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COORDINATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PCT

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PCT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

1. At its fifth session in 2012, 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 (see paragraph 20 of document PCT/WG/5/21).
2. At subsequent sessions of the Working Group, the International Bureau has submitted a working document containing information on PCT-related technical assistance activities for developing countries that have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT, as well as the work plan covering such activities planned to be carried out in the remainder of the respective year (see, for example, document PCT/WG/10/19 submitted to the tenth session of the Working Group).
3. The present document provides information on PCT technical assistance activities undertaken by the International Bureau in 2017 and thus far in 2018, as well as the work plan covering such activities planned to be carried out in the remainder of 2018, both with regard to technical assistance activities that have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT by developing countries, and with regard to those technical assistance activities related to the PCT that are carried out under the supervision of other WIPO bodies.

Technical Assistance Activities That Have a Direct Bearing on the Use of the PCT by Developing Countries

4. Information on technical assistance activities which have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT by developing countries is set out in Annexes I and II to this document; all technical assistance activities have been included if at least one of the beneficiary countries is among the

States eligible for PCT fee reductions in accordance with item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees that entered into force on July 1, 2015. Annex I contains a comprehensive list of all such technical assistance activities undertaken in 2017. Annex II contains a list of all such activities that have been performed thus far in 2018 and also shows the work plan covering the remainder of 2018. For further background on the planning and delivery of this technical assistance, see paragraphs 5 to 11 of document PCT/WG/6/11.

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

5. As explained in paragraphs 12 and 13 of document PCT/WG/6/11, many technical assistance activities relating to developing the patent systems of developing countries as envisaged by PCT Article 51 that extend beyond activities which have a direct bearing on the use of the PCT by developing countries are carried out under the supervision of other (non-PCT) WIPO bodies, notably the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP), the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) and the WIPO General Assembly.

6. While a detailed listing of all such activities and projects would go beyond the scope of the present document, the following paragraphs provide some examples of such activities and projects. Further detail on those projects reported to the Working Group from 2013 to 2017 can be found in documents PCT/WG/6/11, PCT/WG/7/14, PCT/WG/8/16, PCT/WG/9/6, and PCT/WG/10/19.

(a) WIPO provides IP Offices with a group of software applications known as the *WIPO IP Office Suite* to support the processing of applications for IP rights, including patents. This work is carried out under Program 15 “Business Solutions for IP Offices” under the responsibility of the Global Infrastructure Sector (see Proposed Program and Budget 2018/19, document A/57/6). The *WIPO IP Office Suite* is made up of three complementary systems: WIPO File, WIPO Industrial Property Administration System (IPAS) and WIPO Publish, supported by a Central Services component that provides for efficient and reliable data exchange between IP Offices and global systems. IPAS is the core of the *WIPO IP Office Suite* and supports the processing of IP rights through a workflow-based system which can be customized to the requirements and legal framework of an IP Office. WIPO File is a software application that enables IP Offices to offer full online services to applicants and agents from the filing of new applications to submission of subsequent transactions. The system therefore speeds up the filing processes and can improve quality by capturing IP data once only at the source. WIPO Publish is a software application that enables IP Offices to disseminate official publication and related IP information online to users and global IP databases by extracting IP data from IPAS or other IP administration systems at an IP Office. IP Offices can use WIPO Publish to provide online search services for published IP rights and to offer full electronic publication of applications. WIPO Publish also facilitates data sharing and integration with global IP databases and platforms such as PATENTSCOPE and WIPO CASE. The *WIPO IP Office Suite* is provided free-of-charge on a project-based methodology, initiated by a request by the IP Office concerned. Projects are organized under a shared responsibility model based on an initial assessment of the needs, capabilities and suitability of WIPO software solutions for the IP Offices. WIPO provides resources for the development, maintenance and support of the software solutions, along with on-site assistance, advice and project management services. To the extent possible, WIPO transfers knowledge to the IP Office through on-site training and regional workshops according to demand and available resources. For further information on the *WIPO IP Office Suite*, see paragraphs 18 to 32 of document CDIP/21/4 for the twenty-first session of the CDIP, to take place in Geneva from May 14 to 18, 2018, and document WIPO/IP/ITAI/GE/18/4 for the Meeting of Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs) on ICT Strategies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) for IP Administration, to take place in Geneva from May 23 to 25, 2018.

