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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM
DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS

Addendum

European Communities and their Member States

In response to the request by the Council for TRIPS to developed country Members, as agreed at its meeting of 24 May 1995 (IP/C/M/2, paragraph 53), for information on their technical and financial cooperation programmes in the area of intellectual property relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement, contributions have been received on the technical cooperation activities of the European Communities and of Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany and the United Kingdom. This addendum reproduces these contributions.

Information on technical cooperation activities of other member states of the European Communities will be distributed as supplements to this document.

PROGRAMMES RUN BY THE COMMUNITY

Completed Programmes

I. People's Republic of China: Industrial Property Training Programme

(i) Duration

The contract has been concluded for the period 1992-1994.

(ii) General objectives of the programme

- develop the EC/PRC cooperation in the field of industrial property;
- improving the industrial property system in the PRC;
- promote trade between the PRC and EC.

II. PHARE Regional Industrial Property Programme (RIPP)

Countries concerned: All Phare countries

(1) Duration

Two year period from 1992-1994.

(2) General objectives of the programme

- training programme for national offices' staff to cover the different aspects of a patent office's work;
- development of common software in order to improve the efficiency of both examiners and administrative staff at these countries' national offices and facilitate public access to patent information;
- modernization of documentation;
- promotion of awareness, publications;
- inter-office cooperation;
- technical assistance through missions;

PHARE

Countries concerned

The programme for the modernization of the intellectual and industrial property in the PHARE countries is drawn up as a regional programme. It covers all PHARE countries (i.e. Albania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia). The programme consists of two technical assistance programmes on IPRs: the regional industrial property programme and the regional programme on copyright protection.

Regional Industrial Property Programme

(1) *Duration*

The programme, starting in 1995 and finishing in June 1997 (a duration of 2.5 years) is an extension of the 1992-1994 programme.

(2) *General objectives of the programme*

- improve patent and trademark protection;
- raise the quality of industrial property protection to a level similar to that in the European Union;
- facilitate the accession of the central and eastern European countries to the main international conventions on industrial property including the European Patent Convention;
- improve existing national institutions responsible of industrial property systems and help create relevant institutions in countries where no appropriate framework yet exists;
- promote regional cooperation between the partner countries in the field of industrial property.

(3) *Description of the programme*

The specific objectives of the programme can be summed up in three major points:

(i) *Training*

Training courses and seminars for staff of national authorities and patent professionals (judges, attorneys and other specialists).

(ii) *Information technology*

Development of software to administer patent and trademark procedures.

(iii) *Documentation, patent information, inter-office cooperation, technical assistance*

Modernization of documentation centres so as to permit novelty searches at minimum cost, in particular by supplementing paper systems with CD-ROMs and on-line access to commercial data-bases;

promotion of awareness of industrial property in the region through international symposia and the publication of patent specifications and trademarks on CD-ROM;

development of regional cooperation through an exchange programme involving the offices in the region;

technical assistance on project specification, tendering, implementation, legal and institutional advice, work programme and evaluation of results.

Regional Programme on Copyright Protection

(1) *Duration*

The programme started on 1 September 1994 and finishes on 31 August 1996 - a duration of two years.

(2) *General objectives of the programme*

- facilitate the implementation in central and eastern Europe of a level of protection for intellectual property (copyright, performing rights and protection against piracy) similar to that in the European Union and to facilitate the accession of the central and eastern European countries to international conventions on these issues;
- help create and develop the cultural industry so as to encourage national and foreign investment in this sector;
- facilitate and guarantee the free movement of cultural works and performances between central and eastern Europe and the European Union.

(3) *Description of the programme*

The specific objectives of the programme can be summarized in 3 major points:

(i) *Technical assistance of the reform of the institutional and legislative framework*

In the aim at introducing an effective system of legal protection and an adequate institutional framework, assistance will be provided to facilitate the process of reorganizing and modernizing existing institutions such as performing rights societies, cultural bodies and creative artist societies, cultural industries and bodies combating piracy.

Legal experts will help the relevant authorities in drafting and/or reforming relevant laws and regulations, taking into account the legislation of the EU and its member states and the legal assistance will also facilitate accession to international conventions in this field.

Furthermore emphasis will be put on the development of know-how of those responsible for protecting copyright and performing rights as well as the promotion of awareness amongst the media on the intellectual property issues (press, TV, radio).

