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**MODIFICATION OF FORMS FOR USE
BY THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

Document prepared by the International Bureau

1. The Annex to this document contains a further comment and a proposal for modification of the international preliminary examination report form (Form PCT/IPEA/409) provided by the Japanese Patent Office.
2. This comment and proposal/ which will serve as a topic for discussion at the fourth session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT, is hereby provided to all International Authorities for information and comment .

[Annex follows]

COMMENT ON AND PROPOSAL FOR MODIFICATION OF ONE OF THE FORMS FOR USE
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Proposal by the Japanese Patent Office

JPO Comment and Proposal

RE: PCT Format IPEA/409, Box IV. 3. first check-box

This check-box seems unnecessary since this Box IV. Would be used only for the case where the application does not comply with the requirement of Unity of Invention.

It is concluded that the examiner would not check this checkbox when he/she used the Box IV.

Therefore, the JPO propose that the item of the first check-box should be deleted.

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