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April 11, 2003

Madam,
Sir,

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as receiving Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). It concerns Rule 12.1(c) of the Regulations under the PCT, as adopted by the PCT Assembly at its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session held from September 23 to October 1, 2002.

Reference is made to Circular C.PCT 882, dated November 20, 2002 with which the International Bureau invited your Office to submit a notification of the language or languages of publication which the Office is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(c) for the filing of requests.

It is recalled that Rule 12.1(c) entered into force on January 1, 2003. Rule 12.1(c) stipulates that the request shall be filed in any language of publication which the receiving Office accepts for the purpose of this paragraph. It is also recalled that, under Section 332(e) of the Administrative Instructions, each receiving Office must notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of publication which the Office is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(c) for the filing of requests.

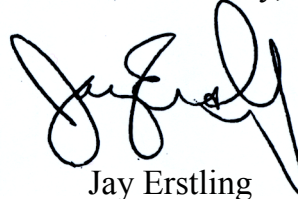
Please note that the notification required is necessary, even if your Office has notified the International Bureau under Rule 12.1(a) and Section 332(a) of the Administrative Instructions of the language or languages which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(a) for the filing of international applications, since the information under Rule 12.1(c) is additionally needed to complete the *PCT Applicant's Guide* in respect of the language of the request.

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Since the International Bureau did not yet receive a notification from your Office, you are kindly requested to provide the required information as soon as possible and in any event by May 15, 2003 at the latest, preferably by fax to (+41-22) 910 00 30. If you have already sent the required information by the time you receive this Circular, please disregard this Circular.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Erstling', written in a cursive style.

Jay Erstling
Director
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