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October 28, 2019

Re: Implementation plan of WIPO Standard ST.26

Madam, Sir,

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At the fifth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS), held from May 29 to June 2, 2017, Member States agreed that WIPO Standard ST.26¹ should be used for all national, regional and international-level patent applications which contain sequence listings. There will be a 'big-bang' implementation of this Standard for these applications filed after January 2022 (see paragraph 44 of document <a href="CWS/5/22">CWS/5/22</a>).

At its seventh session, held from July 1 to 5, 2019, the CWS requested that the Secretariat issue a circular soliciting Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs) to provide their implementation plans detailing how they will manage the transition from WIPO Standard ST.25 to ST.26, taking into account the model WIPO ST.26 transition roadmap that the International Bureau presented at the session. The model transition roadmap is provided as Annex to this circular.

The International Bureau hereby invites IPOs to provide their roadmap on how they intend to manage their implementation of WIPO Standard ST.26. This response should include all necessary changes to your IT systems, as well as any necessary regulatory or legislative amendments required, as milestones before the implementation date of January 1, 2022. The International Bureau would also like to thank the IPOs that have already kindly supplied this information.

Your Office/Organization is kindly requested to submit your implementation plan by email to <a href="mail@wipo.int">cws.mail@wipo.int</a> with subject "WIPO ST.26 Implementation Plan" by November 22, 2019. It would be appreciated if the number of this circular is also quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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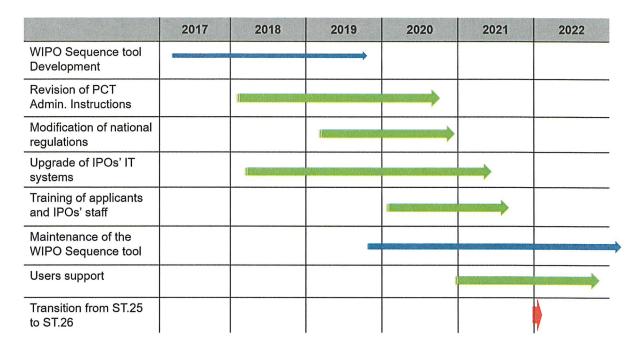
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WIPO Standard ST.26 is available on the WIPO website at: <a href="https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf">https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf</a>

## Annex to C. CWS 128

## MODEL WIPO ST.26 TRANSITION ROADMAP



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