
 - (ii) Amount Needed and Justification (paragraphs 13 to 15)
 - (iii) Computation of the Shares of Participating Countries (paragraphs 16 to 25)

Background and Proposal

3. Article 2(1) of the Organizational Rules of the Paris Union Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval Among Patent Offices (ICIREPAT) provides, inter alia, that the contribution of each participating country of ICIREPAT consists of money or services to BIRPI. It further provides that the amount of the money is at the discretion of each participating country and must be specified and announced:

- (i) either in the ordinary session of the Executive Committee of the Paris Union,
- (ii) or in a notification addressed to BIRPI prior to the said session.

4. At its fourth session (December, 1968), the Enlarged Transitional Steering Committee of ICIREPAT noted that the expenses of BIRPI to be covered from cash contributions for the next two or three years were estimated to be around \$30,000 (that is, at the exchange rate of 4.32 Swiss francs to \$1.00, 130,000 Swiss francs) per year. At the same time, that Committee invited BIRPI to communicate, as soon as possible, the exact amount needed for 1970, with a detailed justification, and to propose an appropriate share for each participating country.

5. The present document contains the detailed justification of the amount of cash contributions needed for 1970, namely, 130,000 Swiss francs.

6. Furthermore, the present document contains proposals for the computation of the share of each participating country in the total amount of 130,000 Swiss francs. The amount proposed for each country is the following:

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| A. Germany (Federal Republic),
Japan, Soviet Union, United
Kingdom, United States of
America (5) | 18,000 Swiss francs
each |
| B. Australia, Austria, Canada,
France, Netherlands,
Sweden, Switzerland (7) | 4,700 Swiss francs
each |
| C. Czechoslovakia, Denmark,
Finland, Hungary, Ireland,
Israel, Norway (7) | 1,000 Swiss francs
each |

7. It is to be noted that, at the time of writing this report, not all of the said 19 countries have yet made the declaration required under Article 2 of the Organizational Rules of ICIREPAT. The above proposal is based on the assumption that those which have not yet made the declaration will do so and that all participating countries will pledge cash contributions. Should these assumptions not be correct, or should some of the countries offer contributions whose amounts are different from those indicated in paragraph 6, BIRPI would have to revise the suggested amounts accordingly.

8. Subject to the reservations contained in the preceding paragraph, it is expected that the suggested amounts will be the same for 1970 and for 1971.

9. The contribution suggested for 1970 will be payable in the course of the year 1970, whereas the contribution suggested for 1971 will be payable in the course of the year 1971.

10. Each of the participating countries of ICIREPAT (19) is invited to specify and announce its contribution to BIRPI for the year 1970.

11. The Executive Committee is invited to incorporate the list of contributions in a recommendation.

12. The recommendation could be worded as follows:

"The Executive Committee of the International (Paris) Union for the Protection of Industrial Property,

"Considering the Organizational Rules of the Paris Union Committee for International Cooperation in Information Retrieval Among Patent Offices (ICIREPAT),

"Taking as a basis the volume and nature of work in the respective national Offices,

"Recommends the following amounts as the cash contributions of the participating countries for the year 1970:

"Here would follow the list of countries and the amounts, possibly as indicated in paragraph 6, above."

Amount Needed and Justification

13. The amount needed for 1970 is 130,000 Swiss francs.

14. The budgeted use of this amount is as follows:

	Swiss francs
<u>Staff (salaries and social charges)</u>	
Technical Counsellor	88,000
Secretary	<u>22,000</u>
	110,000
 <u>Meetings (conference rooms and temporary conference staff for 50 days at the rate of 200 Swiss francs per day)</u>	
	10,000
 <u>Missions (travel and subsistence allowances)</u>	
	5,000
 <u>Office Material and Reproduction of Documents</u>	
	5,000
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Total	130,000
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15. It is to be noted that only the staff costs of those two persons working full time for ICIREPAT are included in the budget. Those who work part time for ICIREPAT--whether in supervisory or in supporting capacities--are not considered. Expenses connected with these persons are absorbed by the budget of the Paris Union.

Computation of the Shares of Participating Countries

16. It is proposed that two factors be taken into account in establishing the shares of the various countries: the volume and the nature of the work in the national (Patent) Offices.

17. As to the volume, it is proposed to measure it by the median figure of the number of patent applications filed and the number of patents granted. Inventors' certificates would be counted as patents. Numbers would be taken from the latest available yearly statistics (1967) as furnished by the national Offices themselves and published with the December, 1968, issue of Industrial Property.

18. As to the nature of the work, it is proposed to halve the median figure for those national Offices which do not carry out full examination. Two of the 19 countries--France and Switzerland--would fall into this category.

19. In order to simplify the system, it is proposed to divide the 19 participating countries into three groups according to whether the median figure exceeds 40,000 (Group A), is between 40,000 and 10,000 (Group B), or is under 10,000 (Group C).

20. It is proposed that the proportion between the contributions of each of the three Groups be the same as that between the totals of the median figures of each Group.

21. Finally, it is proposed that each member of any given Group contribute the same amount.

22. Applying the principles laid down in paragraphs 16 to 21, on the basis of the statistics for 1967, to the amount of 130,000 Swiss francs, the computation is as indicated in the following paragraphs.

23. Median Figures (in thousands):

	Applica- tions	Grants	Median	Group Total
<u>GROUP A</u>				
1. Germany (Fed. Rep.)	67	20	43.5	
2. Japan	85	21	53.0	
3. Soviet Union	112	25	68.5	
4. United Kingdom	59	39	49.0	
5. United States	88	66	<u>77.0</u>	291.0
<u>GROUP B</u>				
6. Australia	16	6	11.0	
7. Austria	12	8	10.0	
8. Canada	30	26	28.0	
9. France*	49	47 48/2=	24.0	
10. Netherlands	18	2	10.0	
11. Sweden	18	9	13.5	
12. Switzerland*	18	22 20/2=	<u>10.0</u>	106.5
<u>GROUP C</u>				
13. Czechoslovakia	9	4	6.5	
14. Denmark	7	2	4.5	
15. Finland	4	1	2.5	
16. Hungary	3	1	2.0	
17. Ireland	2	1	1.5	
18. Israel	2	1	1.5	
19. Norway	5	2	<u>3.5</u>	22.0
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*Countries without full examination

24. Thus, the participation of each of the Groups in the amount of 130,000 Swiss francs would be as follows:

Group A: $(291.0 \div 419.50) \times 130,000 = 90,179$ Swiss francs
Group B: $(106.5 \div 419.50) \times 130,000 = 33,003$ Swiss francs
Group C: $(22 \div 419.50) \times 130,000 = 6,818$ Swiss francs

25. Dividing each Group's contribution by the number of members in the Group, the contribution of each member in the various Groups would be as follows:

in Group A: $90,179 \div 5 = 18,036$ Swiss francs
in Group B: $33,003 \div 7 = 4,715$ Swiss francs
in Group C: $6,818 \div 7 = 974$ Swiss francs

or, rounding these figures to the nearest 100:

in Group A: 18,000 Swiss francs
in Group B: 4,700 Swiss francs
in Group C: 1,000 Swiss francs

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