(ii) *Training and awareness*

The training will be aimed at the institutional staff (ministries, magistrates, lawyers, customs, universities) and the staff of the collecting societies. The training will concentrate on language, compute and office automation.

(iii) *Documentation and software*

The programme will fund the provision of relevant documentation and software, including texts of EU legislation (directives, regulations, proposals and judgements), texts of relevant national legislation of EU member states, texts of articles of association and rules of performing rights societies, materials relating to seminars organized under the programme and books on intellectual property rights.

ASEAN

Countries concerned

The programme on technical assistance for the ASEAN countries consists of a regional as well as national components and covers the following countries: Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

EC-ASEAN Patents and Trademark Programme

(1) *Duration*

The programme was officially launched on 13 September 1993 and is expected to last three years.

(2) *General objectives of the programme*

To improve the technical skills and the legal framework in the field of patents and trademarks in the ASEAN region. The main focus consists in the upgrading of skills (institutional strengthening) in the industrial property offices of the region by means of exchanging experts, arranging seminars and workshops.

To focus on informing local industries and other local users of the benefits they may derive from an improved patent and trademark environment. The European industry is closely involved in this part of the programme.

To target decision makers in the region. It will address the European experience in this area and will serve to maintain the political interest in improving the whole industrial property environment.

(3) Description of the programme

The programme aims at effective results through sharing of information and experience and by starting a process of regional cooperation in the field of industrial property rights. The regional aspects will contribute to the uniform development of the patent and trademark systems in the targeted countries and limit the amount of "double work" in this highly specialized field. Cost-sharing is feasible through cooperation in the field of documentation, the organization of the granting procedure, publication etc. which also facilitates the ease with which the European industry can operate in ASEAN.

The more specific activities include:

- preparation of modernization plans for national offices;
- building a common intellectual property data-base;
- production of certain common publications and documents;
- finalizing intellectual property rights legislation, including accompanying rules and regulations;
- computerization of administration of patent granting procedures and services;
- preparation of common procedures guidelines.

TACIS

Countries concerned

The Tacis programmes on intellectual property rights applies to all the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS): Armenia, Azerbaidjan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kirgistan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

In the field of copyrights, the programme applies mainly to the Russian Federation but also to some extent to Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan. Action might spread to other independent states of the former USSR on the basis of the experience acquired in the Russian Federation. However, all the CIS countries are involved in the technical assistance on industrial property.

Project for Technical Assistance to the Russian Federation on Copyright

(1) Duration

The contract is concluded for a period of 2 years and will start in the second half of 1995.

(2) General objectives of the programme

Establish an appropriated legislative environment in the field of intellectual property protection reflecting Russia's intention of having, within 5 years, a level of protection similar to that in the EU.

Establish an appropriate administrative environment in the field of intellectual property protection, i.e. similar to that in the EU.

Establish appropriate enforcement mechanisms in the field of intellectual property protection, i.e. similar to that in the EU.

(3) Description of the programme

The major activities to be undertaken within the scope of the programme are the following:

- EU expertise to conduct a review of the current system of intellectual property rights existing in the four countries concerned and to prepare a strategic plan for the future legislative, administrative and enforcement structure (six working months);
- EU expertise to provide on-going assistance to the Ministry of Justice in elaborating appropriate legislation in the field of intellectual property rights that will reflect the Russian Federation's intention to harmonize with the level of protection existing in the EU (twelve working months);
- EU expertise to provide on-going assistance to RAO, the Confederation of Film Makers' Unions, and professional guilds in establishing effective collecting societies (twelve working months) including the development of authors' awareness;
- EU expertise to develop appropriate database and CD-ROM systems for information services in the field of intellectual property protection (nine working months);
- EU expertise to develop a public awareness campaign concerning the issue of intellectual property protection (six working months);
- EU expertise for conducting training programmes, in selected regional centres, for enforcement officers, i.e. magistrates, police officers, customs officers etc. (nine working months);
- EU support for study tours for Russian officials to relevant EU based organizations active in the field of intellectual property protection;
- support for hardware and software.

Projects for Technical Assistance of Industrial Property

A. Support to Patent and Trademark Protection in Ukraine

(1) Duration

The contract has been signed in November 1994 and concluded for a period of 24 months.

