

into the activities of the development cooperation programs, which should be reviewed for a more complete account. As specified later in this document, 130 countries or territories have received or are receiving assistance under the ongoing programs of WIPO in the area of TRIPS implementation.

62. In response to the requests made under the joint initiative, the two Organizations have met on several occasions and discussed the coordination of efforts and, in some cases, the joint handling of specific requests by holding a joint consultation with the requesting country or territory. The assistance requested has, in all but one case, been provided to the Member concerned and, in few cases, it will be provided in the course of 2000. In particular, a large number of WIPO and WTO missions took place in 1999, including a joint regional symposium on "Implementation of the TRIPS Agreement" in Bangui, Central African Republic, for French-speaking sub-Saharan African countries from 23 to 26 March 1999. Several national seminars are being planned jointly by WIPO and WTO for the latter part of 1999. In addition, two national seminars were planned and carried out jointly by WIPO and WTO in Colombia and Venezuela during the latter part of 1999. One request outstanding is from Cuba for a national seminar to be held jointly by WIPO and WTO.

63. For the least-developed country Members of WTO facing the 1 January 2006 deadline a similar joint effort is planned to be carried out in 2001.

V. CONCLUSION

64. Almost all developing countries have benefited from the legal and technical assistance programs and activities of WIPO. Specifically, a total of 130 developing and least-developed countries and one territory benefited from those development for cooperation activities of WIPO that either dealt entirely with the TRIPS Agreement or were undertaken with a view to facilitating the implementation of that Agreement. These were Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China (including Hong Kong SAR), Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the British Virgin Islands.

65. The results of the legal and technical assistance programs and activities of WIPO are reflected in a number of countries having upgraded their existing legislation or enacted new laws and revised or formulated implementing regulations for achieving conformity with the TRIPS Agreement. There is widespread awareness not only of the legal implications of the TRIPS Agreement, but also of its potential for beneficial use by countries. In this regard, a number of countries have already strengthened or embarked upon modernization of their administrative infrastructures. A reservoir of trained manpower has been created to implement and use the upgraded intellectual property system. More attention to the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights and better enforcement mechanisms are also noticeable in a number of countries.

66. As far as assistance to the least-developed countries is concerned, following a decision of the WIPO General Assembly, the International Bureau established a Least-Developed Countries Unit in October 1998. The Unit is devoted to dealing with the special needs of those countries, and WIPO will continue and further intensify its focus on providing assistance to the least-developed countries for implementation of the TRIPS Agreement. During 1999, WIPO organized one High Level Interregional Roundtable and four regional meetings for least developed countries (LDCs) which focussed in particular on the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement. In May 2000, WIPO organized a meeting for the least developed countries (LDCs) of Asia and the Pacific region in Kathmandu (Nepal).

67. The International Bureau of WIPO will continue to provide legal and technical assistance to those countries concerned and to closely cooperate with WTO. The scope of such assistance will be expanded to respond to the requests of developing and least-developed countries in matters connected with implementation of the TRIPS Agreement and related matters, including the review process and emerging intellectual property issues.

Members of WIPO, the Paris Union, the Berne Union and WTO *

States	WIPO (175)	Paris (160)	Berne (145)	WTO (137)
Albania	X	X	X	-
Algeria	X	X	X	-
Andorra	X	-	-	-
Angola	X	-	-	X
Antigua and Barbuda	X	X	X	X
Argentina	X	X	X	X
Armenia	X	X	-	-
Australia	X	X	X	X
Austria	X	X	X	X
Azerbaijan	X	X	X	-
Bahamas	X	X	X	-
Bahrain	X	X	X	X
Bangladesh	X	X	X	X
Barbados	X	X	X	X
Belarus	X	X	X	-
Belgium	X	X	X	X
Belize	X	X	X	X
Benin	X	X	X	X
Bhutan	X	X	-	-
	(as from August 4, 2000)	(as from August 4, 2000)		
Bolivia	X	X	X	X
Bosnia and Herzegovina	X	X	X	-
Botswana	X	X	X	X
Brazil	X	X	X	X
Brunei	X	-	-	X
Darussalam				
Bulgaria	X	X	X	X
Burkina Faso	X	X	X	X
Burundi	X	X	-	X
Cambodia	X	X	-	-
Cameroon	X	X	X	X
Canada	X	X	X	X
Cape Verde	X	-	X	-
Central African Republic	X	X	X	X
Chad	X	X	X	X
Chile	X	X	X	X
China	X	X	X	-
Colombia	X	X	X	X
Congo	X	X	X	X
Costa Rica	X	X	X	X
Côte d'Ivoire	X	X	X	X
Croatia	X	X	X	-
Cuba	X	X	X	X
Cyprus	X	X	X	X
Czech Republic	X	X	X	X
Democratic People's Republic of Korea				
Democratic Republic of the Congo	X	X	X	X
Denmark	X	X	X	X
Djibouti	-	-	-	X
Dominica	X	X	X	X