(b) Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) continue to be established, providing a range of services including access to patent information for IP Offices in developing countries. This work is carried out under Program 14 “Services for Access to Information and Knowledge” under the responsibility of the Global Infrastructure Sector (see Proposed Program and Budget 2018/19, document A/57/6). More than 600 TISCs have been established worldwide, with projects taking place in 72 Member States. On-site training activities on patent search and analytics took place in 31 countries in 2017. Regional conferences have also taken place in 2017 to promote the exchange of experiences and best practices among TISCs. The online eTISC platform also provides a network for the global TISC community to collaborate, exchange information and access new learning opportunities; over 2,000 members are registered on the platform and in 2017, approximately 22,000 page views were received. An ongoing Development Agenda Project to establish new services related to the identification and use of inventions in the public domain is underway with TISC networks in eight pilot countries and is due to be concluded in 2018. Further information on TISCs is available on the WIPO website at <http://www.wipo.int/tisc/en> and in paragraph 38 of the Director General’s Report on the implementation of the Development Agenda for 2017 (document CDIP/21/2), which will be discussed at the twenty-first session of the CDIP, to take place from May 14 to 18, 2018. Details on the methodologies for establishing TISCs and evaluating their activities is provided in paragraphs 22 and 34 of document CDIP/21/4, which will also be discussed at that session of the CDIP.

(c) The Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI) and access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI) programs are other activities in Program 14 “Services for Access to Information and Knowledge” under the responsibility of the Global Infrastructure Sector (see Proposed Program and Budget 2018/19, document A/57/6). The ARDI program allows IP Offices and academic and research institutions in developing and least developed countries to have free or low-cost access to around 7,500 subscription-based scientific and technical journals, and 22,000 e-books and reference works through a public-private partnership. For access to commercial patent search and analytical services, the ASPI program offers free or low-cost access to over 80 registered institutions in 30 developing and least developed countries. The WIPO website provides further information on the activities and eligibility criteria for the ARDI and ASPI programs at <http://www.wipo.int/ardi/en/> and <http://www.wipo.int/aspi/en/>, respectively. Paragraph 38 of the Director General’s Report on the implementation of the Development Agenda for 2017 (document CDIP/21/2) also provides further details of these programs.

(d) The PATENTSCOPE database, which is available in the 10 PCT publication languages, provides access to more than 69 million patent documents, including more than 3.3 million published PCT applications, covering collections from 52 national/regional Offices, many of which are searchable in full-text format. Information on PCT national phase processing is also available for 60 national or regional Offices. Further information on PATENTSCOPE is available on the WIPO website at <http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/>. Since September 2017, the “artificial intelligence”-based translation tool WIPO Translate Neural Machine Translation (NMT), has been available as a full version between English and each of the nine other PCT publication languages and vice versa, except for Arabic-English and English-Arabic, which are only available on a public beta test platform. WIPO Translate NMT allows the user to select from 32 technical domains taken from the International Patent Classification or allow the system to detect the domain automatically based on the technical content of the source patent document. Using NMT and by taking into account the technical domain, the tool can render a translation in a style and syntax that closely mirrors common usage, and achieve more accurate translations, outperforming previous statistical-based translation on distinct language pairs. Furthermore, over the past year, the dossier content or file wrappers from the patent collections of Australia and the United States of America have

become accessible through PATENTSCOPE, adding to the European, Japanese and Canadian national/regional collections.

(e) WIPO CASE – Centralized Access to Search and Examination enables IP Offices to share search and examination documentation related to patent applications in a secure manner. This enables IP Offices to increase the efficiency and quality of their search and examination process. WIPO CASE is also linked to the One Portal Dossier (OPD) system developed by the IP5 Offices for exchange of information between the two systems. At present, 31 Offices participate in WIPO CASE as an accessing Office to be able to retrieve information that has been made available, and 15 Offices (including the International Bureau) make search and examination reports available through WIPO CASE as a providing Office. Further information on WIPO CASE is available on the WIPO website at <http://www.wipo.int/case/en/>.

(f) The WIPO Academy in Program 11 under the responsibility of the Development Sector provides training and human capacity-building activities for developing and least developed countries and countries in transition (see Proposed Program and Budget 2018/19, document A/57/6). The training is offered through the Professional Development Program which provides IP training for government officials, through the Distance Learning Program which offers an e-learning platform providing courses in up to seven languages, and through the Academic Institutions Program which supports access to higher IP education by Joint Master's Programs. The WIPO Academy also runs a Summer School on Intellectual Property. In 2017, over 155 courses were offered through the Distance Learning Program, and six Joint Master's Programs were offered globally with over 180 participating students. The WIPO website provides further information on the programs of the WIPO Academy at <http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/>, which includes a link to the WIPO eLearning Center https://welc.wipo.int/index_en.php, where a training catalogue with available offers under the WIPO Academy Programs can be accessed. Paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Director General's Report on the implementation of the Development Agenda for 2017 (document CDIP/21/2) also report on recent activity within the WIPO Academy.