(2) General objectives of the programme

- Ensure a high level of industrial property protection in the Ukraine thus creating the necessary ground for market economy;

- general strengthening of the administration responsible for the intellectual property system (State Patent Office of Ukraine (SPOU)), patent examination centre, technical library.

(3) Description of the programme

The major activities to be undertaken within the scope of the programme are the following:

- preparation and implementation of a development plan for the SPOU;
- training of the SPOU's staff in questions related to patent and trademark legislation, patent procedure and substantive examination;
- computerization of administration of patents and trademarks registration procedures;
- establishment of a minimum documentation fund.

B. Support to Industrial Property Protection in Uzbekistan

(1) Duration

The contract has been signed in February 1995 and concluded for a period of 18 months.

(2) General objectives of the programme

The programme is designed to ensure a high level of industrial property protection in Uzbekistan:

- Strengthening of the administrations responsible for the intellectual property system (primarily the Uzbek Patent Office (UPO)).
- keeping "a minimum" the administrative and technical activities performed by the UPO and preparing for the advent of the Eurasian Patent Office.

(3) Description of the programme

The major activities to be undertaken within the scope of the programme are the following:

- preparation of law and regulations;
- advice and assistance in streamlining the patent office structure;
- training programme for patent office staff and patent attorneys;
- automation of the patent and trademark procedure;
- documentation and patent information dissemination;
- industrial property awareness programme.

C. **First Part of a Strengthening Programme of Industrial Property Protection in CIS Countries (in preparation)**

(1) Duration

The contract will be signed in 1995 and concluded for a period of at least 12 months.

(2) General objectives of the programme

- Ensure a high and common level of industrial property protection in the CIS countries, in particular by the setting up of the Eurasian Patent Office;
- assistance to adjustment of regional and national legislation relating to the Eurasian Patent Convention;
- assistance to adjustment of other national legislation relating to industrial property;
- setting up and development of systems protecting industrial property at a regional level for patents (Eurasian Patent Office) and at national level for other industrial property rights.

(3) Description of the programme

EPO proposes to divide the programme in two parts:

- Advice and assistance for the setting up of the EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE including technical assistance, training, documentation, publication of the patents on CD-ROM, administration of the procedure based on the common software developed under the Phare regional industrial property protection programme;
- development of national facilities on industrial property including technical assistance, regional and local training, computerization of the administrative and financial management of the proceedings.

Macao

EU-MACAO Industrial Property Programme

(1) Duration

The programme lasts 24 months and is expected to start sometime in 1995.

(2) General objectives of the programme;

- Introduce reforms in the industrial property systems of Macao;
- prepare and update legislation and accompanying implementation rules and regulations;

- assist in the setting up and upgrading of the administrative institution and structures in charge of implementing the new industrial property legislation;
- upgrade the professional skills of the staff of the local administrative structures;
- assist in training legal practitioners and enforcement officials;
- promote the awareness and teaching of industrial property.

(3) Description of the programme

The specific objectives can be summarized in three major points:

(i) *Legislation*

The legal assistance will consist of legal advice in drafting legislation especially for patents, utility models, and industrial designs protection with emphasis on harmonization and conformity with GATT/TRIPS. Furthermore a comparative study will be carried out of the draft legislation of Macao and the international standards and EU regulations.

(ii) *Administration*

An analysis of the current administrative structures will help to prepare a modernization plan defining the need resulting from the new legislative situation in Macao. This plan will include training for management, training for examination and administrative staff, training for lawyers and staff dealing with legal issues, training for technical staff, EDP and automation and finally the establishment of provisions of IP literature and documentation.

(iii) *Enforcement*

The target group includes all existing organizations and structures dealing with the enforcement of IP laws and in particular judges, staff from customs authorities and piracy/counterfeit repression units. Specific training seminars, workshops and colloquia will take place in order to promote the exchange of information and know-how between the relevant structures.

AUSTRIA

In the context of the financial cooperation according to Article 67 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, Austria did not make any transfer payments in the strict sense. However, Austria is carrying out WIPO training courses under its technical cooperation. In 1994, participants from Brazil, Malaysia and Mexico attended such courses. In the course of these seminars, the principles of access to patent information and patent documentation as well as the procedure for the granting of patents are being explained.

