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Madam,  
Sir,

*PCT minimum documentation task force*

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority for the purpose of inviting nominations for representatives for a task force to review technical issues involved in a proposal to extend the scope of the patent literature part of the PCT minimum documentation.

*Background*

At the nineteenth session of the Meeting of International Authorities, the International Bureau proposed in document [PCT/MIA/19/7](#) to identify (i) effective ways of documenting and notifying the extent of existing patent collections and (ii) formats which would allow patent Offices to make their patent documents and associated data available such that it would be easy for International Authorities and other patent information suppliers to import that information into their search systems. The aim would be eventually to extend the patent literature part of the PCT minimum documentation to include all patent documents which were made available in such specified formats (subject to suitable provisions concerning duplication and the extent to which documents in various languages in fact needed to be searched).

The Meeting agreed to set up a task force to consider technical issues involved (see paragraph 81 of document [PCT/MIA/19/14](#)).

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*Nomination of representatives*

Your Office is invited to nominate one or more representatives for the PCT minimum documentation task force by sending an e-mail to [pct.mia@wipo.int](mailto:pct.mia@wipo.int) by October 26, 2012. The Japan Patent Office has already nominated a representative but is free to nominate further ones should it wish to do so.

The task force will operate using an electronic forum, the details of which will be notified to the representatives and which will be posted on the PCT/MIA website at [www.wipo.int/pct-mia](http://www.wipo.int/pct-mia) (username "pctmia"; password: "miaforum").

Yours sincerely,



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