ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES 1998

I. Evolution of registration activities:

- Changes experienced in terms of applications and grants with respect to the previous year.

No changes in term of applications and grants procedure

- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year

Years	1997	1998
Applications	18	19
Registrations	17	13

Number of filings and grants do not represent any trends.

II. Matters concerning the generation reproduction and distribution of industrial design documents and of secondary sources of industrial design information, i.e., official gazettes:

The information about industrial designs is published in the Official Bulletins of Industrial Property.

The Bulletin contains bibliographic data and image of industrial designs registered in the State Register. Bibliographic data are: applicant in the Georgian and English languages, date of filing application, number of application, information about convention priority class, name of patent attorney. All the information is provided with the appropriate INID Codes (WIPO St.80). Bibliographic information is published in the Bulletin only once. The amendments or corrections concerning the registered industrial designs are also published, The Bulletin contains numerical index of industrial designs.

In 1998 4 Bulletins were issued in which the data about 15 industrial designs were placed. In "Sakpatenti" there is a database of applications filed with the Patent Office. The information about each application contains the following data: filing number, application number, dates of filing and priority, applicant and his address, class, the title of industrial design, patent attorney, image (photos, drawings), description and some additional materials, data about earlier application (in case if convention priority is claimed).

III. Matters concerning classifying reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information according to the classification systems applied:

Sakpatenti uses International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification).

- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes

Bibliographic data are used for search in card files and in the database. The search file contains filing date, classification, title, graphic reproduction and textual description of applications.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

Nothing new to report

V. Activities in the field of computerized search systems for industrial designs

Computerized search system works on the database and includes filed applications for industrial designs. The search can be effected by the following data: inventor, applicant, application number, filing number, filing date, priority date, class, attorney title of industrial design, status, etc.

Equipment used is: Computers Compaq with processors Pentium, database Paradox.

VI. Administration of industrial design services available to the public

Services are not provided for public. However the applicants are given some oral consultations free of charge on the questions of preparing and filing applications.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of industrial design documentation and information:

The exchange is carried out with 11 CIS countries on paper. The Official Bulletins from Austria are regularly coming.

Exchange of machine-readable information is not provided for.

VII. Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries:

Nothing to report.