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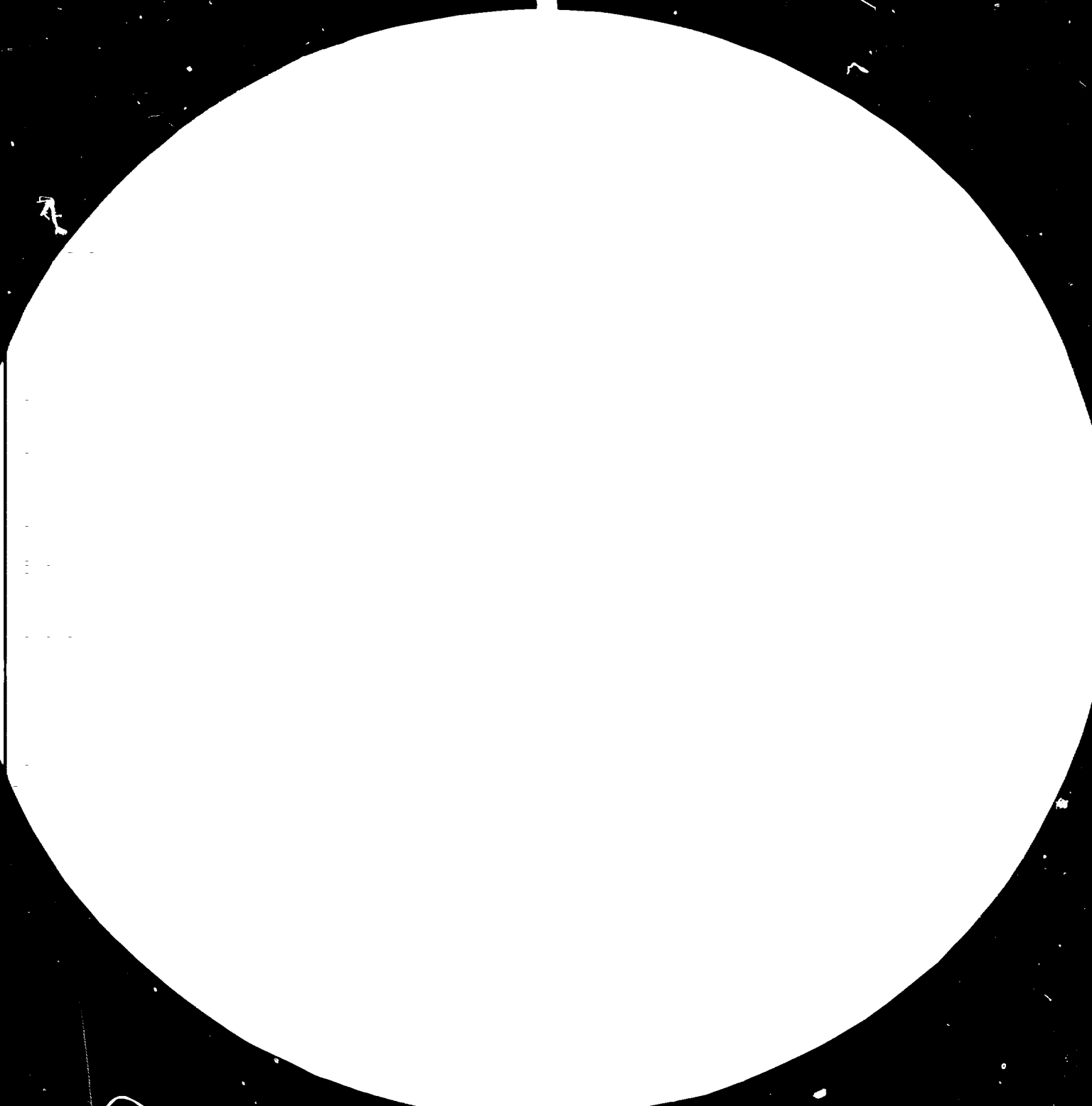
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SOME CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING COOPERATION  
AMONG TECHNOLOGY REGISTRIES\*

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## INTRODUCTION

The TIES system, established in the middle of 1978, provided a very solid base of multi and bilateral cooperation among - technology registries and similar institutions of developing countries.