In addition, the Austrian Patent Office is acting as an International Search and Examination Authority for various developing countries. In this function, in 1994, 265 search applications from the following countries of origin were presented to the Austrian Patent Office: the Republic of Korea, Hungary, Brazil and Romania. In addition, 121 applications for preliminary examinations have been received.

Furthermore, the programme for the research for developing countries existing since 1975 has been continued in 1994. In the course of this programme and on the basis of the documentation of the Austrian Patent Office as well as the use of external databases, technical solutions to specific questions have been offered and thus a contribution to the promotion of technology transfer to developing countries was accomplished. In 1994, 71 research reports regarding questions from the following developing countries have been made: the Republic of Kenya, Malaysia and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

In connection with the above-mentioned seminars, expenditures of ATS 163.000 in 1994 occurred. For 1995, expenditures of ATS 288.000 are envisaged.

The Austrian Patent Office is drawing up search reports according to paragraph 2 of Article 57 of the Patent Act ("Patentgesetz") against refund of expenses.

DENMARK

Lithuania

(1) Duration

The project started in 1992 and ends on 1 November 1995.

(2) General objectives of the programme

- support to Lithuania in the context of implementing new IPR laws;
- training of Lithuanian patent and trademark experts;
- training of Lithuanian office-automation experts, and support to Lithuania in the implementation of an office-automation plan.

(3) Description of the project

The specific objectives can be summarized in two major points:

(i) Legislation

The Danish Patent Office (DPO) has provided legal assistance and training to the Lithuanian State Patent Bureau (SPB). The Lithuanian Patent and Trademark Laws came into force on respectively 1 February 1994 and 1 October 1993.

(ii) Organizational matters

In cooperation between DPO, EPO and SPB a plan for the development of the organization of the SPB was made. The plan in general provides proposals for the organizational structure, the need for technical equipment, staff and training, and budgets for the first five-year period.

The DPO also gave assistance to the SPB in connection with the inviting to tender for a computer-network, and the implementation of office-automation, in the SPB.

(4) Other matters

In November 1994 a conference was held in Vilnius with the purpose of promoting the awareness of industrial property; among other things, DPO-representatives provided examples of the usefulness and value of IPR-information.

Minor Activities of Technical Assistance and Cooperation (Summary)

1. Bilateral Activities

(i) In 1994

- support to Latvia in the implementation of an automation plan;
 - counselling Bulgarian and Romanian experts in industrial property information and services to industry (financed by PHARE/RIPP);
- (ii) *In 1995*
- assistance to Albania in drafting automation tender;
 - assistance to Lithuania continued (training of experts).

2. Multinational Activities

- (i) *In 1994*
- arranging industrial property seminar in Lithuania in cooperation with EPO and Lithuanian State Patent Bureau;
 - hosting one-week seminar for experts from ASEAN-countries and China in cooperation with EPO;
 - training African/Asian experts under the WIPO Development Cooperation Project;
 - technical co-ordination and supervision of the RIPP Common Software programme in cooperation with EPO;
 - participation in high-level expert mission to ASEAN countries and in regional ASEAN Symposium.
- (ii) *In 1995*
- RIPP Common Software project continued.

Technical Assistance Programmes - Plant Variety Protection

I. PROJECTS

Estonia

Information concerning Danish Estonian cooperation programme in the seed sector in relation to plant variety protection.

The cooperation programme comprised a number of activities including the participation of private companies in Denmark and Estonia. The coordination of the project was carried out by Danagro Adviser A/S.

(1) Duration

November 1993 to December 1994.

(2) General objectives of the programme

- lectures on Danish seed legislation including plant variety protection;
- training course in seed testing, variety testing and seed certification;
- seed sector study.

(3) Description of the project

(i) *Legislation*

Lectures on seed legislation were given at a number of occasions in Denmark to officials from the Estonian Ministry of Agriculture.

A seminar on seed legislation and technical examination on plant varieties for protection was given a number of officials from the Estonian Ministry of Agriculture in Tallinn, Estonia.

(ii) *Training courses*

Seed Testing

A training course in seed testing of one week's duration was held for 4 officials from the Estonian Seed Testing Station.

Variety testing

A training course of two week's duration was held for five officials from Estonia. The course comprised among other things training in testing of varieties for distinctness, uniformity and stability on which criteria new varieties can be protected.

Seed certification

A training course of one week's duration was held for two officials from Estonia.

