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COORDINATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PCT

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SUMMARY

1. At its fifth session, the Working Group agreed that reports on technical assistance projects relating to the PCT should be included as a regular agenda item for future sessions of the Working Group. The present document sets out the report requested by the Working Group.
2. In addition, the present document gives an update on the discussions on the “External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” (document CDIP/8/INF/1) currently ongoing in the Committee for Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP), noting the decision of the Working Group to await the outcome of those discussions in the CDIP before considering how to proceed with regard to the technical assistance related parts of the PCT Roadmap recommendations.

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3. At the fifth session of the Working Group, held in Geneva from May 29 to June 1, 2012, the Working Group discussed two documents relating to the provision of technical assistance for developing countries under the PCT: “Coordination of Technical Assistance and Financing of Technical Assistance for Developing Countries Under Article 51 of the PCT” (document PCT/WG/5/5); and “The PCT’s Aims of Organizing Technical Assistance for Developing Countries, Disseminating Technical Information and Facilitating Access to Technology; Sufficiency of Disclosure” (document PCT/WG/5/6). The discussions on these two documents by the Working Group are set out in the report of the session (document PCT/WG/5/22 Rev., paragraphs 81 to 117).

PCT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

4. In the context of its discussions on the issue of “Coordination of Technical Assistance and Financing of Technical Assistance for Developing Countries Under Article 51 of the PCT” (document PCT/WG/5/5), the Working Group agreed that reports on technical assistance projects relating to the PCT should be included as a regular agenda item for future sessions of the Working Group. As stated in the Summary by the Chair of the session (document PCT/WG/5/21, paragraph 20):

“20. The Working Group agreed to the suggestion made by one delegation that reports similar to that provided for in Annex II to document PCT/WG/5/5 with regard to the technical assistance projects relating to the PCT carried out in the 2010/2011 biennium should be included as a regular agenda item for future sessions of the Working Group. In that regard, some delegations suggested that the International Bureau should improve the quality and the scope of reporting and provide, for the information of the Working Group, detailed information on the PCT technical assistance activities for developing countries, including a copy of the work plan on future PCT technical assistance and capacity building activities for developing countries and information pertaining to PCT technical assistance activities carried out under the supervision of other WIPO bodies. One delegation stated that it was important to note that work plans are developed and driven by the International Bureau, and it was not for the Working Group to decide on the work plan itself. The Chair confirmed the agreement of the Working Group with the foregoing.”

Technical Assistance Activities That Have a Direct Bearing on the PCT

5. As had been outlined in document PCT/WG/5/6, paragraph 9, since the start of operations of the PCT system in 1978, in line with the reorientation of the tasks of the PCT Committee for Technical Assistance, the organization of technical assistance for developing countries within WIPO in the area of patents, as envisaged by PCT Article 51 (“... organize and supervise technical assistance for Contracting States which are developing countries in developing their patent systems individually or on a regional basis”) has been coordinated with other development cooperation activities in the field of industrial property under the responsibility of the appropriate WIPO body established for organizing and supervising technical assistance activities for the benefit of developing countries. Thus, since the start of operations of the PCT system in 1978, besides being the largest income generator for WIPO and thus the main source of funding for most of the development cooperation activities, the main technical assistance activities directly delivered by the PCT were—and still are today—limited to aspects which have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT by developing countries.

6. Information on such technical assistance activities which have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT by developing countries is set out in the Annexes to this document. Annex I contains a comprehensive list of all such technical assistance activities undertaken in 2012. Annex II contains a list of all such activities that have been performed thus far in 2013 and also shows the work plan covering the remainder of 2013, as had been requested by the Working Group.

7. For the purposes of compiling the information contained in the Annexes, technical assistance activities have been included where the beneficiary country or, where several countries benefited from the activity, at least one of the beneficiary countries was among the States eligible for PCT fee reductions in accordance with item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees.

8. Taking into account the discussions at the fifth session of the Working Group (see document PCT/WG/5/22 Rev., paragraphs 81 to 105), the Annexes include additional information which had not been provided in the tables showing PCT-related technical assistance for the 2010-2011 biennium presented in Annex II of document PCT/WG/5/5. In particular, the Annexes include additional columns to distinguish between the country of location and the participating countries for a given event; information on partner organizations working with

WIPO in delivering the technical assistance; and information on the content of the technical assistance provided, as further explained in the introduction to Annex I. It should also be noted that the International Bureau has recently started to make the training materials from public events available on WIPO's web site. The material from the public events listed in the Annexes can therefore be downloaded free of charge.

