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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE SCHEDULE OF FEES ANNEXED TO THE PCT REGULATIONS

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1. The Annex contains proposals for amendments of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations. The amendments represent:
 - (a) a 5% reduction in the international filing fee;
 - (b) an increase from 75% to 90% in the reduction available to applicants from certain States; and
 - (c) an extension of the reduction to make it available, until December 31, 2009, to applicants from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Barbados, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Oman, Seychelles, Singapore, Trinidad & Tobago and the United Arab Emirates on the same terms as those from States which meet the per capita national income test set out in item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees.
2. The PCT Assembly will seek to agree a revised set of criteria for fee reductions prior to the expiry of the temporary reduction indicated above.
3. It is proposed that the amendment of the Schedule of Fees set out in the Annex shall enter into force on [*date to be decided*], and shall apply to any international application the international filing date of which is on or after [*date*], provided that the Schedule of Fees as worded before its amendment shall continue to apply to any international application which is received by the receiving Office before [*date*], and which is accorded an international filing date that is on or after [*date*].

[Annex follows]

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Fees	Amounts
1. International filing fee: (Rule 15.2)	1,400 <u>1,330</u> Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Handling fee: (Rule 57.2)	200 Swiss francs

Reductions

3. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

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| (a) on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (b) in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (c) in electronic form, the request being in character coded format: | 200 Swiss francs |
| (d) in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format: | 300 Swiss francs |

4. The international filing fee (where applicable, as reduced under item 3) and the handling fee are reduced by ~~75%~~ 90% if the international application is filed by:

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| (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) <u>or, until December 31, 2009, one of the following States: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Barbados, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Oman, Seychelles, Singapore, Trinidad & Tobago and United Arab Emirates;</u> or |
| (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations; |

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).

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