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MATTERS CONCERNING THE PCT UNION: FEES

Memorandum prepared by the International Bureau

1. At its seventeenth session, held on April 16 and 18, 1997, the WIPO Budget Committee, after considering the draft program and budget for the 1998-99 biennium contained in document WO/BC/XVII/2, decided to recommend, in particular, "to the Assembly of the PCT Union that at its September-October 1997 session it examine the fee reduction as proposed in document WO/BC/XVII/2 and take a decision in that respect" (document WO/BC/XVII/5, paragraph 34).

2. The fee reduction proposed to the Budget Committee was to decrease the basic fee by about 15% and the designation fee by about 19% as from January 1, 1998. Both of those fees are payable for the benefit of the International Bureau by applicants filing international applications under the PCT. The exact amounts in Swiss francs are indicated in the Annex, which shows the proposed schedule of PCT fees for the International Bureau applicable from January 1, 1998.

3. *The Assembly is invited to adopt the proposed new amounts of PCT fees as appearing in the Annex to this document and to decide that they will enter into force on January 1, 1998.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

Proposed schedule of PCT fees for the International Bureau applicable from January 1, 1998

	<u>Current Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Amount</u>	<u>Percentage Decrease</u>
Basic Fee (Rule 15.2(a)):			
(a) If the international application contains not more than 30 sheets	762 Swiss francs	650 Swiss francs	-14.7%
(b) If the international application contains more than 30 sheets	762 Swiss francs, plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets	650 Swiss francs, plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets	
Designation Fee (Rule 15.2(a)):			
(a) For designations made under Rule 4.9(a)	185 Swiss francs per designation provided that any designation made under Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 11 shall not require the payment of a designation fee	150 Swiss francs per designation provided that any designation made under Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 11 shall not require the payment of a designation fee	-18.9%
(b) For designations made under Rule 4.9(b) and confirmed under Rule 4.9(c)	185 Swiss francs per designation	150 Swiss francs per designation	-18.9%
Handling Fee (Rule 57.2(a)):	233 Swiss francs	233 Swiss francs	<u>unchanged</u>
		weighted average:	15.0%

All fees are reduced by 75% for international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); if there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria.

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