(g) Technical assistance activities aimed at facilitating the filing of communications in electronic form in developing and least developed countries and countries in transition, reflecting item 4 of the Agreed Statements by the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the PLT, were considered by the WIPO General Assembly at its most recent ordinary session in 2017 (see document WO/GA/49/15).

7. General information on technical assistance activities undertaken by WIPO for developing countries can be found on the WIPO Intellectual Property Technical Assistance Database (IP-TAD) at <http://www.wipo.int/tad/en>, which is available in English, French and Spanish. The database allows the user to search for assistance activities during a requested time period by beneficiary country, type of assistance provided, venue/host country, field of IP, and WIPO sector.

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

8. The Working Group, at its fifth session in 2012, discussed the functioning of the PCT in terms of realizing its aims of organizing technical assistance for developing countries, based on document PCT/WG/5/6. These discussions are summarized in paragraph 23 of the Summary by the Chair of this session (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.”

9. The “External Review of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” (document CDIP/8/INF/1) (the “External Review”) referred to in paragraph 23 of document PCT/WG/5/21 was performed as a component of a project endorsed by the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) at its fourth session in 2009. The External Review included a review of PCT-specific technical assistance activities, which had been included in the External Review to follow up Recommendation 211 *bis* of the PCT Roadmap recommendations endorsed by the Working Group at its third session in 2010 (see documents PCT/WG/3/2, PCT/WG/3/5 and PCT/WG/3/13 and paragraphs 14 to 137 of the report of the session, document PCT/WG/3/14 Rev.). Recommendation 211 *bis* of the PCT Roadmap recommendations can be found in paragraph 129 of document PCT/WG/3/14 Rev., as follows:

“211 *bis*. It is recommended that a follow-up study be conducted by the IB to review and assess how well the PCT system has been functioning in terms of realizing its aim of disseminating technical information and facilitating access to technology as well as organizing technical assistance for developing countries.

“The study should also propose recommendations and suggestions on how to improve the realization of that aim, including on sufficiency of disclosure, for consideration by Contracting States at the 4th session of the PCT Working Group, recognizing that action on certain issues may require discussion in other WIPO fora.

“In this context, appropriate changes should be made in the proposed form for third party observations (document PCT/WG/3/6 Annex 2, p.2), including “sufficiency of disclosure” aspects, for discussion at the next session. ...”

10. The International Bureau has provided an update on the discussions of the External Review and related documents by the CDIP at the sixth and subsequent sessions of the Working Group. The most recent of these updates was made at the tenth session of the Working Group in May 2017 in paragraph 11 of document PCT/WG/10/19. Progress on the implementation of Recommendation 211 *bis* and the discussions in the CDIP are also discussed in paragraphs 134 to 136 of the Update on the Implementation of the PCT Roadmap Recommendations annexed to the document “Further Development of the PCT System” for discussion at this session of the Working Group (see Annex II to document PCT/WG/11/5).

11. At the eighteenth session of the CDIP, held in October/November 2016, the CDIP decided to close the sub-agenda item dealing with discussions of the External Review and open a sub-agenda item for the next six coming sessions “WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” focused on a six-point proposal contained in Appendix I of the Summary by the Chair of the seventeenth session of the CDIP (also referred to as “the revised Spanish Proposal”). For ease of reference, this proposal is reproduced in Annex III to the present document. At the end of this period, the CDIP will discuss the final implementation of this proposal, along with related documents on technical assistance, including the External Review.

12. Discussions under the sub-agenda item “WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” began at the nineteenth session of the CDIP in May 2017. Under this item, the CDIP has discussed the following documents:

- (a) Possible Improvements of WIPO Technical Assistance Webpage (document CDIP/19/10);
- (b) Report on the Roundtable on Technical Assistance and Capacity Building: Sharing Experiences, Tools and Methodologies (document CDIP/20/3); and
- (c) Report on the WIPO Roster of Consultants Database (document CDIP/20/6).

In addition, a presentation on WIPO Policy for External Peer Reviews was made by the Chief Economist at the nineteenth session of the CDIP.

13. The following documents under the sub-agenda item “WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development” related to the six-point proposal will be considered by the CDIP at its twenty-first session, due to take place in Geneva from May 14 to 18, 2018:

- (a) Compilation of WIPO’s Existing Practices, Methodologies and Tools for Providing Technical Assistance (document CDIP/21/4); and
- (b) WIPO’s Practices for the Selection of Consultations for Technical Assistance (document CDIP/21/9).

