

<u>C. SCIT 2483</u> 03 February 29, 2000

Re: Third meeting of the SCIT Working Groups (SCIT/WG/3)

Madam, Sir,

During its fourth session held in December 1999, the SCIT Plenary agreed to convene the next meeting of the SCIT Working Groups from April 10-14, 2000 (a move to Week No. 18 was envisaged later on by the International Bureau, please see Circular SCIT 2477). This decision was taken in anticipation of important business necessitating close interaction between the delegates in discussing the implementation of the WIPO Global Information Network (WIPONET) during the years 2000-01.

After a careful review of the workload and to remain cost and time effective, the International Bureau feels that an electronic discussion forum could well be sufficient to provide the necessary input and guidance to the International Bureau.

The International Bureau therefore wishes to inform that a meeting of the SCIT Working Groups shall not be convened during the first half of the year 2000.

Please note that the International Bureau will shortly invite your Office to nominate a representative to participate in the discussions of the electronic forum.

Sincerely yours,

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