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The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to invite His Excellency's Government to be represented as an observer at the seventh session of the *Working Group on Reform of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)*, which will be held in Geneva, at the headquarters of WIPO, from Wednesday, May 25, 2005 (10 a.m.) to Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

./. The agenda (document PCT/R/WG/7/1) is enclosed. Working documents, in English and French, will be communicated on request. The working documents will also be made available on WIPO's web site (see <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings>).

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

An electronic forum has been established to facilitate the work of the Working Group and other bodies concerning reform of the PCT. The forum, which is accessible via the web page relating to the session, enables the submission by e-mail, and subsequent posting and browsing, of comments on matters concerning PCT reform. Provision is also made for subscription to an electronic mailing list by persons wishing to be informed when additional documents are made available on the web page and when comments are posted on the electronic forum.

The Director General would appreciate it if the name(s), title(s) and e-mail address(es) of the representative(s) of His Excellency's Government who will attend the session could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by April 29, 2005.

March 9, 2005

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WORKING GROUP ON REFORM
OF THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

Seventh Session
Geneva, May 25 to 31, 2005

AGENDA

prepared by the Director General

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs
3. Consideration of proposals for reform of the PCT
 - (a) Missing elements and parts of the international application
 - (b) Restoration of the right of priority
 - (c) Publication in multiple languages
 - (d) Recording of changes by the International Bureau
 - (e) Rectification of obvious mistakes
 - (f) Improving the quality of international searches

- (g) International publication and PCT Gazette in electronic form
 - (h) Further observations by Switzerland on its proposals regarding the declaration of the source of genetic resources and traditional knowledge in patent applications
 - (i) PCT publication languages: Addition of Arabic
 - (j) PCT minimum documentation: Addition of patent documents from the Republic of Korea
 - (k) International Bureau PCT performance indicators
4. Further work
 5. Adoption of the report of the session
 6. Closing of the session

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