14. The update on the discussions of WIPO Technical Assistance in the Area of Cooperation for Development in the CDIP presented to the tenth session of the Working Group included a recommendation that, in order to avoid duplication of effort, the Working Group could await the outcome of the discussions of the proposal contained in Appendix I of the Summary by the Chair of the seventeenth session of the CDIP and its final implementation, along with related documents on technical assistance, including the External Review, before considering how to proceed with regard to the technical assistance related parts of Recommendation 211 *bis* of the PCT Roadmap recommendations (see paragraph 13 of document PCT/WG/10/19). In this regard, the Secretariat clarified that the discussions in the CDIP were additional to the reporting to the Working Group on PCT-related technical assistance, which would continue as a regular item, as agreed by the Working Group in 2012. Any recommendations on the implementation of technical assistance that the CDIP would make in the future including a component relating to the PCT would return to the Working Group for consideration at a future session (see paragraph 126 of the Report of the tenth session, document PCT/WG/10/25).

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

[Annexes follow]

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE PCT
(*carried out in 2017*)

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 2017, 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 website.

(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. With regard to national phase processing, activities also relate to capacity building for examination of applications in the national phase. 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, including the PCT Electronic Data Interchange system (PCT-EDI) and ePCT. 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.

* denotes a country or Office involved in the providing technical assistance alongside the International Bureau at an event

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2017-1	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Expert Mission and patent Examiner Training on PCT National Phase Examination		Thailand (TH)	Thailand (TH)	Office	35
2017-2	REG	Other	C	Expert Mission to discuss PCT Operations with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission		South Africa (ZA)	South Africa (ZA)	Office	
2017-2	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	Regional Training Seminar on the PCT hosted by the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization	ARIPO	Zimbabwe (ZW)	Botswana (BW) Gambia (GM) Ghana (GH) Kenya (KE) Lesotho (LS) Malawi (MW) Mozambique (MZ) Namibia (NA) Nigeria (NG) Rwanda (RW) South Africa (ZA) Swaziland (SZ) Tanzania (TZ) Uganda (UG) Zambia (ZM)	Office + Users	25
2017-2	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Seminar on WIPO Services and Initiatives	INPI, Instituto Pedro Nunes	Portugal (PT)	Portugal (PT)	University/RI + Users	190

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2017-2	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BCD	Workshop on the use of ePCT filing in coordination with the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic and the Industrial Property of the Czech Republic	Visegrad Patent Institute	Slovakia (SK) Czech Republic (CZ)	Slovakia (SK) Czech Republic (CZ)	Office + Users	60
2017-2	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	CF	Training on PCT Procedures to Patent Examiners		Turkey (TR)	Turkey (TR)	Office	100
2017-2	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	WIPO National Seminars on the PCT and Hague Systems, and Training of Office Staff		Cambodia (KH)	Cambodia (KH)	Office + Users	80
2017-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT Seminar		Mozambique (MZ)	Mozambique (MZ)	Users	40
2017-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BD	Expert mission on ePCT		Morocco (MA)	Morocco (MA)	Office + University/RI+ Users	40
2017-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	PCT Workshops for recently acceded Member States		Djibouti (DJ) Jordan (JO) Kuwait (KW)	Djibouti (DJ) Jordan (JO) Kuwait (KW)	Office	350
2017-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Meeting on Quality Certification and Best Practices for PCT Receiving Offices (fifth session)	IMPI	Mexico (MX)	Brazil (BR) Chile (CL) Colombia (CO) Cuba (CU) Dominican Republic (DO) Mexico (MX) Peru (PE) Spain (ES)"	Office	10
2017-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	CD	Expert Mission to the Industrial Property Directorate, Bahrain		Bahrain (BH)	Bahrain (BH)	Office	5
2017-4	REG	Workshop	CD	Patent Examiner Training on PCT National Phase Examination		Oman (OM)	Oman (OM)	Office	5
2017-4	REG	Workshop	CD	Patent Examiner Training on PCT National Phase Examination		Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	Office	27
2017-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Seminar on WIPO Services and Initiatives	INDECOPI	Peru (PE)	Peru (PE)	Office + Users	170

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2017-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Far-Eastern Patent School, Vladivostok	WIPO Office in the Russian Federation	Russian Federation (RU)	China (CN)* EAPO (EA)* Japan (JP)* Republic of Korea (KR)* Russian Federation (RU)	Office + University/RI+ Users	250
2017-5	REG	Other	BC	Participation in the VI International Congress on Industrial Property and in the Training Course for Patent Examination for Latin American Countries		Cuba (CU)	Cuba (CU)	Office + Users	100
2017-5	REG		BC	Regional Workshop on Patents and Electronic Filings Systems	Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan (UZ)	Azerbaijan (AZ) EAPO(EA) Japan (JP)* Kazakhstan (KZ) Republic of Korea (KR)* Russian Federation (RU) Ukraine (UA) Uzbekistan (UZ)	Office	32
2017-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Patent Examiner Training on PCT National Phase Examination	EAPO	Russian Federation (RU)	Armenia (AM) Azerbaijan (AZ) Belarus (BY) Kazakhstan (KZ) Kyrgyzstan (KG) Russian Federation (RU) Tajikistan (TJ) Turkmenistan (TM)	Office	16
2017-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Patent Examiner Training on PCT National Phase Examination		Mongolia (MN)	Mongolia (MN)	Office	2
2017-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	PCT Study Visit to WIPO		Switzerland (CH)	Cameroon (CM) Haiti (HT)	Office	3
2017-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT Seminar in Barnaul	WIPO Office in the Russian Federation ROSPATENT	Russian Federation (RU)	Russian Federation (RU)	Office + Users	60
2017-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT Advanced Seminars in Beijing and Guangzhou and User Visits in Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen	SIPO	China (CN)	China (CN)	Users	300