(iii) *Seed Sector study*

A study on the Estonian seed market including the possibilities for variety testing, plant variety production and the improvement of the seed market was carried out including a study trip in Estonia of one and a half week's duration.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Visits

Assistance to a number of persons from other countries is given on basis of visits mostly within the technical examination of new plant varieties.

The duration of such visits is often 1-2 days and is not considered to be training courses as such.

Written information

On a similar basis information is given about the legislation on plant variety protection as well as the technical examination of plant varieties. The information is given in replies to a number of written inquiries. Often such inquiries are of a more general nature.

FINLAND

Finland's cooperation programmes in the area of intellectual property have been quite modest financially. However, taking into account the training and consultation offered, certain parts of the cooperation of recent years are worth mentioning. Finland has been assisting and supporting the Baltic states and Russia, especially the City of St. Petersburg, in their aspirations to create a new intellectual property system. Finland has also participated in the work of the World Intellectual Property Organization, WIPO.

The National Board of Patents and Registration has organized and continues to organize training within the framework of the WIPO Training Programme. The training in Finland consists of courses providing information on the intellectual property system in general and especially in the Nordic countries. Participants in these programmes have been from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The National Board of Patents and Registration has been consulting the Estonian Patent Office. Finland has contributed to the reform of the Estonian legislation on intellectual property rights. The project to facilitate the reform included extensive training for the officials of the Estonian Patent Office and consultancy.

The National Board of Patents and Registration and the Mayor's Office of the City of St. Petersburg have a mutual cooperation agreement concerning industrial property rights. This cooperation agreement was concluded in order to support the further development and protection of industrial property rights in Russia. The cooperation has focused on education and exchange of information concerning industrial property rights, their legal protection and commercialization. The Ministry of Trade and Industry of Finland has supported the project financially as well.

GERMANY

Federal Ministry of Economics

A. The following measures were taken in 1994 within the framework of technical cooperation between the German Patent Office in Munich and patent offices abroad in the field of intellectual property rights:

(1) Measures in the field of technical aid:

- project to promote patent law in the People's Republic of China;
- project to support the Republic of Slovenia regarding training and further training in the field of intellectual property rights;
- project to promote intellectual property rights in Thailand.

(2) Bilateral activities:

- four-week research visit of an employee of the Vietnamese National Office for Industrial Property in Germany in September 1994;
- three-week information visit of six officials from developing countries (Ethiopia, Botswana, Gambia, Bangladesh, Nepal and Panama);
- exchange of research and examination results with 7 countries (Thailand, China, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia);
- exchange of information and experiences with 11 countries (the Republic of Bulgaria, the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Croatia, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, Estonia and Mongolia).

(3) Multilateral activities:

In cooperation with the WIPO:

- four-week further training of four patent examiners of the Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;
- one-week further training of two trademark examiners of the Albanian Patent and Trademark Office;
- three-week information visit of six officials from developing countries (Ethiopia, Botswana, Gambia, Bangladesh, Nepal and Panama).

B. The following measures are planned to be taken or were taken in 1995 within the framework of technical cooperation between the German Patent Office in Munich and patent offices abroad in the field of intellectual property rights:

(1) Measures in the field of technical aid:

- completion of the project with the People's Republic of China by 30 June 1995;
- continuation of the other cooperation projects.

(2) Bilateral activities:

- one-week information visit of trademark examiners of the Turkish Patent Institute in February 1995;
- three-week further training of a patent examiner of the Office for Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea in April 1995;
- three-week information visit of 11 officials from developing countries in September 1995;
- exchange of research and examination results with seven countries (Thailand, China, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia); an exchange with the Office for Intellectual Property of the Slovak Republic is being prepared;
- exchange of information and experiences with 12 countries (the Republic of Bulgaria, the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Croatia, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, Estonia, the Republic of Korea and Mongolia).

(3) Multilateral activities:

In cooperation with the WIPO:

- two-week visit of an expert of German Patent Office in the Albanian Patent and Trademark Office in January 1995;
- one week further training of two trademark examiners of the Patent Office of the Republic of Albania in March 1995;
- three-week information visit of 11 officials from developing countries in September 1995.

