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Dear Mr. Wittig,

An important criterion for selection of priority SCIT projects may be the number of SCIT strategic objectives, supported by the projects.

According to Figure 5, Annex 1 of the SCIT IT Strategic Implementation Plan, entitled "Correlation of SCIT Objectives with Project Initiatives", the priority order of the projects based on such criterion would be:

Project numbers:	Number of supported SCIT objectives:
/1/ 8	6
/2/ 9, 10	5
/3/ 1, 3, 13	4
/4/ 2, 6, 7, 14	3
/5/ 4, 5, 11, 12	2.

Remark: Objective (g) is supported by Project 12, not by Project 9 as indicated.

This order of priorities would in addition be re-evaluated from the point of view of the following specific requirements: the time constraints (Project 11 Y2K), the dependence of the highest priority projects like IPDLs, WIPOnet and PCT IMPACT on the timely development of the Classification Automated Information System (Project 12 CLAIMS), the necessity of transition support to optical technologies before the active use of Internet technologies (Project 2 Changeover Assistance).

With these adjustments the SCIT projects grouped by priority would look as follows:

/1/ 11 (Y2K), 8 (WIPOnet).

- /2/ 9 (IPDLs), 10 (Web Site Development Support), 2 (Changeover Assistance), 1 (Automated IPOs), 3 (PCT IMPACT), 13 (WIPO Academy Distance Learning), 12 (CLAIMS).
- /3/ 6 (MAPS/DMAPS), 7 (Copyright Support System), 14 (IT Infrastructure), 4 (FINAUT 2000 ERP), 5 (Other Administrative Support).

I hope that these suggestions may be of use in the process of SCIT priority projects selection.

Sincerely yours,

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