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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 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):

- PCT/EF/PFC 12/001 (*Modification of DTD for Priority Document Digital Access Service*), proposal by the International Bureau

The proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are to address the requirements [for the additional fields in the PCT request form suggested in the PCT Circular 1327 sent to Offices for consultation on December 12, 2011.

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CONSULTATIONS

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

The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposals by March 6, 2012. Comments should preferably be made via the "Submit comments" facility on the Website (at http://www.wipo.int/efiling_standard/en/submit_comment.htm), but may alternatively be made in writing by letter or by fax to +41-22-338 8040. Comments will be included as Annexes to the relevant PFC file. Copies of the proposals on paper are available from the International Bureau upon request. Inquiries concerning the proposals should be directed to the International Bureau via e-mail at: pct.efiling@wipo.int.

FURTHER PROCESS

Once the Consultative Group established under Section 2.5 of Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions has made its recommendations, the International Bureau will promulgate any necessary changes to the PCT Administrative Instructions, together with information on entry into force of the changes.

Yours sincerely,



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