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**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:
INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

MEXICO

The following communication, dated 12 September 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. In 2007, Mexico established the "Support System for Patent Applications Management for the Central American countries and the Dominican Republic" (CADOPAT).
2. CADOPAT is a service provided by the Mexican Industrial Property Institute (IMPI) to help various national industrial property offices in Latin America, the Caribbean and English-speaking Africa to carry out the patentability examinations for which they are responsible. The support is provided through electronic means.
3. The requests for support from these offices are divided into two categories: those relating to applications that have an equivalent patent application in Mexico (Type 1) and those relating to applications that do not (Type 2).
4. The following elements are provided by the IMPI in response to Type 1 requests:
 - substantive examination report;
 - support documents;
 - Mexican prior art search report;
 - granted claims.
5. The following elements are provided in response to Type 2 requests:
 - patentability opinion;
 - Mexican prior art search report;
 - support documents.
6. These elements contain relevant information that assists each office in deciding whether or not to grant a patent in its respective territory.
7. Support is currently being provided to offices in Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic, as well as to the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO).
8. The CADOPAT electronic portal can be accessed at: <http://cadopat.impi.gob.mx/CADOPAT>.

9. The benefits of using the portal include the following:

- it facilitates information exchange;
- it constitutes a database of all published responses;
- it improves the quality of the patent substantive examination;
- the operational requirements are minimal;
- it is free of charge for the beneficiary offices.

10. The table below shows the status of the requests received by CADOPAT between January 2007 and August 2016:

Requests	Type 1	Type 2	Total
Registered	1,433	412	1,845
Responses published	1,211	207	1,418
Rejected / Cancelled	198	198	396
In process of clarification	5	0	5
Total processed	1,414	405	1,819
In progress	19	7	26