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

In addition, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development makes available to the International Trade Center (ITC) from its 1995 multilateral trust funds a maximum of DM 1.5 million (appropriation for commitment). The ITC may propose within the framework of proposals to be submitted in the field of trade promotion in developing countries measures that contribute to the implementation of obligations arising from the TRIPS Agreement.

UNITED KINGDOM

UK activity in 1994/5 is summarized below. This demonstrates the variety of services provided and the spread of beneficiaries. Details of the main activities undertaken in 1994 and planned for 1995 are listed in the *annexes*.

(a) The ASEAN Project (Association of South East Asian Nations)

This three year project, which focuses on the patent field, is funded by the European Union and administered by the European Patent Office with the salary costs of UK staff borne by the UK Patent Office. In Malaysia Senior Patent Examiners provided professional training to Malaysian examiners.

(b) Indonesia

A Senior Patent Examiner spent 20 days in 1994 on a WIPO expert mission lecturing on patent law and search and examination procedures to Indonesian examiners and providing advice on a draft Manual of Examination. In addition, the Trade Marks Directorate of the UK Patent Office have supplied manuals and briefings to Indonesia and have given training through a retired Senior Executive Officer from the Directorate. These activities were carried out under the auspices of WIPO with the assistance of the UN Development Programme.

(c) Malaysia

The Trade Marks Directorate also provided guidance on legal and administrative functions for trade mark registration under a WIPO mission to Malaysia with the assistance of the UN Development Programme and a further mission dealing with designs matters is under consideration.

(d) India

In 1994/5 examining staff made three expert missions to India organized by WIPO in cooperation with the Indian Government and the Confederation of Indian Industry and with the assistance of the UN Development Programme. The first mission advised on how to promote the patent system and the dissemination of patent information in India, the second covered the uses to be made of patent information and the management and enforcement of industrial property rights while the third covered trademark procedure and service marks. In addition, the UK Patent Office hosted three visits of officials from the Indian Government and Indian Industry. These visits, organized by WIPO and funded by the UN Development Programme, were aimed at studying how patent information services are provided in the UK and the computerization of trademark examination.

(e) Singapore

Providing support on patent infringement to the Registry.

(f) Rest of Asia

UK Patent Office staff gave papers in Brunei (trademarks), Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka (patent information and trademarks).

(g) WIPO Patent Information Services for Developing Countries

Under this programme, search reports endorsed by a Government authority in an initiating country are transmitted to WIPO for forwarding to industrial property offices which carry out the work free of charge. Contributing offices, which include Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Japan, Russia, Sweden and the EPO, were joined in 1994 by the UK. Our current commitment is to provide 15 to 25 search reports over a year and prepare 2 to 5 technical monographs. The UK Patent Office also provides free copies of patent documents and discounts for ESPACE-UK CD-ROMs and monographs ordered for developing countries by WIPO.

(h) Cooperation Agreements

An agreement has been signed with Slovenia under which patents granted by the UK may be re-registered in Slovenia; an agreement is also under negotiation with ARIPO.

(i) Documentation

The UK Patent Office has assisted with the provision of documentation and training packages for information centres in developing countries.

(j) Copyright Training

In conjunction with WIPO and the British Copyright Council the Copyright section of the UK Patent Office has assisted in training officials from developing countries in modern copyright principles both financially and through the provision of expert lecturers at courses. The next training course is due to take place in Autumn 1996.

(k) Visits

Officials from many overseas countries continue to be received in Newport and London. In 1994/5 the UK Patent Office entertained visitors from (amongst other places) the ASEAN countries, Romania, India, Lithuania, China, Iran, Turkey and Bulgaria.

ANNEX I

UK PATENT OFFICE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN 1994
(Main Items)

Date(s)	Purpose/Nature	Venue	Benefiting Country	In Association with
Feb 28 - March 4	Study Tour on Trademark Administration	UK Patent Office	China	WIPO
March (10 days)	Advisory Mission on Development on Public Information Material	India	India	UNDP
March	Development of Audio-visual information package and brochures on Patent Information Services	India	India	UNDP
March 21 (one month)	Expert for Trade Mark Administration and Management	Indonesia	Indonesia	UNDP
April 7-8	National Workshop on Trade Marks	Indonesia	Indonesia	EC
April 11 (two weeks)	Expert for On-the-Job Training for Trade Mark Classification Examination	Indonesia	Indonesia	EC
April (one month)	Follow-up Mission on Patent Administration	Indonesia	Indonesia	UNDP
May (2-3 weeks)	Fellowship on Searching for Technological Information on Patent and Patent-related Literature	UK Patent Office	India	UNDP
May (one month)	Follow-up Mission Automation	Indonesia	Indonesia	UNDP
May (one week)	Speaker for Regional Seminar on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights	Bangkok	Thailand	EC
May (two weeks)	Training on Search and Examination for Service Marks	Bangkok	Thailand	EC
May 4-6	Speaker for National Seminar on Patent System Singapore	Singapore	Singapore	Sing/FIT

