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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 2/2003 of our Newsletter «Legal Information». We hope you will enjoy reading it.

Incentives by Developed Countries for Technology Transfer to Least-developed Countries:

On February 20, 2003, the TRIPS Council adopted a decision concerning the implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement. The provision obliges developed Members of the WTO to provide incentives to their companies for the promotion and encouragement of transfer of technology to least-developed countries. This provision is in response to the Doha Ministerial Conference directive to fully and effectively implement the obligation in question. Every developed country member must submit a detailed account of their efforts by the end of 2003.

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EPO: The Community patent is one step closer to its realisation:

In Brussels, on March 3, 2003, the ministers of the Competitiveness Council of the EU have agreed on the basics of the jurisdictional system, the languages and costs, as well as the role of national patent offices concerning the community patent.

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