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C. SCIT 2423  
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January 15, 1999

Re: Two-Letter Code "GC"

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Madam,  
Sir,

Following the establishment of the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) in October 1998, the need arose to identify the GCC Patent Office by a two-letter code within the scope of WIPO Standard ST.3. In December 1998, the Secretariat was officially informed by the Director of the GCC Patent Office, Mr. Mohammed Al-Rasheed, of his wish to have his Office designated by the two-letter code "GC."

The GCC is made up of the following six Member States: Bahrain (BH), Kuwait (KW), Qatar (QA), Saudi Arabia (SA), Oman (OM) and the United Arab Emirates (AE). The GCC Patent Office, whose headquarters are in Riyadh, has already received a number of applications for patents for inventions. According to their law, patents will be granted after substantive examination.

Please note that the Secretariat of WIPO has informed the Maintenance Agency Secretariat of International Standard ISO 3166 of its intention to allocate the said code to the GCC Patent Office.

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You are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of WIPO, before February 15, 1999, of your agreement to the above-mentioned two-letter code and its inclusion in WIPO Standard ST.3.

Unless comments to the contrary are received, the Secretariat of WIPO will consider that your Office has no objection to the allocation of the code "GC."

Sincerely yours,

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

Yo Takagi  
Director

Inter-Office Information Services Department