At present, in the TIES system participate - either fully or in observer capacities - the following countries: Mexico, Guatemala, Venezuela, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, - Algeria, Egypt, Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, Togo, Ethiopia, Portugal, Spain, Poland, Iraq, Pakistan, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Rep. of S. Korea and Peoples Republic of China.

With the exception of Brazil - which we believe will ultimately join TIES - all major importers of technology among developing countries are associated with the TIES system, thus providing for a unique group of countries cooperating across the border in the area of exchange of information in contractual terms and conditions.

The present cooperation, based on above exchange of information, is expanding into other areas, and it is the feeling of UNIDO Secretariat that we should consider further, and in a more detailed manner, the future of such cooperation. The present paper attempts at summarizing of current cooperation and at outlining the directions and scope of even closer cooperation among technology registries in time to come.

## OVERVIEW OF PRESENT COOPERATIONS AMONG TECHNOLOGY REGISTRIES

The TIES system by itself is a cooperative scheme in the field of information.

As the information exchanged under TIES scheme is discussed separately during the Sixth Meeting, it is suggested to keep this issue entirely in the present paper.

Other forms of technology registries cooperation can be described and characterized as follows:

- (a) Exchange of visit and study tours.
- (b) Bilateral mutual assistance (arranged directly or under UNIDO auspices).
- (c) Direct exchange of specific detailed and confidential information

The above enumeration of forms of cooperation allows for presentation of certain directions for future cooperation among technology registries with or without UNIDO involvement.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION AMONG TECHNOLOGY REGISTRIES

On the basis of UNIDO experience, it seems that the area of making visits and study tours will remain one of the more popular forms of cooperation. On this occasion UNIDO Secretariat wishes to acknowledge and express its gratitude to all registries who hosted such groups in the past.

Most of those visits have been organized by UNIDO and it is hoped that provided UNDP makes further funds available\* for TIES activities, such visits will continue in the future. We believe, however, that exchange of working visits on a bilateral basis should be more strongly promoted and encouraged than before.

Under UNIDO technical assistance programme, some of the - technology registries received technical assistance, by way of expertise of others. This form of cooperation will increase also in the future, particularly with new offices being established.

In this respect again, UNIDO is of the opinion that direct bilateral assistance schemes may be worked out, perhaps based on the principle, that receiving registry bears all costs of the programme.

One of the areas where bilateral arrangements are working particularly in, is the direct bilateral exchange of sensitive and often confidential information, usually of scope beyond present TIES system. UNIDO Secretariat welcomes those initiatives and wishes to encourage their future development.

On the basis of collected experience, we wish to suggest some additional possibilities of cooperation among technology registries like:

- (a) Current mutual information on changes in policies and Regulations (possibly using TIES Newsletter).
- (b) Extensive exchange of trainees among registries.
- (c) Exchange of detailed materials concerning various functions of registries like evaluation and approval procedures, promotional and monitoring functions, etc.
- (d) In certain areas exploration of possibilities of co-ordination, negotiation efforts with suppliers of - technology.

These and other possibilities (our suggestion does not attempt to cover all possible ways and means of cooperation), in our view, should be discussed in detail during the current session and once they are agreed informal schemes can be established.

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\* See UNIDO proposal entitled "Cooperation among Technology Transfer and Regulatory offices of selected Developing Countries", project proposal No. INT/81/027

Long term cooperation among technology registries should bring fast economic results in the area of technology imports, but also contribute to continuous improvement of quality of work done.

We believe that deliberations at present session will lead towards development of concrete scheme of long term cooperation.



