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Re: WIPO SCIT Circular 2474 – JOPAL Project

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Dear Mr. Wittig:

The US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) supports the proposed amendments to the PCT List of Periodicals as suggested in paragraphs 8 to 10 of WIPO SCIT Circular 2474. The proposed effective date of January 1, 2000 for the changes is also acceptable.

The USPTO is not currently able to take on the additional workload of selecting and classifying articles from any of the PCT journals that were formerly the responsibility of the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

Sincerely,

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