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ADDENDUM TO DOCUMENT WO/CC/I/4
presented by the Director of BIRPI

SUMMARY

This Document brings up to date the information contained in Document WO/CC/I/4 concerning working relations between the United Nations and WIPO.

1. In paragraph 6 of Document WO/CC/I/4 reference is made to negotiations currently in progress with the United Nations concerning the establishment of working relations between the United Nations and WIPO.
2. Paragraph 2 of Document AB/I/26 reports that at its forty-ninth session the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations approved a proposal of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to conclude an agreement for the establishment of working relations with WIPO.
3. On September 23, 1970, the Secretary-General of the United Nations sent to the Director General of WIPO a letter containing proposals for the establishment of working relations, and informed him by telex of the dispatch of this letter which, on the date of the preparation of this document, had not reached Geneva from New York.
4. However, a draft text of the substance of the letter to be sent by the Secretary-General was agreed in discussion and in correspondence during the forty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council. It is set out below. The blank spaces appearing in the first and second paragraphs are to be completed by the inclusion of precise references to the decision taken by the Economic and Social Council.

"Dear Mr Bodenhausen,

I have the honor to refer to the entry into force of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on April 26, 1970, of which I have recently been officially informed. In this connexion, I should like to recall the exchange of letters, dated September 23 and October 2, 1964, between the United Nations and the United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property, of which the International Bureau of WIPO is a continuation. I should also inform you that on [] 1970 the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations []

In the implementation of [] I should like to propose that our future collaboration be based on the following practical arrangements:

1. The Secretariat of the United Nations and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) shall exchange, as appropriate, information and documentation relevant to matters of mutual interest.

2. In matters of mutual interest, representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations shall be invited to attend in an observer capacity the negotiating conferences organized by WIPO, the conferences or other meetings of all WIPO bodies, and such expert committees, working groups and seminars as may be organized by WIPO.

3. Representatives of WIPO shall be invited to attend in an observer capacity meetings of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies, when such meetings deal with questions of intellectual property as defined in the Convention establishing WIPO.

In addition to these formal arrangements, I shall look forward to a continuation and extension with WIPO of the collaboration which has been established since 1964 with BIRPI through an informal exchange of publications and appropriate consultation, on an ad hoc basis, relating to questions of coordination with organizations of the United Nations system in respect of programme activities and administrative matters.

Yours sincerely,

U Thant
Secretary-General"

5. The Coordination Committee of WIPO is invited to approve the arrangements contained in the draft letter set out in paragraph 4 above, and to authorize the Director General to conclude such a general agreement with the United Nations upon receipt of a letter from the Secretary General of the United Nations in those terms.

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