

## ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORTS ON TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

### I.

Changes experienced in terms of application filings and registrations:

| Year                       | Numbers of the Introduced Marks | Total of the Introduced Number | Registered Marks |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 01\01\93<br>to<br>31\12\93 | 85513<br>89520                  | 4007                           | 1080             |
| 01\01\94<br>to<br>31\12\94 | 89521<br>93799                  | 4278                           | 1320             |
| 01\01\95<br>to<br>31\12\95 | 93800<br>99080                  | 5280                           | 1560             |
| 01\01\96<br>to<br>31\12\96 | 99081<br>104664                 | 5582                           | 1826             |
| 01\01\97<br>to<br>31\12\97 | 104665<br>111996                | 7332                           | 1409             |
| 01\01\98<br>to<br>31\12\98 | 111997<br>120444                | 8348                           | 2266             |

Egypt experienced a 42.5% increase in the number of application filings between 1997 and 1998, and a 25.0% increase in the number of registrations during the same period.

- II. Trademark gazettes are printed by the government publishing office. They are currently compiled by hand and published in paper form only. There are no announcements of registrations made outside the gazettes.
- III. Egypt uses the Nice and Vienna Classifications. This work was done entirely by hand in 1998. Applicants are under no obligation to use pre-defined classification terms. The Trademark Office employees do classification of goods and services for all applications.
- IV. The Trademark manual search file for locally filed applications was improved in 1998 by providing new filing units. A program of automation of the search system was begun in 1998, with the first data entry is to occur in 1999. Searching is done by computer for applications filed through the International Bureau.
- V. The Trademark Office is in the midst of a comprehensive program of improvements in coordination with a USAID-funded technical assistance project. A Space Needs Assessment was completed in 1997 and work was begun in 1998. An automation study was completed in 1997 and a request for proposals was published in 1998. The contract was awarded and signed in early 1999. This comprehensive program

includes providing a suitable environment to house the automation equipment already acquired and to be acquired in 1999.

1. The Trademark Office uses the international system provided by WIPO.
2. There are currently no external databases for local applications.
3. No administrative systems are computerized to date. The computerization contract will include a number of administrative systems
4. The Trademark Office had two computers in use in 1998 provided by WIPO. USAID has acquired one network server and seven Pentium PC computers, which will be installed as programming is completed.

VI. Official publications are available from the Government Printing Office. Clients may have a manual search done at the Trademark Office for a fee and an international search on the WIPO provided computers.

VII. Any exchange of trademark documentation is done via post. The only routine exchange of information is with WIPO.

VIII. Trademark employees attended a number of seminars on intellectual property rights in 1998. One Trademark employee attended training at WIPO in 1998. In addition, USAID-funded a number of training activities for trademark employees in 1998 which included:

1. Twenty trademark employees participated in an intensive two-week training program in trademark examination in the United States.
2. Forty-two employees had computer training.
3. Sixty employees had training on functions of trademarks.
4. Forty-one employees had training on format of trademarks.
5. Thirty employees had six courses in advanced trademark subjects.
6. Thirty-four employees had training in computerized searching.
7. Twenty-four trademark employees had at least one course in English language in 1998.