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COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

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**GENERAL AGREEMENTS WITH  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Report by the Director of BIRPI

**SUMMARY**

This document deals with relations between WIPO and other intergovernmental organizations and with general agreements to be concluded with such organizations.

Provisions of the WIPO Convention

1. Article 13(1) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) provides that "The Organization shall, where appropriate, establish working relations and cooperate with other intergovernmental organizations. Any general agreement to such effect entered into with such organizations shall be concluded by the Director General after approval by the Coordination Committee."

Working relations established by BIRPI

2. General agreements have been concluded by BIRPI establishing working relations with the following intergovernmental organizations:

- (1) United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system:

United Nations (UN), September 28 - October 2, 1964

International Labour Office (ILO), May 31 -  
June 9, 1967

United Nations Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization (UNESCO) July 13 - 18, 1950

World Health Organization (WHO), February 13 -  
March 9, 1956

International Trade Organization, subsequently  
the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade  
(GATT), March 17-21, 1949.

- (ii) Other Intergovernmental Organizations

Latin-American Free Trade Association (LAFTA),  
April 1 - 25, 1966

Council of Europe (CE), May 29, 1957

Industrial Development Centre for Arab States  
(IDCAS), November 4, 1969.

International Olive Oil Council (IOC), April 16 -  
24, 1962

International Patent Institute (IIB), March  
18 - 29, 1955 (new agreement concluded on  
November 7, 1968).

International Wine Office (IWO), November 1 - 7, 1957

Organization of American States (OAS), April 3, 1959.

3. The dates shown above are those of the letters exchanged or of the conclusion of the agreements. The texts of the agreements are set out in the Administrative Manual of BIRPI (Chapter VII), with the exception of the agreement concluded recently with IDCAS, which is reproduced as an annex to this document.

#### United Nations and Specialized Agencies

4. The expression "United Nations bodies" which appears in the agreement between BIRPI and the United Nations does not include the specialized agencies of the United Nations, but does include the regional Economic Commissions and bodies established by resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, such as the United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Law Commission, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

5.

(a) The UNDP finances technical assistance projects requested by developing countries members of the United Nations, and has power to appoint as executing agencies or sub-contractors for such projects organizations outside the United Nations system.

(b) Article 51(4) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty signed at Washington on July 19, 1970, requires the International Bureau (which, by virtue of Article 2(xix) of the said Treaty, means the International Bureau of WIPO) to seek to enter into agreements with international financing organizations and inter-governmental organizations, particularly the United Nations, the agencies of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies connected with the United Nations concerned with technical assistance, for the financing of technical assistance projects. The resolution concerning preparatory measures for the entry into force of the said Treaty, adopted by the Washington

Diplomatic Conference on July 17, 1970, recommends the setting up of an Interim Committee for Technical Assistance, which should prepare the establishment of the Committee for Technical Assistance referred to in Article 51 of the Treaty.

6. The Director General will negotiate with the United Nations and its bodies, as well as with certain other intergovernmental organizations of the United Nations System including in particular certain Specialized Agencies, draft general agreements for the establishment of working relations, taking into account the agreements previously concluded by BIRPI, the duties assigned to the International Bureau by the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the decisions of the Interim Committee for Technical Assistance, if such a committee is set up. Such negotiations with the United Nations and with UNIDO are currently in progress.

7. It is proposed that, pending the possible conclusion of such general agreements, the agreements concluded by BIRPI with the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies should be applied, mutatis mutandis by WIPO, on condition that the other organizations concerned agree to apply the said agreements to WIPO; it is further proposed that pending the possible conclusion of a general agreement with the UNDP, WIPO should formally declare its willingness to cooperate with the UNDP in technical assistance projects within its field of competence. A decision to authorize the Director General of WIPO to communicate such willingness to the Administrator of the UNDP appears to fall within the provisions of Article 13(1) of the WIPO Convention.

