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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL OF WIPO

Report by the Director of BIRPI

SUMMARY

This document deals with the appointment of the First and Second Deputy Directors General of WIPO.

Appointment Procedure

1. Article 9 of the WIPO Convention provides that "the International Bureau shall be directed by the Director General, assisted by two or more Deputy Directors General" (paragraph (2)) and that the Director General "shall appoint the Deputy Directors General after approval by the Coordination Committee" (paragraph (7)). The transitional provisions of the said Convention further provide that "the staff in the employment of the said Bureaux [that is, the United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property (BIRPI)] on the date of entry into force [that is, April 26, 1970] of this Convention shall, during the transitional period referred to in subparagraph (a) [that is to say, as long as there are States members of the Paris or Berne Unions which have not become party to the WIPO Convention], be considered as also employed by the International Bureau" (Article 21(3)(b)).
2. It is to be expected that the Director General of WIPO, once appointed, will submit to the Coordination Committee of WIPO, for its approval, the names of those persons whom he intends to appoint as Deputy Directors General of WIPO.

3. The Coordination Committee of WIPO is invited to make a decision on the request for approval of the appointments of the Deputy Directors General of WIPO which will be submitted to it once the Director General of WIPO has been appointed.

Candidates

4. It should be noted that on February 27, 1970, the Director of BIRPI notified member States of the Paris Union, of the Berne Union, and of both Unions, that it was to be expected that the Director General of WIPO, once appointed, would consult the Coordination Committee on the subject of the appointment of the Deputy Directors General. He invited the Governments of member States to present candidates for these posts before June 1, 1970. In his notification, the Director of BIRPI, who is a candidate for the post of Director General, added that if he were appointed Director General he would ask the Coordination Committee to approve the appointment of Dr. Arpad Bogsch (First Deputy Director of BIRPI) as First Deputy Director General of WIPO and of Mr. Joseph Voyame (Second Deputy Director of BIRPI) as Second Deputy Director General of WIPO. No other candidature has been notified to the Director of BIRPI.

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