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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
ORGANIZATION**

**Agreement for co-operation in the field of industrial
property protection. Signed at Geneva on 26 September
1980**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
ORGANISATION MONDIALE
DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE**

**Accord de coopération dans le domaine de la protection de
la propriété industrielle. Signé à Genève le 26 septem-
bre 1980**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 1^{er} mars 1982.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AND THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

Article I. This Agreement is for the purpose of carrying on a program between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), to cooperate in the promotion of industrial property protection and, specifically, to render legal-technical assistance to countries for establishing an effective system for the protection of industrial property to improve their domestic commerce and foreign trade, to attract foreign investment and to facilitate the transfer of technology, in order to accelerate those countries' economic, social and cultural development. This Agreement is made in accordance with section 6 of title 35, United States Code.

Article II. The World Intellectual Property Organization will arrange a program for rendering such legal-technical assistance in the form of:

1. Organizing and funding training programs in the field of industrial property protection;
2. Conducting seminars on all aspects of industrial property laws and practice, such as courses on obtaining and licensing of patents, on comparative national industrial property laws and on international industrial property agreements;
3. Providing relevant information to enable such countries to make appropriate choices regarding the extent, scope and type of a system for the protection of industrial property;
4. Encouraging such countries to adopt a system of industrial property protection which provides meaningful protection for nationals and non-nationals alike;
5. Coordinating and promoting the implementation of the system adopted, by *inter alia*,
 - (a) Facilitating access by officials of such countries to training opportunities in member states of WIPO, relevant to the administration on all levels of the system;
 - (b) Providing experts to assist the implementation thereof; and
 - (c) Using its good offices to obtain collections of patent documents and other relevant materials to be made available to such countries;
6. Cooperating with the PTO to coordinate training programs and other services.

Article III. The United States Patent and Trademark Office will provide services, within financial and statutory constraints, by offering training opportunities for officials from such countries, in the form of:

1. Orientation sessions to familiarize trainees with various operating sections of the PTO;
2. Courses in patent examination, classification and documentation procedures;
3. Specialized instructions in patent administration, prosecution and litigation.

¹ Came into force on 26 September 1980 by signature, in accordance with article V.

Article IV. The United States Patent and Trademark Office will make available to WIPO the amount of \$160,000, to be expended consistent with the purposes of this Agreement and in a manner to be mutually agreed upon. WIPO will render an accounting of disbursements on a quarterly basis.

Article V. This Agreement enters into force for one year, upon signature of both parties. The Agreement may be extended by mutual consent of both parties.

SIGNED in Geneva, Switzerland, this 26th day of September 1980.

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SIDNEY A. DIAMOND
Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks

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