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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 3/2005 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Plan of Action for the Industrial Countries in the Area of Patents

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office met with representatives from 22 national patent offices including Switzerland and the European Patent Office and the European Commission at the beginning of February 2005 to discuss several particularly important topics which are being dealt with in WIPO subcommittees. So far no progress has been made on these particular issues, which concern, on the one hand, harmonization efforts in the area of material patent rights and, on the other, the possible effects of intellectual property on the economic development of less well-situated countries, because of diverse opinions among the participating WIPO Member States. At this meeting participants unanimously agreed upon a common Declaration of Intent (<http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/documents/j110001e.pdf>) concerning their agreement for a further common agenda.

2. Patent Law Revision Moves Ahead

The Federal Council authorized the Federal Department of Justice and Police to complete the draft of the revised patent law at its March 11, 2005 session. The draft is supposed to be presented to Parliament in the current year. The draft focuses on appropriate patent protection for inventions in the field of biotechnology. The ratification of the revised European Patent Convention serves as a precedent in this context.

See the press release

in German: <http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10024d.pdf>,

in French: <http://www.ige.ch/f/jurinfo/documents/j10024f.pdf>,

in Italian: <http://www.ige.ch/i/jurinfo/documents/j10024i.pdf>,

and the report on the results of the consultation

in German: <http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10025d.pdf>,

in French: <http://www.ige.ch/f/jurinfo/documents/j10025f.pdf>,

in Italian: <http://www.ige.ch/i/jurinfo/documents/j10025i.pdf>.

Yours sincerely,

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