9. Like all technical assistance provided by WIPO, technical assistance activities which have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT by developing countries are guided by the principles of the Development Agenda. As far as possible, the International Bureau plans and delivers the activities in accordance with both the WIPO country plan process as well as the WIPO framework on designing national IP strategies for development, so as to ensure that they are development-oriented, demand-driven and transparent, based on country needs and level of development, and country-specific with respect to design, delivery and evaluation. The country plan and the national IP strategy approaches are interlinked, as one informs the other.

10. Within WIPO, various units from different Sectors are involved in the detailed internal planning, coordination and eventual delivery of such technical activities which have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT for developing countries. These are, in addition to the various PCT Divisions involved in such activities (notably, the PCT International Cooperation Division, which usually takes the lead in organizing such activities within WIPO, the PCT Legal Division and the PCT Business Development Division), the Innovation Division and the Patent Law Division (both within WIPO's Innovation and Technology Sector), the Development Sector (notably, the regional Bureaus), the Department of Transition and Developed Countries and the Global Infrastructure Sector.

11. As can be seen from the detailed information contained in the Annexes, the focus of the technical assistance activities which have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT is on assisting developing countries to make best use of the PCT system, taking into account specific country needs, notably the level of development of its national patent system and the level of its participation in any regional and the international patent system.

PCT Related Technical Assistance Activities Carried Out Under the Supervision of Other WIPO Bodies

12. As stated in paragraph 5, above, since 1978, "technical assistance for Contracting States which are developing countries in developing their patent systems individually or on a regional basis" (as envisaged by PCT Article 51), that is, technical assistance which extends beyond activities which have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT by developing countries, has been carried out under the supervision of other (non-PCT) WIPO bodies. Initially, the main body concerned was the WIPO Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation related to Industrial Property. In 1998, that body merged with the corresponding copyright related Committee to form the WIPO Permanent Committee for Cooperation for Development Related to Intellectual Property, which in turn was disbanded when the Committee for Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) was established in 2007 (see document PCT/WG/4/5 for further details).

13. At present, technical assistance activities related to developing the patent systems of developing countries (as envisaged by PCT Article 51) are carried out under the supervision of, and/or are discussed and reported on in, several (non-PCT) WIPO bodies, notably, the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP), the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) and the WIPO General Assembly. While a detailed listing of all of such activities and projects would go beyond the scope of the present document, some examples of such activities and projects are set out in the following paragraphs:

(a) Development Agenda project DA_08_02 “Specialized Databases’ Access and Support - Phase II”¹, carried out under WIPO Program 14 (“Services for Access to Information and Knowledge”), under the supervision of the CDIP, covers a number of projects, such as Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs), Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI), Access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI) and Patent Landscape Reports (PLRs).²

(b) Development Agenda project DA_16_20_02 “Patents and the Public Domain”³, carried out under WIPO Program 1 (“Patent Law”) and under the supervision of the CDIP, examines and explores the role of a rich and accessible public domain and the impact of certain enterprise practices in the field of patents on the public domain, supplementing the findings of the Study on Patents and the Public Domain undertaken under project DA_16_20_01.

(c) Technical assistance activities aimed at developing and strengthening national and regional IP institutions through the provision of modernization services, carried out under WIPO Program 15 (“Business Solutions for IP Offices”), for example, the capacity building services set out in document CWS/3/11, paragraphs 3 to 5, including: technical advice and guidance; needs assessment; automation of business processes; provision of software systems customized to specific national requirements; establishment of national IP databases; training of IP institutions staff with knowledge transfer to their technical focal points and online communication with WIPO international IP services (including PCT)⁴.

(d) Technical assistance activities aimed at facilitating greater access to patent information for IP Offices in developing countries, carried out under WIPO Program 14 (“Services for Access to Information and Knowledge”), for example, the two projects on patent data exchange, entitled LATIPAT and ARABPAT, as further described in document CWS/3/11, paragraphs 19 to 22⁵.

¹ Relevant to Development Agenda recommendation 8 “To request WIPO to develop agreement with research institutions and with private enterprises with a view to facilitating the national offices of developing countries, especially LDCs, as well as their regional and sub-regional IP organizations to access specialized databases for the purposes of patent searches.”

² Particular aspects of those projects are also discussed in other WIPO bodies, in addition to the CDIP, such as the CWS (to the extent that they also relate to the dissemination of relevant IP standards information; see document CWS/3/11, paragraphs 6 to 16), the SCP (see, for example, paragraphs 29 to 34 of document SCP/18/7, discussed at the SCP’s eighteenth session in May 2012 as part of the discussions on WIPO’s activities on transfer of technology) and the PCT Working Group (see, for example, document PCT/WG/4/3, paragraphs 68 to 75, and document PCT/WG/5/6, paragraphs 32 to 40, discussed in the context of the discussions on the implementation of the PCT Roadmap recommendations).

