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Madam,  
Sir,

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as a receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and/or, designated or elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). It is also being sent to interested intergovernmental organizations as well as certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

This Circular concerns the conclusion of consultations, notified in PCT Circular C.PCT 1406, regarding proposals for change to the Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications under the PCT (Annex F of the Administrative Instructions).

*Description of changes*

Proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are set out in the following Proposal for Change (PFC) file (see [http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling\\_standard/en/pfc\\_files.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en/pfc_files.htm)):

- PCT/EF/PFC 14/001 (Modification of the demand and related DTDs with the addition of elements and attributes for production usage for the current version of the PCT/IPEA/401 form), proposal by the International Bureau

The proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are to address the requirements for rendering the current version of the PCT/IPEA/401 form (September 16, 2012) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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*Conclusion of consultations*

Consultations under PCT Rule 89.2 have been conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 2.5 of Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions.

The International Bureau has reviewed the comments received and concludes that the proposal is agreeable as proposed in the PFC. An updated PFC file containing the comments received can be found on the WIPO website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/july\\_2014/ai\\_dtd.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/july_2014/ai_dtd.pdf).

*Further process*

The modifications to Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions are hereby promulgated with effect from July 1, 2014.

Yours sincerely,



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