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Madam, Sir,

The purpose of this circular is to inform your office of recent improvements in the collection and dissemination of information related to Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) national phase entries and to invite your office to supply PCT national phase entry information, if it does not already do so.

There are now 1,029,388 national phase entry records, as well as status information for 451,619 distinct PCT applications, available via the PatentScope Search Service at http://www.wipo.int/pctdb.

This important achievement is the result of cooperation between the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and several patent offices. The offices of several States, including Australia, Belize, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Germany, Israel, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom now regularly notify WIPO of the PCT applications which have entered the national phase in their office.

Thanks to a recent information sharing agreement with the European Patent Office (EPO), we are now able to incorporate the data from the INPADOC database which includes information from Austria, Denmark, Georgia, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia and Uzbekistan.

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Thanks to cooperation from the offices of Australia, Canada and the Republic of Korea, Internet hyperlinks are available that direct the user from PatentScope to the online databases of those offices where additional status information and national language translations can be found.

In order to enhance patent information dissemination, I invite all Offices to submit national phase information to WIPO by following the procedure detailed on WIPO's web site at the following address:

http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/data/national_phase/. Should you have any specific question, you can contact us by sending an e-mail to

ipstats.mail@wipo.int or by telephone to Mr. William Meredith, Head, Industrial Property Statistics Section (41 22 338 96 58).

Yours sincerely,

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