³ Relevant to Development Agenda recommendation 16 “Consider the preservation of the public domain within WIPO’s normative processes and deepen the analysis of the implications and benefits of a rich and accessible public domain” and recommendation 20 “To promote norm-setting activities related to IP that support a robust public domain in WIPO’s Member States, including the possibility of preparing guidelines which could assist interested Member States in identifying subject matters that have fallen into the public domain within their respective jurisdictions”.

⁴ As noted in document CWS/3/11, within the framework of these activities, 130 missions to a total of 51 IP Offices were undertaken in 2012, resulting in more than 60 IP Offices actively using software systems provided. More information is provided on the WIPO’s web site relating to WIPO’s technical assistance program for industrial property Offices at http://www.wipo.int/global_ip/en/activities/technicalassistance/index.html.

⁵ The LATIPAT project involves cooperation between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the European Patent Office and industrial property offices in Latin America to promote exchange of patent information and to set up and maintain an updated regional database containing the information on patents published in Latin American countries. ARABPAT concerns a planned cooperation agreed in October 2012 to promote the production, dissemination and exchange of patent information involving the IP Offices of Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia. This will use the patent information platforms PATENTSCOPE, Espacenet, and the Moroccan Publication Server established by the European Patent Office, WIPO and the Moroccan Intellectual Property Office, respectively.

(e) Technical assistance activities aimed at capacity building of IP Office staff and examiners, carried out under WIPO Program 12 (“International Classifications and WIPO Standards”), for example, training courses on the use of International Classifications and courses to increase awareness of IP standards, as set out in document CWS/3/11, paragraphs 17 and 18.

(f) Technical assistance activities aimed at raising awareness on existing patent-related flexibilities in the multilateral framework and their legislative implementation at the national and regional levels, carried out under WIPO Program 1 (“Patent Law”), under the supervision of the CDIP, such as seminars, meetings, training materials and legislative advice as set out in document CDIP/6/10, notably in the Annex to that document.

(g) Technical assistance activities aimed at facilitating the filing of communications in electronic form in developing and least developed countries and countries in transition⁶, reflecting item 4 of the Agreed Statements by the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the PLT, under the supervision of the WIPO General Assembly, for example, the activities reported to the WIPO General Assemblies in document WO/GA/40/10 (mainly PCT related or related to WIPO’s Infrastructure Modernization of IPOs program).

14. More general information on technical assistance activities undertaken by WIPO for least developed countries, developing countries, and countries in transition, many of which are aimed at assisting countries in developing their patent systems, can be found on the WIPO Intellectual Property Technical Assistance Database (IP-TAD) at <http://www.wipo.int/tad/en/>.

THE FUNCTIONING OF THE PCT IN TERMS OF ORGANIZING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

15. The discussions by the Working Group during its 2012 session on the issue of how well the PCT had been functioning in terms of realizing its aims of organizing technical assistance for developing countries, based on document PCT/WG/5/6, are summarized in paragraph 23 of the Summary by the Chair (document PCT/WG/5/21) as follows:

“23. Some delegations which took the floor on this matter expressed their support for the suggestion set out in document PCT/WG/5/6 to await the discussions on the “External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” (document CDIP/8/INF/1) currently ongoing in the CDIP before considering how to proceed with regard to the technical assistance related parts of the PCT Roadmap recommendations. In this context, some delegations reiterated the importance of drawing lessons from the report, for the PCT to take ownership of relevant parts of the recommendations made in that report and for there to be better coordination and clarity on the extent to which PCT was involved in technical assistance related projects undertaken by other areas of WIPO and supervised by other WIPO bodies, such as the CDIP.”

⁶ Relevant to Development Agenda recommendation 10 “To assist Member States to develop and improve national intellectual property institutional capacity through further development of infrastructure and other facilities with a view to making national intellectual property institutions more efficient and promote fair balance between intellectual property protection and the public interest. This technical assistance should also be extended to sub-regional and regional organizations dealing with intellectual property” and recommendation 24 “To request WIPO, within its mandate, to expand the scope of its activities aimed at bridging the digital divide, in accordance with the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) also taking into account the significance of the Digital Solidarity Fund (DSF).”

16. The “External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” (“the External Review”) (document CDIP/8/INF/1) has been discussed by the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) at its tenth session in November 2012, along with a number of related documents, such as the “Management Response to the External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” (document CDIP/9/14), the “Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of an External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” (document CDIP/9/15); and the “Joint Proposal by the Development Agenda Group and the Africa Group on WIPO’s Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” (document CDIP/9/16). In response to a request from the CDIP for the Secretariat to prepare a document for the next session of the Committee identifying those recommendations set out in the External Review that were in the process of implementation, and to report on the progress thereon at its next session (see paragraph 10(i) of the Summary by the Chair of the tenth session of the CDIP⁷), the Secretariat has prepared a document entitled “Status of Implementation of Certain Recommendations Extracted from the Report on the External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Field of Cooperation for Development” (document CDIP/11/4), for consideration at the eleventh session of the CDIP, scheduled to take place in Geneva from May 13 to 17, 2013.

