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Madam,
Sir,

*Proposed modifications of Annex F
of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT*

*Standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications:
Proposal for change (file PCT/EF/PFC 04/006)*

1. This circular concerns a proposal for change to the standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) which will, if adopted, result in modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. It is being sent, for the purposes of consultation pursuant to Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT, and under the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), to the national and regional patent Offices of, or acting for, all PCT Contracting States, including all receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities, and designated and elected Offices, and to interested intergovernmental organizations, as well as to certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system.

2. The International Bureau has prepared a proposal for change to the standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications relating to modifications to certain DTDs (Annex F, Appendix I) with a view to its entering into force on January 1, 2005. This proposal is available on WIPO's Website as an Annex to the following proposal for change (PFC) file (see http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en):

- PCT/EF/PFC 04/006 Changes to certain DTDs (Annex F, Appendix I) (proposal by the European Patent Office, the International Bureau, the Japan Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office)

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3. The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposal by December 13, 2004. Comments should preferably be made via the “Submit comments” facility on the Website (at http://www.wipo.int/pct/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 PFC file. Copies of the proposal on paper are available from the International Bureau on request. Inquiries concerning the proposal should be directed to Mr. Thiam Ming Song (e-mail: thiamming.song@wipo.int; phone: 41-22-338 9640; fax: 41-22-338 8040). Please note that, in order for Offices to update their electronic filing systems in view of the entry into force of the modifications on January 1, 2005, members of the Consultative Group referred to section 2.5.2 of Annex F have also been asked to make their recommendations on the proposal contained in PCT/EF/PFC 04/006 by December 13, 2004.
4. The International Bureau intends to promulgate the modifications made on the basis of the proposal contained in the PCT/EF/PFC 04/006 file, revised if necessary in the light of any comments received, by December 16, 2004, with effect from January 1, 2005.

Sincerely yours,



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