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Madam,
Sir,

I have the pleasure in inviting your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), to the twenty-sixth session of the *Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT* (PCT/MIA), to be hosted by the Egyptian Patent Office in Cairo on February 13 and 14, 2019, starting at 9 a.m. I would also like to invite your Office to attend a meeting of the MIA Quality Subgroup to take place in Cairo on February 11 and 12, 2019, also starting at 9 a.m. The working language for both of these meetings will be English.

The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/26/1 Prov.) and other working documents are available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=50526. I invite your Office to make comments on the draft agenda and provide proposals for additional agenda items by January 4, 2019, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int. For the Quality Subgroup, an informal agenda and information concerning preparations for the meeting will be made available through the PCT Quality Subgroup wiki discussion forum. If you require access to the forum, please send an email to pct.mia@wipo.int.

Further information on the event, including pre-registration, the venue, and recommended hotels, will be made available shortly on the PCT/MIA electronic forum, which is accessible on the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct-mia (username: `pctmia`; password: `miaforum`).

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If you require assistance in obtaining visas and related items for travel to Egypt, you are invited to contact Dr. Mona Yahia, Director General of Technical Examination Department, (email: monayahia@hotmail.com, mo_yahia@egypo.gov.eg; telephone: +202 27921272). You are advised to make any application for a visa as soon as possible since it can take at least one month for the authorities to issue visas for business travel to Egypt.

It would be appreciated if the names and titles of the representatives of your Office attending the PCT/MIA meeting and the Quality Subgroup of the MIA could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by January 18, 2019, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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Director General