* Note - updated till July 6, 2000

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States	WIPO (175)	Paris (160)	Berne (145)	WTO (137)
Dominican Republic	X	X	X	X
Ecuador	X	X	X	X
Egypt	X	X	X	X
El Salvador	X	X	X	X
Equatorial Guinea	X	X	X	-
Eritrea	X	-	-	-
Estonia	X	X	X	X
European Community	-	-	-	X
Ethiopia	X	-	-	-
Fiji	X	-	X	X
Finland	X	X	X	X
France	X	X	X	X
Gabon	X	X	X	X
Gambia	X	X	X	X
Georgia	X	X	X	X
Germany	X	X	X	X
Ghana	X	X	X	X
Greece	X	X	X	X
Grenada	X	X	X	X
Guatemala	X	X	X	X
Guinea	X	X	X	X
Guinea-Bissau	X	X	X	X
Guyana	X	X	X	X
Haiti	X	X	X	X
Holy See	X	X	X	-
Honduras	X	X	X	X
Hong Kong, China	-	-	-	X
Hungary	X	X	X	X
Iceland	X	X	X	X
India	X	X	X	X
Indonesia	X	X	X	X
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	-	X	-	-
Iraq	X	X	-	-
Ireland	X	X	X	X
Israel	X	X	X	X
Italy	X	X	X	X
Jamaica	X	X	X	X
Japan	X	X	X	X
Jordan	X	X	X	X
Kazakhstan	X	X	X	-
Kenya	X	X	X	X
Kuwait	X	-	-	X
Kyrgyzstan	X	X	X	X
Lao People's Democratic Republic	X	X	-	-
Latvia	X	X	X	X
Lebanon	X	X	X	-
Lesotho	X	X	X	X
Liberia	X	X	X	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	X	X	X	-
Liechtenstein	X	X	X	X
Lithuania	X	X	X	-
Luxembourg	X	X	X	X
Macau	-	-	-	X
Madagascar	X	X	X	X
Malawi	X	X	X	X
Malaysia	X	X	X	X
Maldives	-	-	-	X

States	WIPO (175)	Paris (160)	Berne (145)	WTO (137)
Mali	X	X	X	X
Malta	X	X	X	X
Mauritania	X	X	X	X
Mauritius	X	X	X	X
Mexico	X	X	X	X
Monaco	X	X	X	-
Mongolia	X	X	X	X
Morocco	X	X	X	X
Mozambique	X	X	-	X
Myanmar	-	-	-	X
Namibia	X	-	X	X
Nepal	X	-	-	-
Netherlands	X	X	X	X
New Zealand	X	X	X	X
Nicaragua	X	X	X	X
(as from August 23, 2000)				
Niger	X	X	X	X
Nigeria	X	X	X	X
Norway	X	X	X	X
Oman	X	X	X	-
Pakistan	X	-	X	X
Panama	X	X	X	X
Papua New Guinea	X	X	-	X
Paraguay	X	X	X	X
Peru	X	X	X	X
Philippines	X	X	X	X
Poland	X	X	X	X
Portugal	X	X	X	X
Qatar	X	X	X	X
Republic of Korea	X	X	X	X
Republic of Moldova	X	X	X	-
Romania	X	X	X	X
Russian Federation	X	X	X	-
Rwanda	X	X	X	X
Saint Kitts and Nevis	X	X	X	X
Saint Lucia	X	X	X	X
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	X	X	X	X
Samoa	X	-	-	-
San Marino	X	X	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	X	X	-	-
Saudi Arabia	X	-	-	-
Senegal	X	X	X	X
Seychelles	X	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	X	X	-	X
Singapore	X	X	X	X
Slovakia	X	X	X	X
Slovenia	X	X	X	X
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	X
Somalia	X	-	-	-
South Africa	X	X	X	X
Spain	X	X	X	X
Sri Lanka	X	X	X	X
Sudan	X	X	-	-
Suriname	X	X	X	X
Swaziland	X	X	X	X
Sweden	X	X	X	X
Switzerland	X	X	X	X

