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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE ICIREPAT BUDGET 1971

presented by Mr. William E. Schuyler, Jr. (United States),
Chairman of the Working Group

SUMMARY

This document contains the recommendation of the Working Group to adopt the ICIREPAT budget for 1971 as proposed.

1. The Working Group on the ICIREPAT budget 1971, consisting of the Delegations of Germany (Federal Republic), Japan, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, met on September 25, 1970, under the chairmanship of Mr. William E. Schuyler, Jr. (United States).

2. All delegations represented declared, after having heard the explanations of the Secretariat, that they considered the budget of ICIREPAT for the year 1971, as presented by the Secretariat, as reasonable and were prepared to accept it.

3. All delegations represented declared that they were prepared to pledge their contributions at the value of the amount suggested in document P/EC/VI/4, paragraph 26. The Delegations of Germany (Federal Republic), Japan and the United Kingdom added that they were ready to pay their contributions in cash. The Delegations of the Soviet Union and of the United States stated that they could only commit themselves to contributions through loan of qualified staff at the value of the amounts suggested in document P/EC/VI/4.

4. The Working Group agreed to present the following proposals to the Executive Committee of the Paris Union:

(i) The budget for ICIREPAT for the year 1971 and the distribution of contributions of the participating countries should be adopted as proposed by the Secretariat in documents AB/I/7, paragraphs 64 to 66, and P/EC/VI/4, paragraph 26, subject to a reservation by the Soviet Union and the United States permitting these countries to make their contributions through the loan of staff at the value of the amount to be contributed.

(ii) It should be decided that all ICIREPAT bodies should have their meetings in 1971 in Geneva, subject to an exception to be authorized by the Technical Coordination Committee of ICIREPAT, if it is satisfied that exceptional circumstances necessitate the organization of a particular meeting elsewhere.

(iii) All participating countries and all bodies of ICIREPAT should be urged to minimize as far as possible their demands on the Secretariat to enable the latter to make economies in this field. In particular the reproduction

and circulation of documents should be requested only to the extent necessary for the continuation of the program of ICIREPAT, and documents should be kept as concise as possible.

(iv) The Secretariat should be asked to study the possibility of transferring, after 1973, the expenditure of the Secretariat in connection with ICIREPAT activities of interest to all countries of the Paris Union, such as the standardization of patent documents, etc., to the budget of that Union.

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