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CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATES PARTY TO
THE WIPO CONVENTION NOT MEMBERS OF
ANY OF THE UNIONS

Report by the Director of BIRPI

SUMMARY

The present document deals with the contributions of those States party to the WIPO Convention which are not members of any of the Unions. At the time of writing this report, there are only two such States: Byelorussia and the Ukraine. The suggested amount for each of these States is 2,000 Swiss francs for 1971, 2,000 Swiss francs for 1972, and 3,000 Swiss francs for 1973.

1. It is proposed that the amounts of the contributions of the States party to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization ("WIPO Convention") which are not members of any of the Unions be the following:

for 1971: 4,000 Swiss francs
 for 1972: 4,000 Swiss francs
 for 1973: 6,000 Swiss francs

2. These amounts would be used as indicated in the draft program and budget (see document AB/I/7, pages 8 and 9).

3. The share of each State party to the WIPO Convention which is not a member of any of the Unions contributing to the budget of the WIPO Conference depends on the class it has chosen under Article 11(4) (a) of the WIPO Convention and the number and class of each of the other States party to the WIPO Convention which are not members of any of the said Unions. Since the latter factors are subject to variation, it may be that the share of each member country will, in fact, be different from the amounts indicated below.

4. According to the present situation, the contribution per country and per year would be as follows (in Swiss francs):

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Total contributions	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Class A	-	-	-
Class B	-	-	-
Class C	2,000	2,000	3,000

5. At the present time, there are two States which are party to the WIPO Convention without being members of any of the Unions: Byelorussia and Ukraine. Both have chosen Class C. Consequently, the contribution of each of them would be 2,000 Swiss francs for 1971, 2,000 Swiss francs for 1972, and 3,000 Swiss francs for 1973.

6. The amount of 2,000 Swiss francs for 1971 may be justified on the ground that this is approximately the same amount that a country in Class VI of the Paris Union and in Class VI of the Berne Union will contribute, indirectly, to defray the expenses of the legal-technical assistance program in 1971.

7. The calculation is the following:

(i) In 1971, the Paris Union would contribute 192,000 francs for direct expenses (see document AB/I/7, item DC.28) and approximately 100% more for overheads (use of common services, etc.), that is, a total of 384,000 francs. A Class VI country pays 0.45% of this amount (see document AB/I/8, paragraph 5), or 1,700 francs.

(ii) In 1971, the Berne Union would contribute 48,000 francs for direct expenses (see document AB/I/7, item DC.28) and approximately 100% more for overheads (use of common services, etc.), that is, a total of 96,000 francs. A Class VI country pays 0.6% of this amount (see document AB/I/9, paragraph 5), or 600 francs.

(iii) The sum of 1,700 and 600 francs, rounded to the nearest thousand, is 2,000 Swiss francs.

(iv) Assimilating a Class C State to a Class VI country may be justified on the ground that Class A is comparable to Classes I and II (the top third), Class B to Classes III and IV (the middle third), and Class C to Classes V, VI and VII (the bottom third), and that the middle of the lowest third is Class VI.

8. The amounts of 2,000 and 3,000 Swiss francs for 1972 and 1973, respectively, may be justified in the same way as that described in paragraph 7, above.

9. It is recalled that "the amounts of the contributions of States party to this WIPO Convention not members of any of the Unions shall be fixed by a vote in which only the delegates of such States shall have the right to vote" (WIPO Convention, Article 7(3)(d)).

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