

2.2 Training for Judges:

The Committee noted that Ms. Dhara Wijayatilake had contacted Hon. Shirani Tillakewardena, about the training. The Judges of the High Court had agreed to undergo training at CINTEC. Hon. Shirani Tillakewardena would inform Ms. Wijayatilake of the names of the Judges who would be trained. Ms. Aruni Goonetilleke was requested to inform Ms. Wijayatilake about the dates and time during which the training could be carried out.

3.0 Proposed Legislation on Computer Crime:

The Committee agreed that a group consisting of Mr. Nalin Abeysekere, Mr. Kolitha Dharmawardena, Ms. Dhara Wijayatilake, Mr. K. Ramathas, Mr. N. Selvakkumaran and Mr. Jayantha Fernando should re-examine the proposed Act and make the necessary improvements, after which it could be sent to the Legal Draughtsman. Mr. Jayantha Fernando should convene the meetings.

4.0 Steering Committee:

The Committee agreed that the date on which a meeting of the Steering Committee would be held would be decided on at the next meeting.

5.0 Joint Working Group on Legal Issues under the ASEB:

The Chair informed the meeting that Sri Lanka's proposal for a new Joint Working Group (JWG) on Legal Issues had been accepted at the 15th meeting of the Asia EDIFACT (EDI for Administration, Commerce and Transport) Board. (ASEB). Indonesia, India, Iran, Korea and Sri Lanka had confirmed their commitment. As five countries had stated their commitment, the 15th ASEB meeting had agreed that a meeting of the JWG on Legal Issues could be held under the 16th ASEB meeting in Teheran, to be held in June 1998.

Sri Lanka had undertaken the responsibility of organising the first meeting of the JWG under the 16th ASEB meeting. The 15th ASEB meeting had also agreed that representation from the Centre for the Facilitation of Procedures and Practices for Administration, Commerce and Transport (CEFACT) at the proposed JWG meeting is necessary. Ms. Aruni Goonetilleke was requested to follow up on this, and also to contact UN agencies on participation. The Committee agreed that Mr. P.D. Rodrigo should find out whether a branch of Coopers and Lybrand operates in Iran, in order to secure participation. Mr. P.D. Rodrigo requested Ms. Aruni Goonetilleke to forward details about the ASEB to him.

Mr. Jayantha Fernando was requested to prepare a small monograph on the IT Law seminar that was held on 4th November 1997, in conjunction with the 15th ASEB meeting.

6.0 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Law Reform:

A letter dated 20th November 1997 sent by Ms. Anne V. Barbaro, Director, United States Information Service (USIS) to the Chairman, CINTEC, was tabled.