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Madam,
Sir,

I have pleasure in inviting your Office, in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), to the twentieth session of the *Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA)*, to be hosted by the European Patent Office (EPO) in Munich from February 6 to 8, 2013, beginning at 10 a.m. I would also like to invite your Office to attend a meeting of the MIA quality subgroup to take place at the European Patent Office on February 4 and 5, 2013, also beginning at 10 a.m. The working language for both these meetings will be English.

The draft agendas for both the PCT/MIA meeting and the meeting of the MIA quality subgroup will be made available at a later date. I invite your Office to provide proposals for the draft agendas of both meetings. The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any such proposals by October 26, 2012.

As for previous sessions, the working documents will be made available electronically; paper copies will be sent only upon request. 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 details of the venue, including recommended hotels, will be made available shortly on the PCT/MIA electronic forum, which is accessible on WIPO's 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 Germany, you are invited to contact Ms. Vera Pereira, Management Assistant, International Legal Affairs and PCT, Directorate 5.2.2, European Patent Office (e-mail: vpereira@epo.org; telephone: +49 89 2399 5236; facsimile: +49 89 2399 5219).

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 December 15, 2012, preferably by e-mail to pct.mia@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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Director General