17. The International Bureau will report orally to the Working Group on the outcome of discussions of document CDIP/8/INF/1 and related documents and proposals at the eleventh session of the CDIP.

18. *The Working Group is invited to take note of the contents of the present document.*

[Annexes follow]

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http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/mdocs/en/cdip_10/cdip_10_summary.doc

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE PCT
(carried out in 2012)

This Annex contains a comprehensive list of all technical assistance activities that have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT by developing countries undertaken in 2012, categorized according to the contents of the technical assistance activity undertaken, as follows:

(a) *General Patent Related Information (denoted "A" in the tables)*. Activity involving provision of information on patent protection and the international patent system in general covers events where talks are delivered on aspects of the patent system not exclusively concerning the PCT. This may include introductory material on the patent system like how to apply for patent, the main legal requirements for an invention to be patentable, the benefits of patent protection, and possible alternatives such as utility models and safeguarding confidential business information as a trade secret. Other subjects include national patent and regional patent systems, the importance and role of patent information including initiatives to facilitate access to technical information, and more detailed subjects like patent drafting. In some events, information is included on the strategic protection of inventions and the role of patents in technology transfer delivered together with speakers from other organizations who can offer insight into local issues of concern to recipients.

(b) *Detailed PCT Related Information (denoted "B" in the tables)*. Detailed PCT seminars provide comprehensive coverage of the PCT. In terms of formal requirements and the processing by the receiving Office, subjects covered include the elements required in an international patent application, the different filing methods available, the fees payable during the application process, making priority claims, correction of defects, rectification of obvious mistakes, recording of changes, and withdrawals. The role and functions of the International Bureau and of the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities are other key parts of a PCT seminar. This covers international publication of the application, establishment of the international search report and international preliminary report on patentability, and options such as supplementary international search, amendments under Article 19 and the international preliminary examination procedure under Chapter II. PCT seminars also discuss entry to the national phase, showing the acts performed by the International Bureau and those required by the applicant, and pointing out specific national requirements like translations and priority documents. Furthermore, PCT seminars will often include a description of the services available through ePCT, the PATENTSCOPE database and references to further information sources on the WIPO web site.

(c) *PCT Related Training of Office Officials (denoted "C" in the tables)*. Assistance to officials in Offices working under the PCT will cover parts of the PCT relevant to recipient Offices, whether acting in the capacity as a receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority or designated/elected Office. For example, assistance to Offices acting as both a receiving and designated Office will deal with processing applications prior to transmission to the International Bureau and on national phase entry. This assistance also provides the opportunity for Offices to raise specific issues with the International Bureau.

(d) *ICT Related Assistance (denoted "D" in the tables)*. Activity related to installation and technical assistance on use of ICT infrastructure covers the installation and training of staff on PCT IT tools and services. This includes the PCT Automated Document Ordering System (PADOS), the PCT Electronic Data Interchange system (PCT-EDI), ePCT, PCT-SAFE for the electronic filing of applications and PCT Receiving Office Administration (PCT-ROAD). An integral part of this assistance will involve demonstrations of the systems and practical hands-on assistance to enable users to become proficient and derive full benefit from these tools.

(e) *Assistance to Countries Considering Accession to the PCT (denoted "E" in the tables)*. The International Bureau provides special assistance to countries considering accession to the PCT and to new Contracting States. This includes providing information to countries interested in becoming a member of the PCT and advising them on modifications to national law prior to their accession. The International Bureau also provides a post-accession training program to a new Contracting State. This involves the International Bureau visiting the country to raise awareness and explain the PCT and patent system to the legal profession, research institutions and businesses, and to provide assistance to the national Office towards full implementation of the PCT and to begin functioning as a receiving Office. Another part of the post-accession program is for officials from new Contracting States to receive practical training at WIPO in Geneva.

(f) *Assistance to International Authorities (denoted "F" in the tables)*. Finally, the International Bureau provides technical assistance to States on operating as an International Search and Preliminary Examining Authority. This includes visiting an Office considering applying to become an International Authority to explain the procedure and requirements for appointment and to indicate areas where further technical work could be undertaken prior to making a formal application. Following appointment, technical assistance can be provided to train officials prior to commencing operations.

