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An annual series of reports on the industrial design information activities
of members of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies

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- The expression “industrial design” covers designs and models.
- Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in this series of documents.

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Re: Task No 24 of the SCIT Work Program:
Annual Technical Reports on Industrial Design Information Activities in 1999

Dear Sir,

With respect to your letter of March 16, 2000, C. SCIT 2487.06 we are sending you herewith the Annual Technical Report on Industrial Design Information Activity in 1999 of the Georgian Intellectual Property Center.

Sincerely yours,

D. Gabunia

Director-General

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES 1999

I. Evolution of registration activities:

- Changes experienced in terms of applications and grants with respect to the previous year;

The new Patent Law of Georgia was enacted from May 25, 1999. Unlike the former Statute the stage of conducting formal examination for industrial designs is specified, in particular, fixing of filing date is isolated as an independent action. For this the following application documents should be furnished - a request for grant of patent, a reproduction of an industrial design or an item (Art. 27).

If it is proved, that an application for an industrial design meets requirements of the examination as to form, Sakpatenti takes a decision on grant of patent.

- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year.

Years	1998	1998
Applications	19	21
Registrations	13	11

Number of filings and grants do not represent any trends.

II. Matters concerning the generation reproduction and distribution of industrial design documents and of secondary sources of industrial design information, i.e., official gazettes:

- Publishing, including printing, copying technique and electronic printing;

The information about industrial designs is published in the Official Bulletins of Industrial Property.

The Bulletin contains bibliographic data and images of industrial designs registered in the State Register. Bibliographic data are: applicant in the Georgian and English languages, date of filing application, number of application, information about convention priority class, name of patent attorney. All the information is provided with the appropriate INID Codes (WIPO St.80). Bibliographic information is published in the Bulletin only once. The amendments or corrections concerning the registered industrial designs are also published, The Bulletin contains numerical index of industrial designs.

In 1998 3 Bulletins were issued in which the data about 12 industrial designs were placed. In "Sakpatenti" there is a database of applications filed with the Patent Office.

- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of patent information;

The information about each application contains the following data:

- filing number,

- application number,
- dates of filing and priority,
- applicant and his address,
- class,
- the title of industrial design,
- patent attorney,
- image (photos, drawings),
- description and some additional materials,
- data about earlier application (in case if convention priority is claimed).

Main types of publication were amended with respect to the new Patent Law. We prepared the new formats which uniquely identify patent documents. These formats are partially used in our Official Bulletins on paper and will be implemented in full volume from the year 2000:

(11) D 1999 100 S D - industrial design,
 1999 - the year of publication,
 100 - patent number,
 S - first publication.

During the reported period the new structure of the Official Bulletin was prepared in view of the new Patent Law. The new announcements of the Bulletin reflect all the amendments of the new law. The publication of the new Bulletin will start in the year 2000.

III. Matters concerning classifying reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information according to the classification systems applied:

Sakpatenti uses International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification).

- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes;

Bibliographic data are used for search in card files and in the database. The search file contains filing date, classification, title, graphic reproduction and textual description of applications.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

Nothing new to report

V. Activities in the field of computerized search systems for industrial designs:

Computerized search system works on the database and includes filed applications for industrial designs. The search can be effected by the following data: inventor, applicant, application number, filing number, filing date, priority date, class, attorney title of industrial design, status, etc.

Equipment used is: Computers Compaq with processors Pentium, database Paradox

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VI. Administration of industrial design services available to the public:

Services are not provided for public. However the applicants are given some oral consultations free of charge on the questions of preparing and filing applications.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of industrial design documentation and information:

The exchange is carried out with 11 CIS countries on paper. The Official Bulletins from Austria are regularly coming.

Exchange of machine-readable information is not provided for.

VII. Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries:

Nothing to report.