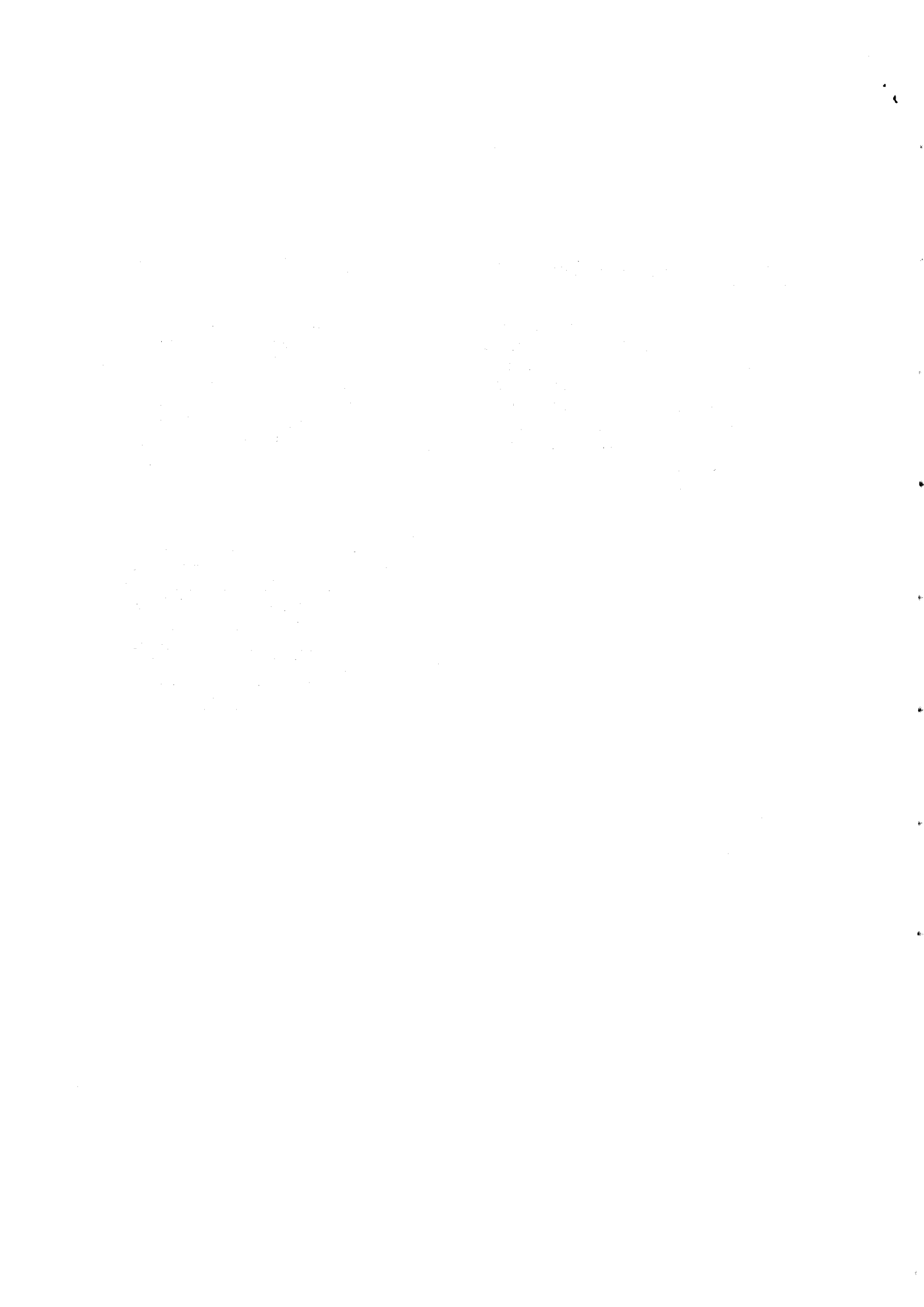
8. The Coordination Committee of WIPO is invited to authorize the Director General, pending the conclusion of general agreements by WIPO, (a) to apply the agreements concluded by BIRPI, mutatis mutandis, with the United Nations bodies and the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations system, on condition of reciprocity, (b) to communicate to the Administrator of the UNDP the willingness of WIPO to act as an executing agency or as a subcontractor in technical assistance projects within its field of competence.

Intergovernmental Organizations outside the United Nations System

9. As was shown in paragraph 2 of this document, BIRPI has concluded working agreements with certain intergovernmental organizations which are not part of the United Nations system. It appears to be necessary that such agreements should be negotiated afresh for WIPO and that, pending the conclusion of the new negotiations, the agreements concluded by BIRPI should be applied, mutatis mutandis, on condition that the other organizations concerned agree to apply the said agreements to WIPO.

10. The Coordination Committee is invited to authorize the Director General of WIPO, pending the conclusion of new working agreements, to apply, mutatis mutandis, the agreements concluded by BIRPI with intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system, on condition of reciprocity.

/Annex follows/



The Industrial Development  
Centre for Arab States

November 4, 1969,  
Cairo

SUMMARY OF A DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES  
OF BIRPI AND IDCAS

- (1) It has been agreed upon that the two organizations will cooperate in the field of Industrial Property for their mutual benefit.
- (2) BIRPI will furnish IDCAS with working papers of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in English and French.
- (3) BIRPI will send a copy of the report on the survey of the Licensing opportunities throughout the world in English and French and will keep IDCAS informed of any further development.
- (4) BIRPI will study the possibility of sending an expert to survey together with IDCAS the situation in the field of Industrial Property Legislation prevailing in Arab Countries.
- (5) IDCAS jointly with BIRPI will then convene a Working Group of experts to study the situation and prepare the recommendation to the Governments of Arab Countries.
- (6) IDCAS and BIRPI will keep each other informed of the questions they are dealing with in the field of Industrial Property and will invite mutually one another whenever the questions of interests to one organization are discussed or considered by the other.
- (7) BIRPI will furnish IDCAS with bibliographies on Industrial Property in English and French.
- (8) BIRPI will study the possibility of offering one or two fellowships to IDCAS nominees to be trained in the field of Industrial Property.
- (9) BIRPI will, as soon as possible, provide IDCAS with 10 copies in English and French of the principal available foreign laws and regulations on industrial property as well as the relevant Conventions and Arrangements.

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