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2012-1	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	Seminar on the PCT and international patent systems in Banjul	Department of the Registrar-General of the Gambia	Gambia (GA)	Gambia (GA)	Office + University/RI + Users	36
2012-2	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	PCT Workshop for RO/BW officials and Seminar for users and researchers in Gaborone and Kanye	The Companies and Intellectual Property Office of Botswana	Botswana (BW)	Botswana (BW)	Office + University/RI + Users	170
2012-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	PCT sub regional seminar in St. John's	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office	Antigua and Barbuda (AG)	Antigua and Barbuda (AG), Belize (BZ), Dominica (DM), Grenada (GD), ST. Kitts and Nevis (KN), St. Lucia (LC), Trinidad and Tobago (TT), Canada (CA)	Office	14

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2012-3	REG	PCT ICT Cooperation	D	PCT technical cooperation at INPI in Rio de Janeiro	National Institute of Industrial Property, Brazil	Brazil (BR)	Brazil (BR)	Office	5
2012-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C,D	PCT seminar and Office technical cooperation workshop in Chisinau	State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova	Moldova (MD)	Moldova (MD)	Office + University/RI + Users	70
2012-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	Workshop on PCT and Patents in Nairobi	Kenya Industrial Property Institute	Kenya (KE)	Kenya (KE)	Office + University/RI + Users	29
2012-4	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	National seminars on international patent protection and PCT in Guatemala City and Quetzaltenango	Intellectual Property Registry of Guatemala	Guatemala (GT)	Guatemala (GT)	Office + University/RI + Users	278
2012-4	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C,D	PCT workshop and seminar in Astana	Committee for Intellectual Property Rights of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan (KZ)	Kazakhstan (KZ)	Office + University/RI + Users	100
2012-4	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Sub-Regional workshop on PCT at CIPC in Pretoria	The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission of South Africa	South Africa (ZA)	South Africa (ZA), Rwanda (RW), Gambia (GM), Botswana (BW), Zambia (ZM), Namibia (NA)	Office	20
2012-4	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Seminar on PCT, Patent, and Technology Transfer in Zagreb	University of Primorska	Croatia (HR)	Croatia (HR)	Office + University/RI + Users	16
2012-4	REG	PCT ISA/IPEA Advisory	F	Advisory visit to National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile on possible ISA/IPEA appointment	National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile	Chile (CL)	Chile (CL)	Office	18
2012-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	PCT seminar - workshop on the PCT and patent protection strategies in Managua	Registro de la Propiedad Intelectual, Ministerio de Fomento, Industria y Comercio, Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Juridicos y Politicos de la Universidad Politecnica de Nicaragua	Nicaragua (NI)	Nicaragua (NI)	Office + University/RI + Users	90

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2012-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Workshop and Seminar on patents and PCT for EAPO and national offices of its Member States at EAPO in Moscow	EAPO	EAPO (EA)	EAPO (EA), Armenia(AM), Azerbaijan (AZ), Kazakhstan (KZ), Kyrgyzstan (KG), Russia (RU), Tajikistan (TJ)	Office	22
2012-5	REG+FIT/JP	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	Regional workshop on the effective use of the PCT system: the experience of Asian countries in Bangkok	Department of Intellectual Property Ministry of Commerce, Government of Thailand	Thailand (TH)	China (CN), Indonesia (ID), India (IN), Japan (JP), Sri Lanka (LK), Republic of Korea (KR), Malaysia (MY), Mongolia (MN), Philippines (PH), Thailand (TH), Viet Nam (VN)	Office + University/RI + Users	43
2012-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	WIPO roving seminar on PCT in Lima, Piura, and Arequipa	Peruvian Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection	Peru (PE)	Peru (PE)	Office + University/RI + Users	395
2012-5	REG	PCT ISA/IPEA Support	F	PCT examiner training of Indian Officials at NIIPM in Nagpur by USPTO experts	Office of the Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks Department of Industrial Policy Promotions Ministry of Commerce and Industry Government of India	India (IN)	India (IN)	Office	
2012-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT seminar for researchers at polytechnics and universities		Singapore (SG)	Singapore (SG)	University/RI	25

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2012-6	REG+FIT/ ES	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Regional Seminar on PCT for LAC Countries in Santo Domingo	Spanish Patents and Trademarks Office, National Office of Industrial Property of Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic (DO)	Argentina (AR), Bolivia (BO), Brazil (BR), Chile (CL), Costa Rica (CR), Cuba (CU), Dominican Rep. (DO), Ecuador (EC), El Salvador (SV), Guatemala (GT), Honduras (HN), Mexico (MX), Nicaragua (NI), Panama (PA), Paraguay(PY), Peru (PE), Uruguay (UY)	Office	16
2012-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	PCT Office workshop and seminar at WIPO in Geneva		WIPO (WO)	Rwanda (RW), Qatar (QA), Brunei (BN)	Office	5
2012-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	PCT workshop of a patent examiner from ARIPO at UKIPO	UK Intellectual Property Office	United Kingdom (GB)	ARIPO (AP)	Office	1
2012-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Regional Conference on PCT and IP strategies in Irkutsk	not WIPO event	Russia (RU)	Russia (RU)	Users + University/RI	85
2012-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A, B,	National Seminar for the effective use of the patent system for the promotion of innovation in Muscat	Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Oman	Oman (OM)	Oman (OM)	Office + University/RI + Users	50
2012-7	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT Advanced Seminars in Jinan and Suzhou	State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China	China (CN)	China (CN)	Users + University/RI	300
2012-7	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,E	National seminar on PCT in Kigali	Office of the Registrar General Rwanda Development Board	Rwanda (RW)	Rwanda (RW)	Office + University/RI + Users	27
2012-7	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,E	PCT workshop and seminar in Jerudong	Brunei Economic Development Board	Brunei (BN)	Brunei (BN)	Office + University/RI + Users	85
2012-8	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	National seminars on international patent protection and PCT in San Jose	Industrial Property Registry, National Registry Center, Costa Rica	Costa Rica (CR)	Costa Rica (CR)	Office + University/RI + Users	60

