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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD INTEL- LECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LAISSEZ-PASSER TO OFFICIALS OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

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1 March 1976

Dear Mr. Director General,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the United Nations and the World Intellectual Property Organization approved by the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization on 27 September 1974, and by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 17 December 1974,² which recognizes the World Intellectual Property Organization as a specialized agency brought into relationship with the United Nations in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations. As you will recall, article 17 of this Agreement provides that:

“Officials of the Organization shall be entitled, in accordance with such special arrangements as may be concluded between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the Organization, to use the laissez-passer of the United Nations.”

In pursuance of the aforementioned provision and in accordance with section 26 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,³ I now take pleasure in proposing that the following special arrangements shall govern the issuance of United Nations laissez-passers to officials of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

“1. All members of the staff of the World Intellectual Property Organization will be considered as officials of the World Intellectual Property Organization under the terms of these Special Arrangements with the exception of those who are recruited locally and assigned to hourly rates.

“2. Requests for issuance of the laissez-passer shall be made by the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization or by such person as he shall deputize. Such requests, which will state that the official is about to travel on official duty or home leave, must be accompanied by:

“(a) an application, on a form to be prescribed and furnished by the United Nations, which shall be filled in and signed by the official for whom the laissez-passer is

¹ Came into force on 19 October 1977, the date when the Convention of 21 November 1947 on the privileges and immunities of the specialized agencies became applicable to the World Intellectual Property Organization, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 956, p. 405.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 33, p. 261. For the final and revised texts of annexes published subsequently, see vol. 71, p. 318; vol. 79, p. 326; vol. 117, p. 386; vol. 275, p. 298; vol. 314, p. 308; vol. 323, p. 364; vol. 327, p. 326; vol. 371, p. 266; vol. 423, p. 284; vol. 559, p. 348, and vol. 645, p. 340.