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2017-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT Seminar	INAPI/EPO	Chile (CL)	Chile (CL) EPO (EP)*	Office + Users	290
2017-6	FIT/JP	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Regional Workshop on Patent Examination Management	JPO WIPO Japan Office	Japan (JP)	Brunei Darussalam (BN) India (IN) Indonesia (ID) Japan (JP)* Malaysia (MY) Philippines (PH) Thailand (TH) Viet Nam (VN)	Office	16
2017-7	REG	Workshop	C	Patent Examiner Training on PCT National Phase Examination		Lao PDR (LA)	Lao PDR (LA)	Office	
2017-7	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	AB	PCT Seminar	Office of the Registrar General, Malawi/ ARIPO	Malawi (MW)	Malawi (MW)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	35
2017-7	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT Seminar	Ministry of Justice of Legal Affairs of the Gambia/ ARIPO	Gambia (GM)	Gambia (GM)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	40
2017-7	REG +FIT/ES	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	PCT Regional Seminar for LAC countries (all PCT member States in the region)	EPO	El Salvador (SV)	Brazil (BR) Chile (CL) Colombia (CO) Costa Rica (CR) Cuba (CU) Dominican Republic (DO) Ecuador (EC) El Salvador (SV) Guatemala (GT) Honduras (HN) Mexico (MX) Peru (PE) EPO (EP)* Spain (ES)*	Office	31

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2017-7	FIT/KR	Workshop	C	Regional Workshop on worksharing in the PCT National Phase	IIPIT of the Republic of Korea/ KIPO	Republic of Korea (KR)	Cambodia (KH) Lao PDR (LA) Indonesia (ID) Myanmar (MM) Malaysia (MY) Philippines (PH) Thailand (TH) Viet Nam (VN) Republic of Korea (KR)*	Office	17
2017-8	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	Advisory Mission on the PCT	EIPO	Ethiopia (ET)	Ethiopia (ET)	Office + Users	35
2017-8	REG	Workshop	C	Patent Examiner Training on PCT National Phase Examination		Thailand (TH)	Thailand (TH)	Office	21
2018-8	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	D	Advanced Training on PCT Procedure and ePCT System		Egypt (EG)	Egypt (EG)	Office + Users	17
2017-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BCD	Inter-Regional Seminar on Policies on the Promotion for Better Use of the PCT	WIPO Singapore Office	Singapore (SG)	Brazil (BR) Chile (CL) China (CN) Egypt (EG) Israel (IL) Republic of Korea (KR) Russian Federation (RU) South Africa (ZA) Jordan (JO) India (IN) Singapore (SG) Japan (JP)* United States of America (US)*	Office	14
2017-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	Study Visit to WIPO – PCT Workshop		Switzerland (CH)	Djibouti (DJ)	Office	4
2017-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	D	Workshops on the Use of ePCT Filing		Hungary (HU)	Hungary (HU)	Office + Users	40
2017-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	D	ePCT Workshops		Kazakhstan (KZ)	Kazakhstan (KZ)	Office + Users	85

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2017-9	FIT/JP	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Sub-Regional Workshop on PCT National Phase Examination and Utilizing Work Products from Other National Phases	ARIPO/ JPO	Zimbabwe (ZW)	ARIPO (AP) Ethiopia (ET) Ghana (GH) Kenya (KE) Mozambique (MZ) Nigeria (NG) Uganda (UG) EPO (EP)* Japan (JP)*	Office	20
2017-9	REG	Other	C	Expert Mission to Companies and Intellectual Property Commission on Patent Examiner Training		South Africa (ZA)	South Africa (ZA)	Office	
2017-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT National Seminar	ROSPATENT	Russian Federation (RU)	Russian Federation (RU)	University/RI + Users	75
2017-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	D	EAPO Member State Training Event and PCT Technical Cooperation Activity Review-ROSPATENT,		Russian Federation (RU)	Armenia (AM) Azerbaijan (AZ) Belarus (BY) Kazakhstan (KZ) Russian Federation (RU) Tajikistan (TJ) Turkmenistan (TM)	Office	21
2017-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	National PCT Workshop and ePCT Training	INAPI (Algeria)	Algeria (DZ)	Algeria (DZ)	Office + University/RI + Users	200
2017-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT National Seminar		Nicaragua (NI)	Nicaragua (NI)	Office + Users	70
2017-10	FIT/AU	PCT Workshop and Seminar	AC	National Workshop for Patent Examiners on Work-sharing in the PCT National Phase	IP Australia	Indonesia (IN)	Indonesia (IN) Australia (AU)*	Office	40
2017-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BCD	Workshops on Use of ePCT Filing		Slovenia (SI)	Slovenia (SI)	Office + Users	12

