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l.- EVOLUTION OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES

There were no remarkable changes in terms of application filings and registration with respect to 1998, just a variation of -8 %.-

II.- MATTERS CONCERNING THE GENERATION, REPRODUCTION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF SECONDARY SOURCES OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION, i.e., TRADEMARK GAZETTES

The trademark application becomes public with the publication in the gazette, and can be consulted by anyone rather from the file or from the virtual information. In the cases that the person lives away from the Office, the information is sent by mail or fax. The gazette is publicated weekly and it contains the new trademarks and renewals applications.

Aswell, the INPI records monthly a diskette containing all the final dispositions from the Trademark Office Direction (grants, abandons, forfeitures, with-draws, refuses).

III.- MATTERS CONCERNING CLASSIFYING, RECLASSIFYING AND INDEXING OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION

In year 1981 the INPI has established a nomenclator adopting the International Classification of Goods and Services of Nice. Since 1996 it is used the seventh edition of the Classification.-

The International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks of Vienna is not used by this Trademark Office Direction.-

IV.- TRADEMARK MANUAL SEARCH FILE ESTABLISHMENT AND UPKEEP

The Trademark Office uses only an informatic search file system.-

V.- ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF COMPUTERIZED TRADEMARK SEARCH SYSTEMS

Each file is entered in the informatic system. All the changes concerned to files are incorporated to the system too. All the information is available for the public once the application is published. This system makes easier the examination of the marks files.

The server used here is an ENTERPRISE ULTRA 250 (SUN) and we have 28 terminals and 26 PCs. The DATA BASE is INFORMIX based on UNIX OPERATION SYSTEM. All the system is running on an A.T.M. net. We have connection with some databases through Internet.

VI.- ADMINISTRATION OF TRADEMARK SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC (RELATING TO FACILITIES, e.g., FOR LODGING APPLICATIONS, REGISTERING TRADEMARKS, ASSISTING CLIENTS WITH SEARCH PROCEDURES, OBTAINING OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS AND REGISTRY EXTRACTS)

The mark files are public and can be consulted by the applicant anytime. Once the files are published can be consulted by anyone.-

VII.- MATTERS CONCERNING MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF TRADEMARK DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION

The Trademark Office has exchange with the WIPO and the OAMI. We usually receive actualized information about new classification of services and products and documents about the international legislations.-

VIII.- MATTERS CONCERNING EDUCATION AND TRAINING INCLUDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The INPI is invited annually to participate in the seminars organized by WIPO with other countries. The professionals that work here take part of them and then share all the knowledge with the rest of the employees.-