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of members of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies

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<sup>1</sup> – The term “patent” covers utility models and SPCs.  
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in the series of documents SCIT/ATR/ID.

## **ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON PATENT INFORMATION ACTIVITIES**

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### **I. Evolution of patent activities:**

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

During the year 2001 there were seventy-six (76) applications received compared to one hundred and one (101) applications in 2000. This showed a decrease of twenty-five (25) applications or twenty-four percent less than the previous year.

With regards to applications granted, there were fifty-seven grants in 2001 compared to twenty grants in 2000. This showed an increase of thirty-seven grants or two hundred and eighty five percent (285%) more than the previous year.

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

The large percentage increase in granted applications is attributed to a decision taken to waive the local examination of applications and to grant patents based on evidence to substantiate that these patents have been granted in developed countries such as Canada, Switzerland, the United States of America or any European Union State.

### **II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information:**

- Publishing, printing, copying (main types of publications of the office in the field of patent information, etc.);

A Notice of application is published in a daily newspaper and the Jamaica Gazette. This notice is published once per week for four successive weeks. The information contained in the notice is the name and address of the applicant and the title of the invention.

- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of patent information;
- Mass storage media used (paper, microforms, optical storage, etc.);

All information is stored in paper form.

- Word processing and office automation;

Not yet in place.

- (New) techniques used for the generation of patent information (printing, recording, photocomposing, etc.).

III. Matters concerning abstracting, classifying, reclassifying and indexing of technical information contained in patent documents:

- Abstracting, reviewing, translating;
- Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Patent Classification (IPC), other classification (please indicate whether or not patent documents are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used);

An incomplete card system grouping patents according to the International Patent Classification (IPC) is in place. Classification activities will be fully in place as soon as the system is automated.

- Coordinate indexing (ICIREPAT-types and/or domestic deep indexing systems, keyword indexing);
- Hybrid system indexing;
- Bibliographic data and full-text processing for search purposes.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- File building;

Each application is assigned a reference number in numerical order. This number and the title of the invention are entered in a register and the documents are enclosed on a file.

- Updating;  
As correspondence come in these are also enclosed on individual files.
- Storage, including mass storage media;
- Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file.

## V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search systems:

- In-house systems (online/offline);
- External databases;
- Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support, etc.);

A manual system is in place in the form of a register which identifies:

1. The name of the patentee
2. The patent numbers
3. The nature of the invention
4. The date the patent is granted
5. Whether the patent has been assigned and to whom

In addition to this register there is an alphabetical index maintained of patentees and assignees.

- Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), carriers used;
- Existing online thesauri; their structure, presentation and usefulness for computerized searches.

## VI. Administration of the industrial property office library and services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, for assisting clients on searching procedures, for obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

- Planning, administration, automation, security, buildings;

Networking via computers is not yet in place but a manual system is in place. Searches are made from the indexes and registers kept in the office.

- Collecting, acquisitions, preparation;
- Collection management, preservation;
- Interlibrary lending, resource sharing, networks of patent libraries in the country;
- Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and patent information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web).

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information:

- International or regional cooperation in the exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., bibliographic data, abstract and/or full text information;
- Medium used for exchange of priority documents;
- Medium allowed for filing applications;
- Implementation of the Statement of Principles Concerning the Changeover to Electronic Data Carriers for the Exchange of Patent Documents<sup>2</sup> (please make a status report on the extent to which your Office has changed over to electronic data carriers for the exchange of patent documents).

VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of, the use of patent information, including technical assistance to developing countries:

- Training courses for national and foreign participants, use of audiovisual means;
- Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.);
- Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.);
- Studies to identify trends in new technology, e.g., by the use of patent statistics, preparation of monographs, etc.;
- Assistance furnished by offices to facilitate the changing over of receiving offices to electronic data carriers for the exchange of patent documents (see also item 4 of Chapter VI, above).

IX. Other relevant matters.

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<sup>2</sup> See WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* CD-ROM, Part 8.4.