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2017-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	Sub-Regional PCT Workshop for selected Arab PCT Contracting States		Egypt (EG)	Algeria (DZ) Bahrain (BH) Egypt (EG) Jordan (JO) Kuwait (KW) Libya (LY) Morocco (MA) Oman (OM) Saudi Arabia (SA) Sudan (SD) Syrian Arab Republic (SY) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	Office + University/ RI + Users	42
2017-11	REG	Other	BC	Expert Mission on PCT Operations to State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China	WIPO Office in China Shanghai Intellectual Property Administration	China (CN)	China (CN)	Office + Users	180
2017-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Roundtable on PCT Best Practices and ePCT System / Workshop on Effective Utilization of the WIPO Global IP Services		China (CN)	China (CN)	Users	
2017-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	Sub-Regional PCT Workshop for selected Arab PCT Contracting States		Comoros (KM)	Comoros (KM) Djibouti (DJ) Mauritania (MR)	Office + University/ RI + Users	57
2017-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT Seminar		Dominican Republic (DO)	Dominican Republic (DO)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	79
2017-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Regional Workshop on Competency-based Learning Management		Malaysia (MY)	Indonesia (ID) Malaysia (MY) Pakistan (PK) Philippines (PH) Singapore (SG) Thailand (TH)	Office	14
2017-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT National Workshop		Cuba (CU)	Cuba (CU)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	25

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2017-11	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Roving Seminars on the PCT System in Kyiv and Lyiv, Ukraine	MEDT (Ukraine), Ukrpatent, National University Lvivska Polytechnicka	Ukraine (UA)	Ukraine (UA)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	98
2017-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BCE	PCT Workshop		Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	20
2017-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT Workshop for Caribbean Countries	IMPI	Mexico (MX)	Barbados (BB) Belize (BZ) Saint Lucia (LC) Jamaica (JM) Trinidad and Tobago (TT) Mexico (MX)	Office + Users	150
2017-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	D	Workshop on Use of ePCT Filing		Croatia (HR)	Croatia (HR)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	15
2017-12	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	D	ePCT Workshop		Romania (RO)	Romania (RO)	Office	5
2017-12	OTHER	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT Workshop	National Polytechnic School of Oran – Maurice Audin	Algeria (DZ)	Algeria (DZ)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	400

[Annex II follows]

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE PCT
(carried out so far in 2018/workplan for the remainder of 2018)

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 2018 and those currently planned for the remainder of 2018, 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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2018-1	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	AC	Training Workshop on Patent Examination using work products from other National Phases	EPO	Saudi Arabia (SA)	GCC Patent Office (GCC) Oman (OM) EPO (EP)*	Office	21
2018-1	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Seminar on WIPO Services and Initiatives		Poland (PL)	Poland (PL)	Office + Users	400
2018-2	REG	Other	B	Roundtable with Patent Attorneys and Representatives of Ukrainian Companies		Ukraine (UA)	Ukraine (UA)	Users	50
2018-2	REG	Other	BC	Roundtable with Patent Examiners, Patent Attorneys and other IP Practitioners		Belarus (BY)	Belarus (BY)	Office + Users	30
2018-2	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BCD	National PCT Workshop on the PCT	Intellectual Property Center, State Organization for the Registration of Deeds and Properties	Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	Iran (Islamic Republic of) (IR)	Office + Users	200
2018-2	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	PCT Roving Seminar		Panama (PA)	Panama (PA)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	60
2018-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BCD	National PCT Workshop on the PCT	The Research Council The Ministry of Education The Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Oman (OM)	Oman (OM)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	90
2018-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BD	PCT National Roving Seminar	IP India FICCI (India) ASSOCHAM (India)	India (IN)	India (IN)	Office + Users	300

