

The Committee noted that the proposal to bring a specialist on legal drafting on IPR law to work with a team at CINTEC had been approved by USIA Washington. The proposed dates for the visit were 12<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1998.

The Committee agreed that the requirement is for a person who has experience in carrying out work involving the Asian region. The Committee agreed to work with him (on email) before his arrival. The Committee agreed that Dr. D.M. Karunaratne, Director of Intellectual Property should be involved in the work being carried out on IPR law. It was noted that the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka functions under the Ministry of Internal and External Commerce, and the Committee agreed that this Ministry should be involved in the work on IPR law reform.

The Committee agreed that it is necessary to plan the work to be carried out and to prepare a document, giving the present law on IPR in Sri Lanka, and the areas in which reform is necessary. Mr. Kolitha Dharmawardena stated that a document titled "Information Technology and Intellectual Property Rights Issue" drafted by him and presented by the Centre for Private Sector Development, which had been forwarded to CINTEC with the project proposal on IPR law, would meet this need. Mr. Ramathas was requested to inform the Committee of the IT related aspects, and to refer to the law reform carried out in India.

#### **7.0 Membership of the Committee:**

The Committee noted that Mr. H.A.J.S.K. Wickramaratne, D.I.G. (Logistics and IT) would represent the Police Department in future, instead of Mr. Jayatissa Herath.

#### **8.0 Future Programme:**

The Committee agreed on the following amended programme:

- O A workshop on Intellectual Property Law to be held in January 1998.
- O A seminar on Commercial Fraud targetted to be held in April 1998.
- O A seminar on Intellectual Property Law taregetted to be held in June 1998.

#### **9.0 Next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on the last Monday of December - ie 29<sup>th</sup> December 1998..

Assistant Director