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Subject: SCIT Strategic Plan

Madam, Sir.

The European Patent Office welcomes the draft outline of the SCIT Strategic Plan circulated on March 3.

The general principles, the business goals and the vision it entails do actually meet the EPO's understanding and expectations.

As a major PCT partner of WIPO, the EPO not surprisingly puts much emphasis on the automation of the PCT

operations. SCIT, as a dedicated forum on Information Technology, should therefore stress the priority on this issue and aim at providing input and ressources in this respect. The EPO repeats its strong commitment to help WIPO in

this area, if so wished, as already expressed and materialised through its participation to Task Forces and its contribution to a Trilateral concept jointly submitted to Director-General Dr. Idris.

The EPO will continue to actively support WIPO's efforts and is ready to share experience and expertise.

Sincerely yours,

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