Date(s)	Purpose/Nature	Venue	Benefiting Country	In Association with
May (two weeks)	Roving Advisory Mission on Establishment of Intellectual Property Department in Enterprises	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Regional	UNDP
June	British Private Enterprises Received Small and Medium Enterprise Managers	UK	Regional	UNDP
June -3rd week (two days)	Study Visit for Lecturers	UK Patent Office	Indonesia	UNDP
June 8-10	Seminar on Comparative International Intellectual Property Systems	Indonesia	Indonesia	EC
July 25-August 5 (one or two days)	Speaker on Patent Information and Documentation and Emerging Technologies	Colombo (Course)	Regional	UNDP
July 25- August 19	Experts for On-the-Job Training on Patent and Trade Mark Examination	Indonesia	Indonesia	UNDP
September 5-16	Fellowship on Trade Mark Administration	UK Patent Office	ASEAN	EC
September (two weeks)	Study Tour on Patent Information Services	UK Patent Office	India	UNDP
September-October	Expert for Roving Seminars on TM, Patents and Enforcement	Indonesia	Indonesia	UNDP
September 13-15	Management Study Tour	UK TM Office	India	UNDP
September-October	Study Tour	UK Patent Office	Bhutan	WIPO
October	Study Tour on Trade Mark Computerization	UK Patent Office	Malaysia	UNDP
October	Patent Agency Workshop Topic - Regulation of Patent Agents and Training of Patent Agents	Republic of Korea	Regional	UNDP
October	Patent Agency Workshop Topic - Regulation of Patent Agents and Training of Patent Agents	Manilla	Philippines	WIPO

Date(s)	Purpose/Nature	Venue	Benefiting Country	In Association with
October	Expert on Marketing Information for Mission to 6 ASEAN Countries to Develop Promotional Materials on Trade Marks	ASEAN	ASEAN	EC
October	Speaker for Roving Seminar	India	India	UNDP
October 20-26	Fellowship, Trade Marks	UK Patent Office	India	UNDP
November 9-11	Speaker on "Special Features of Licensing in the Field of Biotechnology"	India	India	UNDP
November	Speaker for Seminar on University Inventions	China	China	UNDP
November (three days)	Receive Senior Policy Makers for Consultation on International Treaties	UK Patent Office	Thailand, India, Pakistan	UNDP
Second half	Expert on IP Law and Administration	PNG and Nauru	PNG and Nauru	UNDP
Second half	Speaker for SOPAC Sub-Regional Seminar	New Zealand	Sub-Regional	WIPO

ANNEX II

UK PATENT OFFICE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN 1995
(Main Items)

Date(s)	Purpose/Nature	Venue	Benefiting Country
March 6-7	Study Visit	UK Patent Office	Iran
March 14-16	Seminar Small and Medium Enterprises	Karachi	Pakistan
April 5-9	Study Visit	UK Patent Office	Iran
April 17-5/5	Expert Mission Trade Marks Operating Manual Procedure and Service Marks	Bombay	India
April 24-28	Seminar and Expert Mission on Industrial Property	Kathmandu	Nepal
May	Seminar Intellectual Property	Laos	Laos
24/4-6/5	Expert Mission Industrial Designs	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
June 12-15	Study visit on Trade Mark Computerization and Gemination	UK Patent Office	India
July 10-21	Expert Mission on Trade Marks	Bombay	India
July 10-12	Seminar	Teheran	Iran
24/7-4/8	Course Trade Marks	Colombo	Regional
September 4-13	Expert Mission on Trade Marks	Bombay	India
September 14-29	Roving Seminar	5 cities	India
October 2nd half	Seminar	Republic of Korea	Regional
Patent Information and Environment			
October/November	Expert Mission on Design Law	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia