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Communication from the World Intellectual Property Organisation

In accordance with the decisions of the Negotiating Group on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, Including Trade in Counterfeit Goods, at its meeting of 25 March 1987, the secretariat has contacted the Secretariats of the World Intellectual Property Organization, UNESCO and the Customs Co-operation Council with a view to seeking information on their activities regarding trade in counterfeit goods and their initiatives relevant to the Negotiating Objective of the Group (MTN.GNG/NG11/1, paragraphs 17 and 18).

The following communication, dated 4 May 1987, has been received in response from the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organisation.

I thank you for your letter of 23 April 1987, written in connection with the first meeting of the Negotiating Group on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, including Trade in Counterfeit Goods, established as part of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

I thank you also for sending the Negotiating Plan of the said Negotiating Group, which includes the relevant passage of the Ministeral Declaration of Punta del Este.

You call my attention to the passage of the Negotiating Plan concerning the relationship between the negotiations in the said Group and initiatives in other fora--a matter which, as far as WIPO is concerned, my letter to you1 of 13 October 1986 (so far unanswered) also dealt with--and you ask for information on the initiatives in WIPO relevant to the work of the Group.

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The objective of WIPO is to promote the protection of intellectual property, and all WIPO initiatives concern intellectual property. It is difficult to made a selection among them as long as the decisions of the Group on the exact scope of its work are not known to us.

As far as the question of counterfeit goods is concerned, you inform me that the Negotiating Group wishes to receive information and documentation regarding WIPO's activities. I am glad to send you enclosed the documents of the first session of the WIPO Committee of Experts on the Protection Against Counterfeiting, which took place in May 1986, and the preparatory documents of the second session of the said WIPO Committee of Experts, which will take place from 25 to 29 May 1987. At the time of their issuance, those documents were made available to the Governments of the States members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, as well as to GATT.[1]

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1The documents, which were supplied in English and French, are available in the GATT secretariat (Mr. A. Otten, extension 2181) for consultation by interested delegations. They are the following:

<u>First Session, 5-7 May 1986</u>

Agenda: Prepared by the Director General	PAC/CE/I/1
Counterfeiting and National Laws; Counterfeiting and the Paris Convention: Memorandum by the Director General	PAC/CE/I/2 and Add.
Report: Adopted by the Committee of Experts	PAC/CE/I/4

<u>Second Session, 25-29 May 1987</u>

Agenda: Prepared by the Director General	PAC/CE/II/1
Protection against Counterfeiting (Paris Convention, Model Provisions, Information Meetings): Memorandum by the International Bureau	PAC/CE/II/2 and Corr
Provisions of National Laws on Protection against Counterfeiting: Study prepared by the International Bureau	PAC/CE/II/3