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Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Internet-based facilities of the Document Communication System of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are now ready for deployment to all Offices of PCT Contracting States.

Documents that are available through the System include pamphlets (first publications and republications), priority documents, International Preliminary Examination Reports (IPER), English translations of IPERs, declarations, and International Application Status Forms (IASF).

The System's Internet-based facilities enable Offices to browse the above documents and order them in the format of their choice (on CD or DVD, on paper, or through transmission over the Internet using Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP)). Orders for documents can be entered manually by Offices into the System through a Web browser interface, or they can be uploaded into the System via an Extended Markup Language (XML) file referencing the documents to be ordered (such file to be created by the Offices off-line).

As explained in Circular C.PCT 962, these Internet-based facilities have been tested with a number of Offices over a period of several months in a pilot phase. Following the successful completion of these tests, the System is now ready to be deployed progressively to all interested Offices.

The International Bureau shortly will contact your Office to discuss this deployment in more detail. In the meantime, any questions regarding the System may be addressed to Ms. Viviane Gross, Assistant PCT Operational Support Officer (e-mail: viviane.gross@wipo.int; tel.: +41 22 338 99 66).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, which appears to read 'Francis Gurry', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Francis Gurry
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