

A multilateral agreement on this subject is being negotiated under the Paris Convention but it appears unlikely that such negotiations will be successful.

A multilateral approach would seem desirable on this subject, along the lines being discussed under the Paris Convention.

### Copyright

#### 1. Unauthorized Retransmission of Broadcast Signals

At present it is believed that the Canadian Copyright Act does not cover retransmission of broadcast signals by media such as cable. The White Paper on Copyright, From Gutenberg to Telidon, published in May 1984, discusses this matter in some detail but did not make any recommendation, with the matter referred to a Parliamentary Committee set up to consider it. The Department of Communications has primary responsibility for this subject and a further briefing from this Department could be obtained.

#### 2. Protection of Computer Technology

This subject covers those areas of computer technology not currently covered by the Patent Act. Of particular