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ADVICE TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PCT UNION ON THE REQUEST OF THE
CANADIAN COMMISSIONERS OF PATENTS TO BE APPOINTED AS
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY AND AS INTERNATIONAL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY;
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Document prepared by the International Bureau

1. Further to the letter of July 5, 2002 (see document PCT/CTC/20/2), the Canadian Commissioner of Patents, in a letter dated August 22, 2002, has asked that a table of the PCT minimum documentation currently not available or accessible at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) be made available to the Committee. That letter and the accompanying table are reproduced as an Annex to this document.¹

2. *The Committee is invited to note the information contained in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

¹ Working documents for sessions of the Assembly and the Committee for Technical Cooperation are accessible via WIPO's Website at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings>.

ANNEX

August 22, 2002

Dr. Kamil Idris
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Dear Dr. Idris:

In my letter of July 5, 2002, I had expressed my desire to have the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) considered for approval from the appropriate bodies of the World Intellectual Property Organization for status as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

In addition to the letter, a detailed submission in support of our request was enclosed, and these two documents were reproduced as an Annex to document PCT/CTC/20/2. In paragraph 33 of the submission CIPO stated that while it currently possesses or has access to an extensive number of patent related documents, there exists a limited number of documents which form part of the minimum documentation required under Rule 34 of the PCT but which are not presently accessible by Canadian patent examiners.

To further elaborate upon this point, CIPO has prepared the attached table which indicates the type, year and country or regional office of origin of the missing documents and an approximation of the volumes. I would ask that you include this table as an addendum to document PCT/CTC/20/2.

CIPO has initiated discussions with several foreign patent offices regarding the acquisition of the missing documentation in the most efficient and timely manner possible.

Thank you once again for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

David Tobin
Commissioner of Patents, Registrar of
Trade -marks and Chief Executive Officer

PCT Minimum Documentation Currently not Available or Accessible at CIPO

(August, 2002)

Country	Document type	Years missing	Approximate number
Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle	Patents	1979-2002	7500
African Regional Industrial Property Organization	Patents	1985-2002	1000
Australia	Patents	1979-2002	30000
	Publications	1970-1975	4000
Austria	Patents	1920-1950	-
	Utility Models	1994-2000	3016
Eurasian Patent Office	Publications	1996-2002	5000
	Patents	1997-2002	2000
Former Reichspatentamt of Germany	Patents	1920-1945	452617
France	Publications	1969	40000
Germany	Non-examined Patent Applications	1958-2002	1500000
	Examined Patent Applications	1957-1962	100000
	Patents and Patents of Addition	1948-2002	1100000
	DD-A Documents	1990-1999	19008
	DD-B, DD -C Documents	1990-1999	3578
Russian Federation	Patent Applications (Old numbering)	1993-2002	300
	Patent Applications (New numbering)	1993-2002	150000
	Patents	1993-2002	200000
	Utility Models	1994-2002	20000
Country	Document type	Years missing	Approximate number
(Former) Soviet Union	Inventor's Certificates and Patents	1924-2000	1200000
Switzerland	Examined Applications (Textiles and Horology)	1962-2002	6000
	Patents and Patents of Addition	1920-1943	147569

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