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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-eighth session of the *Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT* (PCT/MIA). The session will take place by videoconference on the Webex platform from March 24 to 26, 2021 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. (Central European Time). I would also like to invite your Office to attend a meeting of the PCT/MIA Quality Subgroup on March 22 and 23, 2021, also by videoconference from 12 noon to 2 p.m. (Central European Time) each day. The working language for both of these meetings will be English.

The draft agenda (document PCT/MIA/28/1 Prov.) and other working documents are available on the WIPO website at:

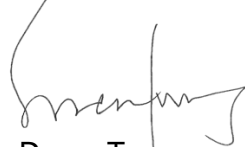
https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=61368. Your Office is also invited to make comments on the draft agenda and provide proposals for additional agenda items by February 19, 2021, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int. For the Quality Subgroup, an informal agenda and information 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 e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int.

As has been the case for recent meetings, the draft agenda for the Quality Subgroup includes an item on paired review of quality management systems. Your Office is invited to participate in the paired review sessions at the upcoming meeting, which will take place on the meeting platform outside of the main session. For scheduling of these sessions, International Authorities will be paired with other Authorities in a similar time-zone, wherever possible. If your Office wishes to participate, you should indicate this by sending an e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int by February 19, 2021, at the latest. This will allow adequate time for participating Authorities to review the QMS report of the Authority that they have been assigned and provide an opportunity to prepare for the sessions.

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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 the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) by March 5, 2021, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int. We will contact registered participants after this date to provide information on accessing the meeting through the remote platform.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daren Tang', written in a cursive style.

Daren Tang
Director General