## Questionnaire

## Transition from WIPO Standard ST.25 to ST.26

RESPONSE FROM:

Name of responsible official:

On behalf of [Office]:

## I. Introductory Questions

1.  Please indicate the approximate number of international applications with sequence listings or sequence disclosures that your Office receives per year:

(a) as a receiving Office:

(b) as a designated/elected Office:

(c) as an International Searching Authority:

(d) as an International Preliminary Examining Authority:

2.  Please indicate the approximate number of national or regional patent applications outside of the PCT that your Office receives per year:

## II. Processing of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequences in International Applications after the Transition to WIPO Standard ST.26

Please provide your comments on the proposed approach after the transition to WIPO Standard ST.26 with regard to disclosures of nucleotide and amino acid sequences in international applications filed on paper or submitted in an electronic document format other than XML, as set out in paragraphs 16 to 26 of the main body of the present Circular.

## III. Transition Scenarios

Please provide your comments on the transition scenarios discussed in Annex II of the present Circular.

In particular, please indicate whether you agree with the analysis in this Annex that the “big bang” scenario is the most workable solution in the PCT (that is, fixing a transition date for all Offices, whether acting in the capacity as a receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority or designated/elected Office under the PCT, to switch to WIPO Standard ST.26 as the relevant standard for the filing of sequence listings in relation to international applications with an international filing date on or after the transition date)?

## IV. Possible Special Provision for International Applications Claiming Priority from Earlier Applications containing sequence listings in compliance with ST.25

Please provide your comments on the analysis set out in paragraphs 21 to 23 of Annex II to the present Circular on whether the transition date should be determined with reference to the international filing date of international applications (that is, whether ST.26 should be applied to all international applications with an international filing date on or after the transition date), or with reference to the priority date of international applications (that is, whether ST.25 should continue to be applied to all international applications with an international filing date on or after the transition date but claiming priority from an earlier application filed before the transition date).

In particular, please indicate any preference on whether the transition date and WIPO Standard to be used for the presentation of any sequence listings should be based on the international filing date of the international application, the priority date of the application, or whether the applicant should be given the choice of using the previous (ST.25) or new standard (ST.26) in such applications.

## V. Provisional Transition Date

On the assumption that an authoring and verification tool is developed and deployed by the end of 2018, please indicate a preferred transition date to move from WIPO Standard ST.25 to ST.26.

1. July 1, 2019 □
2. July 1, 2020 □
3. July 1, 2021 □
4. Other (*please indicate a preferred other transition date*):  ……..……………….

[End of Annex III and of Circular]