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AUTOMATION OF THE PCT PROCEDURE

Proposal by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

1. In the previous months, there have been remarkable advances in the automation of the PCT procedure. It is worth pointing out the success of the PCT-EDI (Electronic Data Interchange Service) implementation together with online file inspection in the framework of PatentScope. These projects have come to complement other well established ones as PCT-COR (Communication on Request) or PCT-SAFE (Secure Applications Filed Electronically).
2. Therefore, WIPO and International Authorities have reached a point in which some Rules of the Treaty as well as internal procedures adopted in the different International Authorities should be carefully reconsidered.
3. At this moment, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office is open to explore together with the International Bureau new ways of co-operation leading to achieve the best possible synergies in the use and management of the respective information repositories and, in particular, the assessment of the creation of electronic environments that facilitate the management and global access to the whole dossier content.
4. *The Meeting is invited to discuss the proposal of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.*

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