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Dear Mr. Allan Roach,

Thank you for your Circular SCIT 2581 dated on April 4, 2003, concerning a questionnaire on the maintenance of the Appendix to WIPO Standards ST. 10/C.

I have pleasure to send you our reply to the questionnaire.

Sincerely yours,

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Question 1: Does your Office have any application and priority numbering systems with regard to patent / utility models?

Yes.

Question 2: Does your Office have any annual series of application numbers as application number?

Yes.

Question 4: Indicate your numbering system on the Table 1.

Table 1: Countries or Organizations Having Annual Series of Application Numbers

Country or Organization	Example of Application Number	Minimum Significant Part of a Number	Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number	Remarks
KP DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	03-1234 (present numbering systems: until the end of 2003)	03-1234	03-1234	The first two digits indicate the last two numbers of the year of filing of the application. The four digits following the dash indicate the serial number of the application.
	1-04-012345 2-04-012345 (new numbering system: from January, 2004)			The first digit indicates the type of industrial property right: 1=patent; 2=utility model. The two digits following the first dash indicate the last two numbers of the year of filing of application. The six digits following the second dash indicate the serial number of application.

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