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Madam,
Sir,

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as a receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and/or designated or elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). It is also being sent to interested intergovernmental organizations as well as certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

This Circular concerns the conclusion of consultations, notified in PCT Circular C. PCT 1600, regarding proposals for change to the Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications under the PCT (Annex F of the Administrative Instructions).

Description of changes

Proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are set out in the following Proposal for Change (PFC) files (see https://www.wipo.int/efiling_standard/en/pfc_files_already_processed.htm):

- PCT/EF/PFC 20/001 (Modification of the DTDs for the PCT fee calculation sheet and the PCT fee calculation sheet chapter II).

Conclusion of consultations

Consultations under PCT Rule 89.2 have been conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 2.5 of Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions.

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The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in light of the comments received regarding the modification of the DTDs for the written opinion, has concluded that there were no controversial comments regarding the proposals.

A consolidated, revised Appendix I to Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions can be found on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_14.pdf.

Further process

The modifications to Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions are hereby promulgated with effect from January 1, 2021.

The International Bureau requests that International Authorities, that deliver written opinions in XML, install the revised DTD and stylesheet in coordination with the International Bureau, preferably prior to January 1, 2021.

Implementation coordination information and any further requests for information should be sent, preferably by e-mail, to Mr. Peter Waring, Senior Counsellor, PCT Business Development Division, at: pctbdd@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Sandage", is positioned above the printed name and title.

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