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Madam, Sir,

In accordance with Rule 89.2(a) of the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), modifications of Section 707 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are hereby promulgated.

These modifications are consequential to amendments to the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT as adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its thirty-fifth session on October 3, 2006, and align the wording of Section 707(b) to that of item 3 of the Schedule of Fees as amended by the Assembly with effect from October 12, 2006. Furthermore, these modifications clarify that items 3(b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees apply to reduce the international filing fee in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which, in accordance with Section 703(d) of the Administrative Instructions, has decided to accept such applications although it has not formally notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form.

This promulgation follows consultation with receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities, designated and/or elected Offices under the PCT, and with certain intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations, by means of document PCT/A/35/2 Add., dated August 21, 2006, issued in the context of the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, held in Geneva from September 25 to October 3, 2006.

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The modifications are as proposed in document PCT/A/35/2 Add., Annex III.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/5) will enter into force on October 12, 2006, and is available from the PatentScope portal at www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/.

Yours sincerely,

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