

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM
DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS**

Addendum

SWITZERLAND

The present document reproduces the updated information on Switzerland's technical and financial cooperation activities relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement, which was received from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland on 11 September 2001.

Following documents IP/C/W/12/Add.3 of 13 September 1995, IP/C/W/34/Add.2 of 17 September 1996, IP/C/W/77/Add.3 of 30 September 1997, IP/C/W/109/Add.1 of 4 September 1998, IP/C/W/154/Add.2 of 8 October 1999 and IP/C/W/203/Add.1 of 13 September 2000 in which much of the description of the aims and organizational aspects of technical cooperation remains relevant, this report describes the activities of the Federal Institute of Intellectual Property ("Institute") in the field of technical cooperation between 1 September 2000 and 31 August 2001.¹ Drafted along the same lines as the preceding reports, this document draws a distinction between multilateral activities and purely bilateral activities. It should be recalled that the concern of the Swiss authorities is to ensure optimum coordination of available resources, both at the multilateral and bilateral levels, while avoiding duplication or overlapping of programmes.

I. MULTILATERAL ACTIVITIES

**1. Technical cooperation in the framework of the World Intellectual Property
Organization (WIPO)**

(a) Annual basic training programme at WIPO

From 29 August to 22 October 2000, one expert from Chad was able to benefit, in the framework of the annual basic training programme, from a two-month training course which was held in three successive stages: at WIPO in Geneva, at the CEIPI (Centre d'Études Internationales de la Propriété Industrielle) in Strasbourg, and at the Institute in Bern. The programme at the Institute covered the entire field of intellectual property, focusing, in particular, on patents, trademarks and industrial designs. Emphasis was put on the practical, administrative and organizational work. As in the past, the Swiss Federal Agency for Development and Cooperation of the Federal Department (Ministry) for Foreign Affairs financed the entire programme. Costs related to teaching and to guidance of the experts in Bern were covered by the Institute.

¹ (unless otherwise indicated).

From 17 September to 6 October 2001, two experts from Sudan and Zimbabwe will receive a similar kind of training.

(b) Information and/or training visits

At the request of WIPO, the Institute received delegations from the following countries:

1. Eastern European countries: On 11 October 2000, a delegation of participants to the WIPO Academy Session for countries in transition visited the Institute for a presentation on trademark, patent, industrial design and copyright matters. Participants consisted of senior officials from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Poland, Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS). The visit was conducted within the framework of the WIPO Academy Session for countries with economies in transition held in Geneva between 9 to 13 October 2000.
2. People's Republic of China: On 10 November 2000, a senior delegation of the National Copyright Administration of the People's Republic of China, visited the Institute for a presentation on the Swiss Law on Copyright and Neighbouring Rights. The presentation focused also on the tasks of the Copyright Department and on the supervision of Collecting Societies.
3. African countries: On 28 March 2001, a delegation of participants to the WIPO Academy Session in English visited the Institute for a presentation on the Swiss system of protection and administration of intellectual property rights. The presentation also focused also on patents, trademarks and copyright. Participants were officials from Botswana, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Southern African Development Community (SADC). The visit was conducted within the framework of the WIPO Academy Session in English for African countries held in Geneva between 26 and 30 March 2001.
4. Azerbaijan: From 4 to 8 June 2001, a delegation of officials from the Copyright Agency of Azerbaijan made a study tour organized by WIPO. This tour included, in addition to a visit to the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, visits to the Swiss Society for Authors' Rights in Musical Works (SUISA) and the Swiss Multimedia Copyright Clearing Center (ProLitteris).

(d) Free-of-charge searches on the state of the art for WIPO in favour of developing countries

Between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2001, the Institute conducted, upon request of WIPO, free-of-charge searches on the state of the art for the following countries (the searches were financed through the Institute's ordinary budget):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Number of searches</u>
Argentina	2
Burundi	3
Chile	6
Cuba	1
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3
El Salvador	3
Jamaica	1
Mali	2
Mexico	1
Morocco	2
Senegal	2
Trinidad and Tobago	1
Viet Nam	29
<u>Total</u>	<u>56 searches</u>

2. Technical cooperation in the framework of the European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Mexico: On 29 November 2000, two representatives of the Mexican Patent Office (IMPI) visited the Institute for a presentation on the structure and administration of the Institute, reporting, controlling, financial analysis, treasury activity and automation.

II. **BILATERAL ACTIVITIES**

1. Slovak Republic: On 8 November 2000, senior officials of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic visited the Institute for a presentation on the Institute, the statute of the personnel, application of the systems Management by Objectives (MbO), budget elaboration and financial planning, financial controlling, financial analysis and treasury activity.
2. Eastern European countries: Delegations from Hungary (from 20 to 22 March 2001), Moldova (from 31 January to 1 February 2001) and the Russian Federation (from 5 to 6 March 2001) visited the Institute for presentations on the structure and administration of the Institute, intellectual property law enforcement, application and granting system, financial planning and budget elaboration, reporting, controlling, financial analysis, treasury activity, promotion of inventions, database administration and automation.
3. Socialist Republic of Viet Nam: The Special Programme of Cooperation based on the Agreement on the Protection of Intellectual Property and Cooperation in the Field of Intellectual Property signed by Switzerland and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam began officially on 12 June 2001 with a first round of seminars on the TRIPS Agreement and copyright. Several presentations were delivered on this occasion and among them the ones of the Director of the Copyright Division of the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property on the collective management of copyright and related rights and on the WIPO Internet Treaties (WCT and WPPT). Activities of the Special Programme of Cooperation, such as English language courses, translations and summaries of international intellectual property treaties, establishment of a modern library, expert evaluations, etc. have also been completed or are on their way. A next round of seminars is foreseen for the end of the year.