States	WIPO (175)	Paris (160)	Berne (145)	WTO (137)
Syrian Arab Republic	-	X	-	-
Tajikistan	X	X	X	-
Thailand	X	-	X	X
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	X	X	X	-
Togo	X	X	X	X
Trinidad and Tobago	X	X	X	X
Tunisia	X	X	X	X
Turkey	X	X	X	X
Turkmenistan	X	X	-	-
Uganda	X	X	-	X
Ukraine	X	X	X	-
United Arab Emirates	X	X	-	X
United Kingdom	X	X	X	X
United Republic of Tanzania	X	X	X	X
United States of America	X	X	X	X
Uruguay	X	X	X	X
Uzbekistan	X	X	-	-
Venezuela	X	X	X	X
Viet Nam	X	X	-	-
Yemen	X	-	-	-
Yugoslavia	X	X	X	-
Zambia	X	X	X	X
Zimbabwe	X	X	X	X

ASSISTANCE ON LEGISLATION

1996	Draft laws submitted	Comments submitted	Legislative advice provided
	Argentina (IP)	Bhutan (IP)	Andean Group (IP x 2)
	Bhutan (IP)	Bolivia (IP)	Angola, Cape Verde & Guinea Bissau (IP)
	Ethiopia (IP 2 texts)	Botswana (IP)	Barbados (IP)
	Ghana (IP 3 texts)	Brunei (IP)	Central America (IP)
	India (IP)	Cape Verde (IP)	Ecuador (IP)
	Laos (IP) 3 texts	Central America (IP 2 texts)	India (IP x 3)
	Paraguay (IP 2 texts)	Dominican Republic (IP 2 texts)	International Tropical Timber Organization (IP)
	St. Lucia (IP)	Equatoria Guinea (IP)	Iran (IP x 2)
	The Gambia (IP 2 texts)	Malaysia (IP 2 texts)	Jordan (IP)
	Trinidad & Tobago (IP 4 texts)	Malawi (IP 2 texts)	Laos (IP)
		Morocco (IP)	Lebanon (IP)
		Pakistan (IP 3 texts)	Mozambique, Sao Tome & Principe (IP)
		Panama (IP)	Nepal (IP x 2)
		Philippines (IP 3 texts)	Nicaragua (IP)
		SIECA (IP)	Oman (IP)
		Sri Lanka (IP)	Singapore (IP)
		St. Lucia (IP)	Sudan (IP)
		Tonga (IP)	Tunisia (IP)
		Uruguay (IP 3 texts)	Trinidad & Tobago (IP x 2)
		Venezuela (IP)	Uganda (IP x 2)
TOTAL Laws, etc.	20	30	27
TOTAL Countries, etc.	10	20	32

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1997	Draft laws submitted	Comments submitted	Legislative advice provided
	Bahrain (IP 2 texts)	Barbados (IP 4 texts) + (CNR)	Angola (IP)
	Botswana (IP 2 texts)	Bhutan (IP 2 texts)	Botswana (IP)
	Botswana Faso (CNR)	Botswana (IP)	Caribbean Countries (IP)
	Burundi (CNR)	Brunei (IP)	China (IP)
	Cambodia (IP 3 texts)	Burkina Faso (CNR)	Dominican Republic (IP)
	Côte d'Ivoire (CNR)	Burundi (CNR)	Ghana (IP)
	Gambia (CNR 2 texts)	Cambodia (IP 2 texts)	India (IP)
	Ghana (CNR)	Central African Republic (CNR)	Lesotho (IP x 4)
	Guinea-Bissau (IP + CNR)	Cuba (IP)	Madagascar (IP)
	Jordan (IP)	Djibouti (CNR)	Malaysia (IP)
	Kuwait (IP 3 texts)	Dominican Republic (IP)	Mauritius (IP x 2)
	Liberia (IP)	Fiji (CNR)	Morocco (CNR)
	Malaysia (IP 2 texts)	Jordan (IP 2 texts)	Oman (IP)
	Mozambique (IP)	Kuwait (IP 2 texts)	St Lucia (IP)
	Namibia (IP)	Lesotho (CNR)	Sudan (IP x 2)
	Nepal (CNR)	Madagascar (IP)	Swaziland (IP)
	Oman (IP 3 texts)	Mongolia (CNR)	Viet Nam (IP)
	Rwanda (IP)	Oman (IP)	OAU (IP)
	Seychelles (IP)	Pakistan (CNR)	
	Sierra Leone (IP 3 texts)	Panama (IP)	
	South Pacific countries (IP)	Trinidad & Tobago (IP 2 texts) + (CNR)	
	Sudan (IP 4 texts)	UAE (IP) + (CNR)	
	Tanzania (IP)	Uruguay (IP)	
	Tunisia (IP 4 texts)	Yemen (IP) + (CNR)	
	Uganda (IP)	ARIPO (IP 2 texts)	
	UAE (IP 2 texts)	MERCOSUR (IP)	
	West Bank & Gaza Strip (IP)	OAPI (CNR)	
	Yemen (IP)		
	OAPI (IP 6 texts)		
TOTAL Laws, etc.	54	40	23
TOTAL Countries, etc.	29	27	18

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