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2012-9	FIT/EU	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	Workshop on PCT procedures for officials of Pakistan at WIPO in Geneva		WIPO (WO)	Pakistan (PK)	Office + Users	5
2012-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Seminars and meeting with office for PCT implementation in Panama City	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Panama	Panama (PA)	Panama (PA)	Office + University/RI + Users	62
2012-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	National seminar on the role of the international patent system and PCT in Research in Bujumbura	Directory of Industrial Property, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Posts and Tourism, Burundi	Burundi (BI)	Burundi (BI)	Office + University/RI + Users	30
2012-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	National seminars on international patent protection and PCT in Maputo	ARIPO, Industrial Property Institute of Mozambique	Mozambique (MZ)	Mozambique (MZ)	Office + University/RI	40
2012-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Workshop and Seminar on patents and PCT for EAPO and national offices of its Member States at EAPO in Moscow	EAPO	EAPO (EA)	EAPO (EA), Armenia(AM), Azerbaijan (AZ), Khazakhstan (KZ), Kyrgyzstan (KG), Russia (RU), Tajikistan (TJ)	Office	18
2012-10	REG	PCT ISA/IPEA Support	F	PCT examiner training of Indian Officials at NIIPM in Nagpur by USPTO experts	Office of the Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks Department of Industrial Policy Promotions Ministry of Commerce and Industry Government of India	India (IN)	India (IN)	Office	
2012-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	WIPO participation for ASEAN Regional program on patents organized by ASEAN secretariat and USPTO in Bangkok	not WIPO event	Thailand (TH)	Brunei (BN), Cambodia (KH), Indonesia (ID), Lao (LA), Malaysia (MY), Singapore (SG), Thailand(TH), Viet Nam (VN), United States (US)	Office + University/RI + Users	32

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2012-11	REG	PCT ICT Cooperation	D	PCT ICT Cooperation discussion with ROSPATENT in Moscow	ROSPATENT	Russia (RU)	Russia (RU)	Office	5
2012-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	Focus Group discussion on harmonizing application procedure, searching and examination of patent on PCT in Jakarta	Directorate General of Intellectual Property Rights, Indonesia	Indonesia (ID)	Indonesia (ID)	Office + University/RI + Users	65
2012-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	National seminars on international patent protection and PCT in Bogota, Barranquilla and Bucaramanga	Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio Ministerio de Industria, Comercio y Turismo, Colombia	Colombia (CO)	Colombia (CO)	Office + Users	197
2012-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT roving seminar in Santiago, Antofagasta, Concepcion	National Institute of Industrial Property Ministry of Economy, Chile, North Catholic University (Antofagasta), University of Concepcion (Concepcion)	Chile (CL)	Chile (CL)	Office + University/RI + Users	152
2012-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT national seminar in Tirana	General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks of Albania	Albania (AL)	Albania (AL)	Office + University/RI + Users	25
2012-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B,C	Seminar on PCT, Patent, and Technology Transfer in Istanbul and Ankara	Turkish Patent Institute	Turkey (TR)	Turkey (TR)	Office + University/RI + Users	61

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE PCT
(carried out so far in 2013/workplan for the remainder of 2013)

This Annex contains a comprehensive list of all technical assistance activities that have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT by developing countries undertaken so far in 2013 and those currently planned for the remainder of 2013, categorized according to the contents of the technical assistance activity undertaken, as further explained in the introductory remarks to Annex I, above.