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2018-3	FIT/JP	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	Training Workshop on Patent Examination using work products from other National Phases	JPO	Morocco (MA)	Morocco (MA)	Office	
2018-3	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	Seminar on WIPO Services and Initiatives		Slovenia (SI)	Slovenia (SI)	Office + Users	
2018-4	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	National PCT Workshop		Algeria (DZ)	Algeria (DZ)	Office + Users	
2018-4	OTHER	PCT Workshop and Seminar	AF	Training for 2 patent examiners of IPOPFL-gene sequence searching		Switzerland (CH)	Philippines (PH)	Office	
2018-4	FIT/AU	PCT Workshop and Seminar	AC	Workshop on Substantive Patent Examination in the PCT National Phase		Papua New Guinea (PG)	Papua New Guinea (PG)	Office	
2018-4	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	National Seminar on IP Lawyers, Judges, Magistrates/ Seminar on Innovation		Mozambique (MZ)	Mozambique (MZ)	Office + Users	
2018-4	REG	Other	E	PCT Promotional Visit and PCT Seminar		Argentina (AR)	Argentina (AR)	Office + Users	
2018-4	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	Study Visit to WIPO – PCT Workshops		Switzerland (CH)	Cambodia (KH)	Office + Users	2
2018-4	REG	Other	B	Advanced Level National Training for Patent and Trademark Attorneys on the PCT, Madrid and the Hague Systems		Lithuania (LT) Estonia (EE)	Lithuania (LT) Estonia (EE)	Office+ Users	
2018-4	REG	Other	B	Advanced Level National Training for Patent and Trademark Attorneys on the PCT, Madrid and the Hague Systems		Estonia (EE)	Estonia (EE)	Office + Users	
2018-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	CD	Regional Workshop on the PCT for Patent Examiners		Peru (PE)	Peru (PE)	Users	
2015-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	ABC	Workshop on PCT National Phase Examination and Utilizing Work Products		Thailand (TH)	Thailand (TH)	Office	

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2018-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Seminar on the PCT		Turkey (TR)	Turkey (TR)	Users	
2018-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	WIPO Roving Seminars on the PCT for Caribbean Countries		Trinidad and Tobago (TT) Barbados (BB) Belize (BZ)	Trinidad and Tobago (TT) Barbados (BB) Belize (BZ)	Office + Users	
2018-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	Sub-Regional Seminar on the PCT for Afro-Lusophone Countries	INPI Brazil	Brazil (BR)	Angola (AO) Brazil (BR) Cabo Verde (CV) Mozambique (MZ) Sao Tome and Principe (ST)	Office + Users	
2018-5	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	National PCT Workshop and PCT Training for IP Office Staff		Qatar (QA)	Qatar (QA)	Office	
2018-5	REG	Other	BC	PCT Training at EAPO Examiner Training Event		EAPO (EAPO)	Armenia (AM) Azerbaijan (AZ) Belarus (BY) Kazakhstan (KZ) Kyrgyzstan (KG) Russian Federation (RU) Tajikistan (TJ)	Office	
2018-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	B	Basic Training Course on the PCT		Lithuania (LT)	Lithuania (LT)	Office + Users	
2018-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BD	PCT Seminars for Universities		Cuba (CU)	Cuba (CU)	Office + University/ RI+ Users	
2018-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BCD	PCT Regional Workshop for Member States of OAPI and RO Setup/ePCT Training for OAPI Staff		OAPI (OA)	OAPI Member States (OA)	Office + Users	
2018-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT Roving Seminars		Russian Federation (RU)	Russian Federation (RU)	Office + Users	
2018-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT Participation in Skolkovo Event		Russian Federation (RU)	Russian Federation (RU)	Users	

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2018-6	FIT/JP	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	Regional Workshop on Patent Examination Management,	JPO	Japan (JP)	Brazil (BR) India (IN) Indonesia (ID) Malaysia (MY) Mexico (MX) Philippines (PH) Singapore (SG) Thailand (TH) Viet Nam (VN)	Office	
2018-6	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT National Seminar – Recent Developments under the PCT, ePCT, and Future Work		Thailand (TH)	Thailand (TH)	Office + Users	
2018-7	FIT/AU	Workshop	AE	National workshop for patent examiners on using work products from other national phases		Pakistan (PK)	Pakistan (PK)	Office	
2018-7	REG	PCT ISA/IPEA Support	F	Substantive examination training by an ISA/IPEA at IPOPHL		Philippines (PH)	Philippines (PH)	Office	
2018-7	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT National Seminar		El Salvador (SV)	El Salvador (SV)	Office + Users	
2018-8	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BCD	Training on PCT Procedures		Kenya (KE)	Kenya (KE)	Office + Users	
2018-8	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT National Seminar		Chile (CL)	Chile (CL)	Office + Users	
2018-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	National PCT Workshop	Egyptian Patent Office	United Arab Emirates (AE)	United Arab Emirates (AE)	Office + Users	
2018-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT National Roving Seminar		Serbia (RS)	Serbia (RS)	Office + Users	
2018-9	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT Participation in Skolkova event		Russian Federation (RU)	Russian Federation (RU)	Users	
2018-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT Workshop and ePCT Training		Sudan (SD)	Sudan (SD)	Office + University/RI + Users	
2018-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Expert Mission to Industrial Property Directorate		Bahrain (BH)	Bahrain (BH)	Office	

