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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 twenty-first session of the *Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT* (PCT/MIA), to be hosted by the Israel Patent Office (ILPO) in Tel Aviv from Tuesday, February 11 to Thursday, February 13, 2014, beginning at 10 a.m. I would also like to invite your Office to attend a meeting of the MIA quality subgroup, also to be hosted by the Israel Patent Office in Tel Aviv, on Sunday, February 9 and Monday, February 10, 2014, beginning at 10 a.m. The working language for both these meetings will be English.

./ Please find enclosed a draft agenda for the twenty-first session of the PCT/MIA (document PCT/MIA/21/1). The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the draft agenda and any proposals for additional agenda items by January 27, 2014, preferably by e-mail to [pct.mia@wipo.int](mailto:pct.mia@wipo.int). 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 draft agenda and information concerning preparations for the meeting will be posted on the PCT quality subgroup wiki discussion forum. If you require access to the forum, please send an email to [pct.mia@wipo.int](mailto:pct.mia@wipo.int).

The Israel Patent Office will shortly be sending your Office an information pack containing further details of the venue, including recommended hotels. If you require assistance in obtaining visas and related items for travel to Israel, or have any questions about the information pack, you are invited to contact Ms. Noa Amit, International Relations Officer, Israel Patent Office (e-mail: [noaamit@justice.gov.il](mailto:noaamit@justice.gov.il); office telephone: +972 2 5651 759; mobile: +972 50 7061 609; facsimile: +972 2 5651 616).

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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 meeting of the quality subgroup of the MIA could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by January 27, 2014, preferably by e-mail to *pct.mia@wipo.int*.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Gurry  
Director General

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'FG', located below the printed name and title.

Enclosure: document PCT/MIA/21/1

## **Meeting of International Authorities under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)**

**Twenty-First Session**  
**Tel Aviv, February 11 to 13, 2014**

### DRAFT AGENDA

*prepared by the Secretariat*

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of a Chair
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. PCT statistics
5. PCT Online Services (ePCT)
6. Quality
  - (a) Report from the Quality Subgroup
  - (b) Matters arising from the Report from the Quality Subgroup
  - (c) Future Quality-Related Work
7. Further Improvements to the PCT System
  - (a) Discussion of Expanded PCT 20/20 Proposals
  - (b) Mandatory Response to Negative Comments in the National Phase

- (c) Formal Integration of the Patent Prosecution Highway into the PCT
- (d) PCT Kaizen
- 8. Appointment of International Authorities
- 9. Training of Patent Examiners
- 10. Collaborative Search and Examination Pilot Project
- 11. Clarifying the Procedure regarding the Incorporation by Reference of Missing Parts
- 12. Selection of a Competent International Searching Authority after the Chosen International Searching Authority declares itself Non-Competent
- 13. PCT Minimum Documentation
- 14. Sequence Listings
  - (a) Report from Task Force on Sequence Listings
  - (b) Treatment of a Sequence Listing submitted in an International Application on the International Filing Date
- 15. Revision of Standard ST.14
- 16. Color Drawings in International Applications
- 17. Translation of Abstracts and Reports of International Applications
- 18. Automated System of Electronic Examination of Inventions
- 19. Future work
- 20. Summary by the Chair
- 21. Closing of the session

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