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2013-1	REG	Fact Finding/ Advisory	C	Advisory mission on national phase application processes and requisites under PCT at CIPC in Pretoria	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, South Africa	South Africa (ZA)	South Africa (ZA)	Office	1
2013-1	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Workshop for officials of IPO Montenegro at USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office	United States of America (US)	Montenegro (ME)	Office	3
2013-1	REG	PCT ICT Cooperation	D	Workshop on PCT technical assistance	Office of the Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks Department of Industrial Policy Promotions Ministry of Commerce and Industry Government of India	India (IN)	India (IN)	Office	7
2013-1	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Meeting on Best Practices for PCT Receiving Offices in Rio de Janeiro		Brazil (BR)	Brazil (BR) Cuba (CU) Dominican Republic (DO) Chile (CL) Peru (PE) Spain (ES)	Office	7
2013-2	REG	PCT ICT Cooperation	D	Meeting on PCT ICD Cooperation with Egyptian Patent Office	Egyptian Patent Office	Egypt (EG)	Egypt (EG)	Office	6
2013-2	FIT/AU	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,C	Sub-Regional Seminar on PCT at CIPC in Pretoria	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, South Africa	South Africa (ZA)	Rwanda (RW) Tanzania (TZ) Uganda (UG) South Africa (ZA)	Office	6

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2013-2	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Promotion Seminar and IT workshop for Office in Tbilisi	National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia "Sakpatenti"	Georgia (GE)	Georgia (GE)	Office + Users	50
2013-2	FIT/JP	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Workshop on effective utilization of PCT ISR/IPRP in the national stage examination in Tokyo	Japan Patent Office	Japan (JP)	Indonesia (ID) Lao (LA) Malaysia (MY) Mongolia (MN) Philippines (PH) Singapore (SG) Sri Lanka (LK) Thailand (TH) Viet Nam (VN) Burundi (BI) Egypt (EG) Madagascar (MG)	Office	27
2013-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Workshop for Panama officials at WIPO Headquarters and OEPM in Madrid	Spanish Patents and Trademarks Office	WIPO (IB) Spain (ES)	Panama (PA)	Office	2
2013-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B, C, D	Sub-regional seminar on recent PCT developments and PCT IT tools in Zagreb	The State Intellectual Property Office of Croatia	Croatia (HR)	Croatia (HR) Albania (AL) Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA) Bulgaria (BG) Macedonia (MK) Montenegro (ME) Slovenia (SI) Serbia (RS)	Office + University/RI + Users	55
2013-4	REG	PCT ICT Cooperation	D	Meeting on PCT ICD Cooperation with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, South Africa	South Africa (ZA)	South Africa (ZA)		
2013-4	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	National Seminar on PCT Procedures in Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei Economic Development Board	Brunei (BN)	Brunei (BN)		
2013-4	REG+FIT/AU	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	Sub-Regional Workshop on the PCT at WIPO SG Office in Singapore		Singapore (SG)	Philippines (PH) Lao (LA) Brunei (BN) Cambodia (KH) Myanmar (MM)		

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2013-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Seminar in Tegucigalpa	General Direction of Intellectual Property of Honduras	Honduras (HN)	Honduras (HN)		
2013-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B, C, D	PCT Promotion Seminar and ICT Workshop on ePCT, PCT-SAFE, etc. in Kiev	TBD	Ukraine (UA)	Ukraine (UA)		
2013-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Workshop and Seminar on patents and PCT for EAPO and national offices of its Member States at EAPO in Moscow	EAPO	EAPO (EA)	EAPO (EA)		
2013-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	F	PCT Workshop for examiners at an Office yet to be determined	TBD	TBD	Egypt (EG)		
2013-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A,B	The Importance of the PCT and the International Patent system for research institutions and the Industry	TBD	Senegal (SN)	Senegal (SN)		
2013-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	PCT workshop for three examiners from ARIPO member states	TBD	UK/EPO	Kenya(KE) Namibia(NA)		
2013-6	REG+FIT/ AU	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	Workshop for countries considering accession to the PCT		WIPO (IB)	Cambodia (KH) Myanmar (MM) Iraq (IQ)		
2013-6	REG	PCT ISA/IPEA Support	F	PCT examiner training of Indian Officials at NIIPM in Nagpur by experienced IP office examiners (TBD)	Office of the Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks Department of Industrial Policy Promotions Ministry of Commerce and Industry Government of India	India (IN)	India (IN)		
2013-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C,D	PCT Promotion Seminar and IT Workshop for Office in Tashkent	TBD	Uzbekistan (UZ)	Uzbekistan (UZ)		
2013-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Promotion Seminar in Dushanbe	TBD	Tajikistan (TJ)	Tajikistan (TJ)		