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2018-10	REG	Other	C	PCT IT Training at EAPO Examiner Training event		Russian Federation (RU)	Armenia (AM) Azerbaijan (AZ) Belarus (BY) Kazakhstan (KZ) Kyrgyzstan (KG) Russian Federation (RU) Tajikistan (TJ)	Office	
2018-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Training for Patent Examiners		Viet Nam (VN)	Viet Nam (VN)	Office	
2018-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	C	Sub-Regional Training Event on the PCT System		Singapore (SG)	Indonesia (ID) Cambodia (KH) Myanmar (MM) Thailand (TH) Vietnam (VN) Brunei (BN) Laos (LA) Malaysia (MY) Singapore (SG) Philippines (PH)	Office	
2018-10	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	Regional Workshop on the PCT and PATENTSCOPE for Member States in the Latin America and Caribbean Region	USPTO	United States of America (US)	Brazil (BR) Chile (CL) Colombia (CO) Costa Rica (CR) Dominican Republic (DO) Ecuador (EC) El Salvador (SV) Guatemala (GT) Honduras (HN) Mexico (MX) Nicaragua (NI) Panama (PA) Peru (PE)	Office	
2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	A	National Seminar on Protection of IPRs		Latvia (LV)	Latvia (LV)	Office + Users	
2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	National Workshop on the PCT and the Madrid systems		Belarus (BY)	Belarus (BY)	Office + Users	
2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT National Roving Seminar		Czech Republic (CZ)	Czech Republic (CZ)	Office + Users	

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2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	PCT Seminar to promote PCT accession		Uruguay (UY)	Uruguay (UY)	Office + Users	
2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	PCT Seminar to promote PCT accession		Jamaica (JM)	Jamaica (JM)	Office + Users	
2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BCE	ASIPI Sub-Regional Seminars on the PCT and ePCT		TBD	TBD	Office	
2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	E	PCT Seminar to promote PCT accession		Paraguay (PY)	Paraguay (PY)	Office + Users	
2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT Seminar	CIPC	South Africa (ZA)	South Africa (ZA)	Office	
2018-TBD	REG	Other	C	Regional Workshop on the PCT and PATENTSCOPE for Member States of ARIPO and some observer States		Rwanda (RW)	ARIPO Member States (AP)	Office + Users	
2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	Sub-Regional PCT Workshop for selected Arab countries		Jordan (JO)	Iraq (IQ) Jordan (JO) Libya (LY) Syrian Arab Republic (SY)	Office	
2018-TBD	REG	PCT Workshop and Seminar	BC	PCT National Roving Seminar		Slovakia (SK)	Slovakia (SK)	Office + Users	

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COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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APPENDIX I OF SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

1. WIPO Secretariat will compile its existing practices, tools and methodologies for providing technical assistance.

Additionally, WIPO should provide a regular forum for member states to share their experiences, tools and methodologies regarding technical assistance and capacity building, in particular:

- a. A one day seminar should be organized on the margins of CDIP 19, and
- b. A web forum for sharing ideas, practices and experiences should be established by WIPO. The web forum may be best integrated into existing web platforms previously established by WIPO

2. WIPO Secretariat should continue improving internal coordination within the organization, collaboration with UN Agencies and Programs and other relevant international organizations, as well as cooperation with national and regional IP offices on issues related to technical assistance, capacity building and development oriented cooperation. Secretariat will identify new proposals to that effect and report back to CDIP.

3. WIPO Secretariat should assess the existing tools and methodologies for measuring the impact, effectiveness and efficiency of technical assistance activities at various levels and, in this process, strive to identify areas for possible improvement. The information learned in this process should be used to develop future and follow up technical assistance activities and to address any deficiencies. WIPO should monitor and evaluate the longer term results of WIPO technical assistance activities, particularly those aimed at improving beneficiaries' institutional capacity.

In order to provide quality technical assistance, WIPO should consider following an established balanced peer review procedure for studies commissioned by WIPO that are used in technical assistance.

4. Ask the Secretariat to present a document containing WIPO's existing practices relating to the selection of consultants for technical assistance. This will be for information purposes.

5. Ask Secretariat to regularly update and, if possible, upgrade the online roster of experts and consultants for technical assistance.

6. Ask Secretariat to reflect and to report on possible improvements of WIPO's webpage section devoted to communicating WIPO's activities on technical assistance.

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