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Madam,
Sir,

*Proposed Modifications of Annex F
of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT*

*Standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications:
Proposals for change (files PCT/EF/PFC 05/001, 002 and 003)*

This circular concerns three proposals for change to the standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) which will, if adopted, result in modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. It is being sent, for the purposes of consultation pursuant to Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT, and under the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), to the national and regional patent Offices of, or acting for, all PCT Contracting States, including all receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities, and designated and elected Offices, and to interested intergovernmental organizations, as well as to certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

The International Bureau has received or prepared three proposals for change to the standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications relating to modifications of Appendices I and IV of Annex F. These proposals are available on WIPO's website as Annexes to the following proposals for change (PFC) files (see http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en):

- PCT/EF/PFC 05/001: Changes to Annex F, Appendix I, section 5.7 (IB Publication) (proposal by the International Bureau)

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- PCT/EF/PFC 05/002: Changes to Annex F, Appendix I, section 3.4 (Declarations) (proposal by the International Bureau and the Japan Patent Office)
- PCT/EF/PFC 05/003: Changes to Annex F, Appendix IV, section 4.4 (Accepted Media Types and Formats) (proposal by the International Bureau)

The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposals by September 5, 2005. Comments should preferably be made via the “Submit comments” facility on WIPO’s website (at http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en/submit_comment.htm), but may alternatively be made in writing by letter or by fax to 41-22-338 8040. Comments will be included as Annexes to the PFC files. Copies of the proposals on paper are available from the International Bureau on request. Inquiries concerning the proposals should be directed to Mr. Thiam Ming Song (e-mail: thiamming.song@wipo.int; phone: 41-22-338 9640; fax: 41-22-338 8040). Please note that, in view of the entry into force of modifications to Sections 102*bis* and 335 of the Administrative Instructions on September 1, 2005, members of the Consultative Group referred to in section 2.5.2 of Annex F have also been asked to make their recommendations on the proposal contained in file PCT/EF/PFC 05/003 by September 5, 2005, while six more weeks have been allowed for them to make recommendations on the proposals contained in files PCT/EF/PFC 05/001 and 002.

The International Bureau intends to promulgate the modifications made on the basis of the proposal contained in files PCT/EF/PFC 05/001 and 002, revised if necessary in the light of any comments received, with effect from a date yet to be determined. The International Bureau intends to promulgate the modifications made on the basis of the proposal contained in the PCT/EF/PFC 05/003 file, revised if necessary in the light of any comments received, by September 6, 2005, with effect from September 22, 2005.

Sincerely yours,



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