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2013-6	REG	PCT ISA/IPEA Support	F	Workshop for examiners (in Chile)	TBD	Chile (CL)	Chile (CL)		
2013-6	FIT/AU	PCT ISA/IPEA Support	F	PCT workshop for examiners of Egyptian Patent Office at IP Australia	IP Australia	Australia (AU)	Australia (AU) Egypt (EG)		
2013-7	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT Seminar	TBD	China (CN)	China (CN)		
2013-7	FIT/JP	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	PCT Regional Workshop for ARIPO member states, location TBD	ARIPO	TBD	Botswana (BW) Gambia (GM) Ghana (GH) Kenya (KE) Lesotho (LS) Malawi (MW) Mozambique (MZ) Namibia (NA) Sierra Leone (SL) Liberia (LR) Rwanda (RW) Sudan (SD) Swaziland (SZ) Tanzania (TZ) Uganda (UG) Zambia (ZM) Zimbabwe (ZW)		
2013-7	REG+FIT/ES	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Regional Seminar on the PCT in Lima, Peru.	Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual (INDECOPI) de Perú y la Oficina Española de Patentes y Marcas (OEPM)	Peru (PE)	Argentina (AR) Bolivia (BO) Brazil (BR) Chile (CL) Costa Rica (CR) Cuba(CU) Dominican Republic (DO) Ecuador (EC) El Salvador (SV) Guatemala (GT) Honduras (HN) Mexico (MX) Nicaragua (NI) Panama (PA) Paraguay (PY) Peru (PE) Uruguay (UY)		

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2013-8	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Sub-regional PCT Seminar for Caribbean officials	Commerce and Intellectual Property Office of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC)	Antigua and Barbuda (AG) Trinidad and Tobago (TT) St. Kitts (KN) St. Vincent (VC) Barbados (BB) Dominica (DM) Jamaica (JM)		
2013-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT National Seminar	TBD	Lesotho (LS)	Lesotho (LS)		
2013-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	National Seminar on PCT Procedures	TBD	Cameroon (CM)	Cameroon (CM)		
2013-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	Regional seminar for PCT promotion	TBD	Egypt (EG)	Egypt (EG)		
2013-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	D	Meeting for technical assistance in shifting to full e-filing of patent applications	TBD	Saudi Arabia (SA)	Saudi Arabia (SA)		
2013-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT Promotion Seminar (2 cities)	TBD	Russia (RU)	Russia (RU)		
2013-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Promotion Seminar at Patent Conference in Baku	TBD	Azerbaijan (AZ)	Azerbaijan (AZ)		
2013-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	PCT workshop at CIPO	Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Canada (CA)	Antigua and Barbuda (AG), Trinidad and Tobago (TT)		
2013-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT National Seminar	TBD	Cuba (CU)	Cuba (CU)		
2013-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Workshop and Seminar on patents and PCT for EAPO and national offices of its Member States at EAPO in Moscow	EAPO	EAPO (EA)	EAPO (EA)		
2013-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	National Seminar on PCT Procedures	TBD	Morocco (MA)	Morocco (MA)		

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2013-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	National Seminar on PCT Procedures	TBD	India (IN)	India (IN)		
2013-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Promotion Seminar in Chisinau	TBD	Moldova (MD)	Moldova (MD)		
2013-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Promotion Seminar	TBD	Turkmenistan (TM)	Turkmenistan (TM)		
2013-12	REG	PCT ICT Cooperation	D	Meeting on PCT cooperation using IT tools with ROSPATENT	TBD	Russia (RU)	Russia (RU)		
2013-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	Seminar on the PCT national phase	TBD	Panama (PA)	Panama (PA)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	PCT Promotion Seminar and Workshop for RO officials from 5 Offices in Almaty	TBD	Kazakhstan (KZ)	Kazakhstan (KZ) Kyrgyzstan (KG) Uzbekistan (UZ) Tajikistan (TJ) Turkmenistan (TM)		
2013-TBD	FIT/BR	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Seminar	National Institute of Industrial Property, Brazil	Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	Sao Tome and Principe (ST)		
2013-TBD	FIT/BR	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Workshop for officials at INPI-BR	National Institute of Industrial Property, Brazil	Brazil (BR)	Sao Tome and Principe (ST)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	PCT Workshop	TBD	Trinidad and Tobago (TT)	Antigua and Barbuda (AG)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Promotion Seminar (2 cities)	TBD	Kyrgistan (KG)	Kyrgistan (KG)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	Workshop on PCT Procedures	TBD	Tanzania (TZ)	Tanzania (TZ)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT ISA/IPEA Support	F	Workshop for examiners from Chile	TBD	TBD	Chile (CL)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT National Seminar	TBD	Swaziland (SZ)	Swaziland (SZ)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	National Seminar on PCT Procedures	TBD	Niger (NE)	Niger (NE)		

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2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Promotion Seminar (2 cities)	TBD	Belarus (BY)	Belarus (BY)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT National Seminar	TBD	Latvia (LV)	Latvia (LV)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT Seminar	TBD	Montenegro (ME)	Montenegro (ME)		
2013-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B,C	PCT National Seminar	TBD	Slovakia (SK)	Slovakia (SK)		

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